



# Tostock Chronicle



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*Our Picturesque Village*



## TOSTOCK ART SHOW



Tostocks very popular annual Art exhibition and sale is to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE

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## OPEN GARDENS

SUNDAY 18TH JUNE



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#### **Health**

Woolpit Health Centre 01359 240298

Out of hours GP 111

West Suffolk Hospital 01284 713000

Samaritans 01284 75000

Drugs Hotline 0800253253

Crime Stoppers 555111

**DIAL A RIDE 01284 724545**

#### **Police**

Non-emergency 101

#### **Travel**

Bus: [www.travel-galloway.com](http://www.travel-galloway.com)  
01449 766323

Rail: 084548595

## **\*Notes from the Tostock Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

Present: Cllrs R Perks (Chairman), J Kearsley, D Blundell, Mrs S Mansel.  
C Cllr Mrs J Storey,  
4 villagers

Apologies: Cllr B Alexander

**Public Forum:** - discussion on reasons for felling of Sequoia tree (application 1073/17)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

DISPENSATIONS - None

### MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Kearsley, seconded by Cllr Perks that the minutes were a true and accurate record and signed accordingly.

The meeting recessed for the next item

### WRITTEN REPORTS

**C Cllr Mrs J Storey-** with the forthcoming County Council elections on the 4<sup>th</sup> May, no report had been submitted.

**D Cllr Mrs S Mansel:** D Cllr Mrs Mansel's report had been circulated covering the Government consultation of Industrial Strategy; First Neighbourhood Plan in Mid Suffolk; new Website; CIL payments; New Constitution. Referring to the move to Endeavour House, D Cllr Mansel added that MSDC were endeavouring to sort out customer access points but Stowmarket would certainly be one. Move anticipated to take place in September.

**Village Hall** – nothing to report.

The meeting reconvened.

**Chairman's report** – nothing to report.

County Councillor Mrs Storey left the meeting at 7.35 p.m.

### FINANCE

702 **Risk Assessment:** defer to May meeting. Cllrs Alexander and Kearsley to assist.

718 **Signatories:** ongoing.

727 **Online banking:** completed form for Clerk authorisation to undertake internal transfers between current and reserve accounts. Councillors agreed not to progress Online banking arrangements.

733 **Clerk's Contract** – ongoing.

735 **Grant Aid application:** grant form sent to Village Hall in respect of purchasing the chairs and tables.

**Mole Contract:** Councillors agreed for the contract to continue with C. Buckle.

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738 **Cheques:** 12 cheques issued for April approved

## PLANNING

Application considered by councillors:-

1207/17 **Westwood, Leys Road:** Erection of 2no. single storey detached dwellings, retention of vehicular access and one new access, following demolition of single storey detached dwelling.

PC comment: The new proposals are not significantly different from the original application No. 3568/16. The new proposal doesn't seem to address the reasons for the original refusal and the Parish Council therefore feels unable to support this application. (proposed by Cllr Mrs Mansel, seconded by Cllr Perks – all in favour).

Application refused by MSDC:-

4672/16 **6 New Road:** Erection of two storey dwelling house.

Application 1073/17 Felling Sequoia tree. A TPO was about to be issued on this tree. The property owner was concerned about the safety of the tree after a recent storm which caused three large branches to break off. Members of the public attending the Annual Parish Meeting had not objected to the tree being felled. The Council therefore supported the owner's wish to fell the tree on condition a suitable replacement was planted.

### Application 0819/17

The Chairman had been approached by the owner of Cherrymead regarding the trees in this application. It was hoped that the Ash could be pollarded and saved. The Cherry tree had succumbed to "storm Doris." The owner was anxious to replace any trees removed and replant with other native specimens. The Council supported the decision and planting.

ACV STATUS FOR PUBLIC HOUSE – work is ongoing

### MATTERS RAISED AT THE APM

**Dog Bins** - Villagers felt that more dog bins were required. Three suggestions as to location – Flatts Lane, somewhere on The Leys (possibly on the footpath towards Beyton), The Green next to The Croft/Rec ground)

Cllr Mrs Mansel proposed purchasing two bins. Seconded by Cllr Kearsley – all in favour. Cllr Perks to provide map of suggested sites.

**Telephone Kiosk** – needed rubbing down and repainting. Cllr Blundell to contact three contractors for quotes.

### NORTON ROAD DEVELOPMENT

This planning application has been subject to ongoing amendments and councillors expressed their concern below and agreed that a letter should be drawn up covering the significant changes in the plans.

There have been further comments re flooding complaining about surface water drainage.

Place Services who are contractors for MSDC should advise them on the layout of the development, corridor of green area space, planning houses facing the road whereas they are sideways. There is a danger of parking on the road which could prove dangerous.

The surface water still remains an issue. Comments by Flood Planning reflects the council's concern about the suitability of the ditch which is currently overgrown.

Draft letter of suitable comments to be drawn up by Cllr Kearsley which should be sent to MSDC for consideration.

### PERKINS WAY DEVELOPMENT

Highways comments state more visitor parking will need to be provided. The Parish Council shares their concern about parking access.

### VILLAGE MATTERS

**Signs on the Green:** Cllr Blundell circulated plans and suggested locations. Costs as under:-

Green Barnes £184 - will reach top of Notice Board                      £220 - for wider panel

Cllr Kearsley proposed the wider panel at £220. Seconded by Cllr Perks – all in favour.

**The Leys/WP proposals:** Planning permission approved – Jarvis & Sons waiting for dates. Cllr Perks to ensure suitable availability.

**The Track:** has not been looked after and is rutted. Something needs to be done and an offer has been received to share the cost with the leaseholder. Chairman proposed that when discussing the gateways, a quote be obtained to sort out this problem.

**Bus Shelter & Bench outside the Village Hall:** work completed and this item to be removed from the Agenda.

**Gateway signage:** Measurements to be checked but appear o.k. Highways to be asked to grant license for this work. License needs to be agreed and work can then proceed. Cllr Perks and Cllr Kearsley to sign. Chairman and Clerk will receive documentation.

#### TRAINING

Ms D Matthew (Perkins Way) expressed interest in going on training course for the Web site.

#### ITEMS FOR THE CHRONICLE

Signs on The Green

Dog Bins – hoping to agree locations for them.

License to proceed with the signage.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Brochures for circulation

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017. Annual Parish Council meeting.**

Item for Agenda – money collected for suitable memorial for Ms Sheena Waitkins – past Chairman of the Council.

Meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

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### TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL PLANING MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017

**Present:** Cllrs R Perks (Chairman), J Kearsley, D Blundell, Mrs C Debenham, Mrs S Mansel, Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk)  
12 villagers

**Apologies:** Cllr B Alexander

**Public Forum:** - The Chairman provided background information for the two applications and invited parishioners to comment and/or ask questions. A number of queries were raised and subsequently taken into consideration by councillors.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None

**DISPENSATIONS** - None

#### PLANNING

The following applications were considered:-

**1073/17 Ticehurst Farm, Beyton Road:** Sequoia – fell

**PC comment:** This tree was in a conservation area but considered unsafe. Because of the possible loss of habitat support councillors agreed that a replacement tree should be requested. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Mansel, seconded by Cllr Kearsley – all in favour.

**0839/17 The Leys, Leys Road:** cut back all Willows on the north edge of the pond and remove. Cut back and remove crack Willow on eastern edge of pond. Coppice Pussy Willow on eastern edge of pond. Cut back and remove small clump of Willow on south eastern edge of pond. Cut back and remove small clump of Willow on south western edge of pond. Remove Willow from island.

**PC comment:** Because this was an application by the parish council for intended work on The Leys, it was agreed the response should be “no comment.” Proposed by Cllr Mrs Mansel, seconded by Cllr Kearsley – all in favour.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017.**



### Tobacco & E-cigarette Changes

Legislation came into effect from May 2016 and makes significant changes to the way that tobacco products are sold. This legislation introduced minimum pack sizes, increased the size and changed the positioning of health warnings. It also introduced new regulations for e-cigarettes.

There was a year's sell through period but from 20th May 2017 only products that comply with the new rules can be sold in UK retail outlets.

In addition, the UK Government introduced plain packaging for cigarettes and rolling tobacco.

From the 20th May retailers must ensure that they only sell:

- Tobacco with standardised packaging
- Roll-your-own tobacco must have a minimum weight of 30grams
- Cigarette packs with a minimum of 20 cigarettes
- Tobacco Packaging must have 65% of the front and of the back must be covered with health warnings
- Unflavoured cigarettes and Roll-your-own tobacco
- E-cigarettes which feature health warnings
- E-cigarettes with a maximum of 20mg/ml of nicotine (unless licensed as medicinal products)

E-cigarette refills with a maximum size of 10mg/ml

Disposable e-cigarettes, cartridges and tanks with a maximum size of 2ml

### Bid for Loan Shark Money

Local charities, community groups, organisations and schools are being encouraged to bid for up to £5,000 of proceeds of crime money, to spend on a project of their choice which will help combat unscrupulous loan sharks.

The England Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) have put forward multiple pots of £5,000 to fund projects that will assist in raising awareness of loan sharks, in the hope of preventing more people from falling victim of these criminals.

This large sum of cash, which has been confiscated from convicted loan sharks through the Proceeds of Crime Act, is being used to fund local community projects which meet the IMLT's criteria.

The team will vote on which applicants will be granted the funding to support their community project. The aim of this national scheme is to see the illegal earnings these loan sharks once made, used wisely, to benefit key areas.

Last year, the national funding scheme was extremely popular, with the IMLT receiving over 150 bids for the available pots of money. As a result, 100 projects were funded and more work was carried out across England, in a bid to get rid of loan sharks in local communities.

Applicants are welcome to apply for the cash, to spend on any worthwhile community project which does at least one of the following:

Contributes to raising the awareness of the dangers of using 'loan sharks'

Prevents crime and disorder and publicises the Stop Loan Sharks message

Promotes the work of the Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) in communities

Encourages reporting of loan sharks

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Loan sharks often trap borrowers into spiralling debt by charging astronomical rates of interest and arbitrary extra charges. In some cases, loan sharks have been known to resort to bullying tactics such as intimidation, threats and even violence to enforce repayment amongst borrowers.

Groups can apply for up to a maximum of £5,000 per project idea. Applicants can submit more than one project idea if they wish.

For more information about this funding scheme and to receive an electronic application form, please contact LIAISE Manager Cath Williams on [Catherine.wohlers@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Catherine.wohlers@birmingham.gov.uk)

The closing date for applications is **Friday 30th June 2017**.

### **Fake text messages targeting parents**

Fraudsters are sending out distressing messages to parents in the hope that they will reply and send mobile phone top-up voucher codes.

Victims initially receive a text message from a loved-one which says they are in hospital and that the only way that they can make contact is via text message.

One example message reads: "Mum i did try and phone from some else phone signal is really bad, there has been a terrible car accident. I'm in the ICU ward in hospital my phone ain't switching on and needs charging. I'm on this mobile number please make sure you reply to this number, my friend didn't make it he died before we got to hospital and his sister's fighting for her life. Mum i had my seatbelt on, i've got a head injury but i'm ok. Going into Xray to be seen, please make sure you message me back and don't phone cause mobile phones aren't allowed here so please text in case I'm in there. I will go outside and phone you mum its really bad i need you to do me favour before it's too late, as soon as you get my text please reply by text i need you to do me a favour mum, time is running out and i need you to do something mum".

After responding to the message, the fraudsters ask victims to purchase a mobile phone top-up code and text it back to them. Once the fraudsters have the code, they can get the cash credited to their own mobile phone account.

There are variations of the scam which include shorter versions of the text messages being spammed out by fraudsters.

These messages can quite easily evolve into more elaborate scenarios and are designed to play on your emotions and get you to react quickly without thinking. If you receive one of these text messages, don't send any codes or money, delete it and report it to us.

If a family member was hospitalised, they would never be forced to use a mobile phone that required credit to activate it.

### **Tumble Dryer Fire**

Suffolk Fire and Rescue are urging people to check their tumble dryers and washing machines are in good condition after a fire destroyed a Kesgrave family's garage.

Two teams of firefighters were called to reports a fire had broken out at a home in Kinsey View on the Grange Farm estate at around 12.30pm on Friday 5th May.

Flames were put out using hose reel jets but the garage was completely destroyed by the blaze.

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Trading Standards along with Suffolk Fire and Rescue are asking all Suffolk residents to take the following steps

**Check for recalls** - [Check your appliances here to make sure they have not been recalled.](#)

**Register your appliances** - That way you can be contacted easily if a safety recall is required. While the chances of a faulty product causing serious damage are small, the risk is still there and returning a faulty product or ordering its repair is very easy to do. To register all your appliances, regardless of age, visit [Register My Appliance](#).

1. **Keep it clean** - Make sure you clean out lint and fluff from the filter and around the door after every use.

**Turn it off overnight** - Don't leave dryers, dishwashers and washing machines on overnight. If possible, unplug or switch off appliances at the socket overnight and when going out to avoid the risk of an electrical fault causing a fire.

If you have concerns about the safety of a product, please stop using it and report it to Trading Standards via Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 040506.

## Scam Facebook Vouchers

More scam vouchers being shared on Facebook! So far we have seen fake Morrisons, Tescos, Sainsburys and John Lewis vouchers being shared.

Have you seen a friend post one? If so, ask them to delete the scam from their profile. (you could share our Facebook post about the scam with them).

The link in the message opens a fake website that asks users to complete a survey about their shopping habits. It asks for personal details that the scammers can then use and sell on. No one will receive the voucher promised.



To report a fraud and receive a police crime reference number, call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or use their [online fraud reporting tool](#)



# Tostock Village Hall News

## June/July 2017



Our last meeting took place on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017, this included our AGM. At this meeting, the following Committee members were elected/agreed to represent the village hall organisations;

### **2016/2017 VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

CHAIRMAN - Alan Jones

VICE CHAIR - Rosemary Lister

SECRETARY - Hannah Jones & Samantha Guirguis

TREASURER - Martin Hayman

BOOKING CLERK - Doreen Buckle

TRUSTEES - Alan Jones, Rosemary Lister, Pauline Heywood, Bee Baully

CO-OPTED COMMITTEE - Bee Baully, Sam Guirguis, Huw John, Jo John

CLUB REPRESENTATIVES - Tostock Parish Council - Ron Perks, PCC - Pauline Heywood, Past & Present Society - Sarah Scully, Tennis Club - Paul Heywood,

Flower/Produce Show - Julie Harrison, Football Club - Ian Friend, Toddlers - Julie Harrison.

The Village Hall Committee would like to say an official Farewell to Julie & Malcolm Unwin and a big thanks for all of the hard work that Malcolm put in whilst acting as our Treasurer. We wish them all the best in their new home.

We also welcome Martin Hayman to the Committee as the new Treasurer.

The next meeting of the Village Hall Committee will take place on **Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm**

**The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Tostock Art Show** takes place on the weekend of **17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> June**. For more details on the opening times etc, please see the separate notice



**Table Tennis Table Update** - unfortunately there has been a slight delay in installing the table tennis table. We hope to finalise this soon and get the table tennis table put up.

### **PLAYGROUND**

#### **TIDY**

Thanks to all who were able to help with the Spring Tidy in April. It was much appreciated.

## **TOSTOCK VILLAGE HALL - YOUR VENUE**

**Competitive Rates of Hire    Round Tables**

**Insured for up to 120 people**

**Good Parking    Marquees available for hire**

Contact Doreen Buckle on 270605 or [tostocktvh@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tostocktvh@hotmail.co.uk) to reserve it for your Event



## **St Andrew's Church Tostock**

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

Priest-in-Charge Revd Katherine Valentine Tel 01359 235095

Email: [katherine@kavalentine.plus.com](mailto:katherine@kavalentine.plus.com)

## **SERVICES JUNE - JULY 2017**

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

### **JUNE**

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| <b>4th</b>  | 9.30am Holy Communion  |
| <b>11th</b> | 9.30am Morning Prayer<br>6pm CELEBRATION EVENSONG WITH<br>ARCHDEACON DAVID JENKINS AT NORTON |
| <b>25th</b> | 11am Family Service  |

### **JULY**

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| <b>2nd</b>  | 9.30am Holy Communion                   |
| <b>9th</b>  | 9.30am Morning Prayer                   |
| <b>23rd</b> | 11am Family Service & Baptism           |
| <b>30th</b> | 10am BENEFICE COMMUNION AT STOWLANGTOFT |

### **Countryside Church at The Croft**

**Mondays 19th June & 17th July - 10am.**

An informal service of prayer and praise for everyone, held at The Croft.

Come and sing your favourite hymns, chat with friends, and enjoy the refreshments.

### **A CELEBRATION EVENSONG 11TH JUNE 6PM ST ANDREW'S NORTON WITH ARCHDEACON DAVID JENKINS**

We are very pleased to be welcoming Archdeacon David to this special evensong. He is coming to help us celebrate two special occasions. The first is the commissioning of Derek Fisher as an elder in our benefice, and the second is to receive from NADFAS (the National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies), the book that they have compiled on Norton church building and the artefacts within it. It is a wonderful record for us to keep and we are very grateful for all their work, which took over 6 months to complete. We will be joined by members of the society on that evening, so please come along and hear more about their work. The service will be followed by refreshments.

# St Andrew's Church News



The new lighting system is now working in Church ,we are very grateful to Andrew Welton and his team for their work . The led bulbs will be more economical to use and should last much longer , so no-one will need to get out the long ladder to rep lace them , which had to be done previously !

The up-lights show the carvings and construction of the roof , which is thought to be one of the widest in Suffolk . The heating system and the lighting were paid for from a donation generously left to St. Andrew's Church many years ago by the late Anne Morgan-Grenville , who was brought up at Tostock Place . At the time ,the PCC decided to invest the money until there was a specific project which needed to be done . In 2015 it was decided to replace the heating ,which was installed in 1964 , and in 2016 we felt that the Lighting was also no longer fit for purpose .

The Coffee Morning on Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled ! We apologize to our loyal customers but this was decided because the funeral of Mrs .Hilda Smith is to take place at 11:15 am at the Crematorium on the same day . Hilda was a regular attender at our gatherings ,until recently when she became ill. She died on April 29<sup>th</sup> in hospital , aged 99 .Plans were quietly being made for a Celebration on her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday which would have been on July 6<sup>th</sup> .

The Art Exhibition takes place on June 16<sup>th</sup> , 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Church , so we shall be very busy making Cakes and supplies for the Tea Tent .

The July Coffee Morning will take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. as usual .

Also , on Wednesday July 19<sup>th</sup> we shall be holding the Afternoon Tea at "Flinders " the Green ,at 3pm , we hope for a sunny day , everyone welcome ! There will be lovely refreshments , a Raffle ,and a Bring and Buy .

During the summer we plan to arrange a Working Party to help with tidying up the Churchyard, especially now that we have our Plaque denoting the presence of War Graves. Details of time will be put on our village notice boards. We hope villagers will be able to spare some time to help with this task, any help will be gratefully accepted .

The Church Floodlights are sponsored in June by Maureen and John Sytacki to remember family and Friends.

Jeanne O'Reilly

**Tostock People Pages**

**Would You Like To Be Involved In Your Community!**



**The Parish Council is short of members.**

**A full council consists of 9 members.**

**We have 3 vacancies. Which can be filled by co-option.**

Could you inject fresh ideas, new perspectives and enthusiasm to the benefit of the village and community, then please consider becoming a Parish Councillor.

I am sure you agree a thriving Parish Council is needed to help look after the interests, services, environment and facilities of Tostock. If you can offer some time, share your particular knowledge and experience and get involved in areas of interest and concern, why not join the Parish Council.

Applicants must be over 18 and live or work in the village.

**For further information or to apply contact the Clerk, Marilyn Bottomley Phone 01284 789303  
email [marilyn.bottomley@btinternet.com](mailto:marilyn.bottomley@btinternet.com) OR contact one of the parish councillors.**

**congratulations**

To



**Angus MacDowell**

And

**Jordan Seeley**



Two local lads from Norton Road  
who have both worked hard for  
and have obtained the

**DUKE of EDINBURGH AWARD**

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# Tostock People Pages

**FOR SALE**

Brand new 80% wool mix carpet "Marlborough Elite" in colour Sienna  
(light brown heathered look).

Original purchase price £36.99 a square metre.

**Two pieces measuring:**                      1. 162x204cm    £60                      2. 215x280cm    £150

Telephone 01359-270025.



Did you enjoy the **Tostock Fireworks** Evening?

Can you help with the organising of this year's  
event?

It would be great to get it back off the ground again,  
but this can **ONLY** happen with greater support in  
organising everything that is associated with this fun fami-  
ly event.

Please email or call Alan/Hannah on 01359 272633 /  
[hanahgracejones@hotmail.com](mailto:hanahgracejones@hotmail.com)

to offer your help.

## ANNUAL REPORT

### **Parish Council Chairman's Report 2016 – 2017**

It has been a relatively busy year for the Parish Council and we have been able to make progress on a number of issues.

Planning applications account for a large part of the councils time. Planning applications for two large developments have been submitted, one on Norton Road the other in Perkins Way. For a small village these are major developments and have created considerable interest. In addition a planning application relating to the land at the junction of Church Road and the A1088 presented a number of issues. There were a number of applications from individuals, in considering these the council has added to its knowledge of easements across village greens and trees in conservation areas.

The council has been able to assist with funding for new sports shirt for the Carpet Bowls Club and a donation towards the Village Fete. We have also contributed towards an Outdoor Table Tennis Table and have offered a contribution towards new tables and chairs for the village hall.

The bus shelter roof has been repaired and the bench outside the village hall has been replaced.

A working party was formed to consider and propose necessary work on The Leys. A planning application as been submitted for the tree work and a tree surgeon engaged to carry out the work.

The council was keen that the Parish Precept should not be increased and our budget for 2017 – 2018 was formulated to achieve this.

We have been working with Suffolk Highways regarding the Heavy Goods Vehicle problem at The Leys and I am pleased to say that new signs have been placed at the Beyton Road/Norton Road junction , which hopefully will divert vehicles before they reach The Leys. Thank you to Councillor Jane Storey for funding this from her locality fund.

Progress is being made with the village gateways to be sited at the entrances to the village at 30 mph signs. We expect to be given a licence soon that will allow us to employ contractors to install them.

Finally, I should thank my fellow councillors for their support and contributions during the past year.

Following on from that it would be appropriate to point out that the Parish Council has 3 vacancies. We currently have 6 councillors, there are 9 places on the council. We have one interested person, whom I hope will join in the near future. So if anyone would like to contribute to the village by joining the council please get in touch!

# ANNUAL REPORT

## Thedwastre North End of Term Report

This year has seen yet another freeze in the base council tax, meaning that the residents of Thedwastre North are not paying a penny more than they did in 2010. The Conservative administration which I am part of is committed to running a low-tax county council and maintaining services by being more effective and efficient with our resources rather than making the residents pay more.

Reserves are sometimes mentioned – these are generally amounts put aside for specific purposes such as schools projects, highways schemes etc.

In 2016 SCC renewed more than 300 miles of roads across the county after an investment of an additional £10 million. We implemented an online reporting system for potholes which has seen over 70% of customers move online where they can receive updates on works, greatly decreasing the response time.

<http://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/> On this site you can check whether a report has already been made and make a new report.

Caring for Suffolk's elderly and vulnerable residents has remained one of our highest priorities. With an aging population, we have supported residents to live active and fulfilling lives.

[This administration has taken all opportunities presented to invest in front line services, for two consecutive years \(2016/17 & 2017/18\) we introduced the adult social care precept at 2% and 3% respectively. This money is ring-fenced and goes directly to front line services. In the 2017/18 budget SCC will be investing £12.3m in full to front line services and to those hardworking people who care for our elderly population. SCC will target this money into the care sector to provide a sustainability and safe, high quality care.](#)

Since 2013 Suffolk Schools have gone from 60% 'Good' or 'Outstanding' rating by OFSTED to an amazing 90%. This means that 9/10 children in Suffolk now have access to the highest standards of education. We are now ranked in the top half of all authorities in the country for GCSE results.

SCC have established sporting events across the county, which have inspired thousands of people, including "Park Runs", almost 150 walks, the Woman's Tour of Britain and the inaugural Great East Run. We continue to work closely with the NHS Mental Health Trust and with other services and charities to help support the most fragile.

Our continued investment in community transport through our Connecting Communities scheme has extended services in rural areas, allowing everyone to access public transport no matter how remote their location. Broadband continues to roll-out across the county. Since 2010 £26m has been added to government funding (BDUK) to enable broadband to be rolled out to areas that BT Openreach assessed as 'not commercially viable'. Many of those areas are in the Mid Suffolk area and it is the commitment of SCC to get 100% to all premises in Suffolk. We are 7 years into a 10 year program and 90% of premises have access to superfast broadband.

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Suffolk is a beautiful county of rich green countryside and breath-taking coastlines and we are proud to protect our county's environment. The county's energy from waste plant has enabled us to save money on landfill tax, generate electricity and earn income. The plant was built to budget and on time. It takes all Suffolk's domestic waste for incineration and powers 30,000 homes. As a result, waste going into landfill in Suffolk has been cut from 44% to just 1%!

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### Thedwastre North - Cllr Jane Storey

		Carried forward from previous year	£12,502.00
		Budget allocated for 2016/2017	£10,000.00
		Total available budget for 2016/2017	£22,502.00
DATE	BENEFICIARY	PROPOSAL	
30/03/2016	Badwell Ash Village Hall	Redecoration, tables, chairs for the refurbished Village Hall and drainage & safety works of the car park (Committed 2015-2016)	£7,000.00
23/05/2016	Rural Coffee Caravan	New vehicle	£500.00
15/08/2016	Norton Village Hall	Cycle racks	£350.00
15/08/2016	Elmswell History Group	Website	£1,000.00
15/08/2016	Norton Village Hall	Refurbishment of toilet facilities	£4,650.00
07/11/2016	Wyverstone Village Hall	H.M. The Queen's 90th Birthday celebration	£400.00
20/12/2016	Woolpit Cricket Club	Upgrade toilets, showers and disabled facilities	£5,000.00
20/12/2016	Wyverstone Village Hall	Upgrade of heating and lighting at the hall	£1,000.00
20/12/2016	Great Ashfield Parish Council	Queen's 90th Birthday celebration	£150.00
COMMITMENTS			
22/07/2015	Norton Parish Council	Safety surface for play area (Committed 2015-2016) - re-allocated to refurbishment of War Memorial	£2,000.00
20/12/2016	Bury St Edmunds Past & Present Society	Digitisation of glass photo images of villages in the division by Spanton & Jarman	£250.00
01/03/2017	Woolpit Institute	Refurbishment of War Memorial	£200.00
		<b>Total allocated</b>	<b>£22,500.00</b>
		<b>Remaining balance</b>	<b>£2.00</b>

COUNTY COUNCILLOR

JANE STORY



## ANNUAL REPORT

### Annual District Councillor Report to Parish Councils

Elmswell, Norton and Tostock

Councillor John Levantis

#### Top Ten Achievements for 2016/17

The achievements are listed in no particular order:

**Recycling UP: 20 tonnes** of glass being collected and recycled a month, with **6.5% increase** in our business waste service customer base

**New Council Homes UP:** we are building **65** new council homes across the districts, with **14** already in the hands of their new occupants

**Funding for Community-led-Housing UP: £430,000** of DCLG grant secured to promote community led housing and kick start the delivery of new affordable homes

**Green Energy income UP: £460,000** of income generated this year by solar panels installed by our Solar PV project, up by almost **70%** on last year. The project has now reduced CO2 emissions by **3.7 million tonnes** since June 2014

**Opportunities for businesses UP:** established enterprise parks at Stowmarket and Sproughton which could attract up to **293** new businesses and **2,400** new jobs

**Number of empty homes DOWN:** we brought **97** empty homes back into use, generating **£130,000** of income to the local economy this year

**Avoidable Evictions DOWN:** Financial Inclusion Project has taken over **150** referrals, helped tenants claim **£33,106** more in benefits they are entitled to and averted **13** evictions

We have empowered communities to bring forward **neighbourhood plans** across the districts with the first 3 now adopted in Lavenham, East Bergholt and Mendlesham. A further 13 communities have started the formal process.

#### Also

##### Community Grants

The District Councils provided over £725,000 in grants to community groups in 2016/17, comprising £492,184 in revenue funding and £233,526 capital funding. The capital funding represented 12% of over £2million total project costs, as compared to 15% in 15/16.

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Mid Suffolk District Council – Elmswell and Norton Ward

**Mid Suffolk District Councillor's Annual Report April 2017**

**For the Tostock Annual Parish Meeting**

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### **Finance and Organisation**

The Council has set a balanced budget for the next year and there has been another rise in Council Tax. A new Financial Strategy has now been set up; this involved borrowing up to £25M to invest for profit. The Council has decided to move the headquarters to Endeavour House in Ipswich and there will be a customer contact centre in Stowmarket. The Council has also decided to change to the Cabinet model of governance from May 2017.

### **Planning**

There have been 11 planning applications in Tostock during the past year, 1 of which was for extensions or home improvements, 5 were for new dwellings and 5 were for works to trees. Of the 7 which have been determined, 2 have been granted and there were no objections raised to the tree works for 4 applications.. Considerable progress has been made on updating the evidence base for the new joint Local Plan, and work has now commenced to produce the first draft plan. The first Neighbourhood Plan in the district has been adopted for Mendlesham and many more communities are now working towards their own neighbourhood plans.

### **Housing**

14 of the new council homes are now completed and in the hands of the occupiers and a DCLG grant has been secured to promote community led housing and kick start the delivery of more new affordable homes. 23 houses have been purchased in Mid Suffolk to help address the loss of council homes through the right to buy scheme.

Many of the empty homes across the district have been brought back into occupation and the financial inclusion project has helped many tenants claim increased benefits and averted some evictions.

The income gained from the Solar PV panels installed on council properties is up 70% on last year and the project has reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 3.7 million tonnes since 2014.

### **Enterprise**

An enterprise park has been established in Stowmarket, which could attract several new businesses and up to 1000 new jobs. A number of initiatives are making good progress to encourage businesses in the area – Open for Business and Food Enterprise Zones as well as projects encouraging schools and businesses to work together to engage young people.

### **Communities**

Over £300,000 in grants has been awarded to community groups across the district and represents about 12% of the total cost of the projects involved. The Countryside and Public Realm services are currently under review

### **Waste and Leisure**

20 tonnes of glass is being collected for recycling each month and there is a 6.5% increase in the business waste service.

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Sarah Mansel

Mid Suffolk District Councillor – Elmswell and Norton Ward

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I am a member of Development Control Committee A and take great interest in planning issues both within my ward and in the wider district. I am also a member of the Joint Housing Board.

I support activities in your parish and regularly attend all parish council meetings and hope to continue to do so.

# ANNUAL REPORT

## TOSTOCK VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

### Chair Report 2016

In general, 2016 has remained another stable and steady year for Tostock Village Hall.

The Committee has met quarterly (April, July, October and January), and continued to work well together to ensure that all issues have been quickly and smoothly resolved. It has benefitted from a strong and constructive dialogue with the Parish Council on matters which cross over between the Parish and the Village Hall affairs. Our thanks in particular to Ron Perks for his regular attendance to our meetings.

On a fundraising and social level, the Committee held a Casino Night in February 2016 and many of the Village Hall Committee members helped to organise a successful Tostock Village Fete which took place in May 2016. The funds raised from the Fete were evenly split between the Church and the Village Hall. The 37<sup>th</sup> annual Art Show was held in June 2016, with Julie and Malcolm Unwin once again leading a team of many helpers and providing a quality show. Providing an excellent variety of original artworks. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the ceilidh which was planned to take place in October 2016 was postponed and instead a further Casino Night was scheduled for February 2017.

During the course of the year, a second marquee was purchased through the locality funding. Additional locality funding was also provided for half of the outdoor table tennis table, with the remaining money kindly being funded by the Parish Council. The installation of the table tennis table was delayed due to needing to apply for planning permission, this however has now been granted and it is hoped that the table will shortly be in place. A further application for funds was discussed during the year and is in the process of being considered by the Parish Council – this is for 10 six foot tables and 60 new chairs.

If agreed, the new equipment will be a welcome addition to the hall.

Only a small number of minor maintenance issues have arisen during the course of the year and these have been addressed, either during the annual spring clean or as and when needed. There has been a continued problem with 'doughnutting' in the carpark (whereby cars are driven around in quick tight circles). The Committee is currently discussing ways of better preventing this to avoid any further breakages to the windows at the front of the hall or to the car park.

Arranged in conjunction with the Parish Council, the annual inspection of the Playground once again went well and only identified a small number of low risk issues. These have been discussed and actioned where necessary. Overall, the hall remains in a good general state of repair, although as outlined in last year's annual report, the playing fields will require some attention in the coming years.

During 2016, Simon Reynolds sadly passed away – Simon had previously been on the Village Hall Committee for many years and had played a very active role. We are currently discussing the best way to provide a memorial for Simon.

The hall continues to be used by a number of regular user-groups; Toddlers, the Home Educators, Bowls, The Past & Present Society, Coffee Mornings, Bingo, Football and Tennis, in addition to providing an excellent venue for annual events such as the Flower & Gardening show and many private functions.

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Towards the end of 2016, Malcolm Unwin who has provided an excellent service to the Committee for many years, confirmed that they would be moving out of the village and therefore, advised us of his intention to resign from his role as Treasurer. Fortunately, Malcolm was able to complete a full handover of his responsibilities to his neighbour, Martin Hayman who kindly agreed to act as Treasurer for the Committee. Our upmost thanks to Malcolm (and Julie) for everything that they have done to help whilst they have been on the Committee, we will miss you both.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole of the Committee for the time that they willingly give up and the hard work that they continue to put in to keep the hall so well maintained and in doing so provide a wonderful village facility for all to enjoy.

Alan Jones, April 2017

### Tostock Village Hall.

#### Treasurer's Report for the year 01/02/2016 to 31/01/2017.

There was a grant of £1,235 received from Mid Suffolk District Council, as a grant towards a new marquee of £650 and the first payment towards the outdoor Table Tennis table. A balance of £710 is due, and then a further grant is available to be claimed to complete the payment. The new treasurer has this in hand. A sum of £385 had to be paid for Planning Permission for the table, which was not expected or budgeted for.

Apart from this, total income for the year was £12,651, which includes the total incomes from both the Art Show and the Village Fete. The Art Show showed a total profit of £2,370 and the Fete a total profit of £1,258, both equally shared with the church. There was also a joint Xmas show with the Past and Present Society, giving a profit of £62 which was shared with them. The Casino Night raised £1,186. Hall hire was £2,745, about the same as the previous year.

The expenses of running the hall were held steady, allowing for the timings of bills.

The cash situation at year end was £1,638, a reduction of £755 over the year.

I wish the committee every success going forward and thank them for their support over the years.

Malcolm Unwin.

18/04/2017

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### Tostock Past & Present Society - Annual Report for 2017

Our year began with a talk from local author Fraser Harrison on the four statues of Thetford. Fraser concentrated on the interesting lives of Thomas Paine and Dulip Singh. Thomas Paine was a revolutionary who after emigrating to America wrote the pamphlet "Common Sense" which was one of the driving forces behind American Independence and in 1791

after moving to France wrote "The Rights of man" in support of the French revolution.

Dulip Singh after his arrival from India became a great favourite of Queen Victoria.

In March Ruth Miller, herself a Foundling, gave us a very moving & thought provoking talk on the Foundling Hospital. The talk led to several members reading a book on the Last Foundling by Tom Mackenzie.

April saw the return of David Lilley and his account of the Life & Work of PG Wodehouse.

In May we were lucky to welcome William Tyler before his departure from Suffolk. William gave us an account of the role of Churchill and the First World War. He filled several gaps in our knowledge of Churchill, who we tend to associate with the second World War.

Kate Jewell visited us in June and told us about local Rituals & Festivals in the Medieval Suffolk Landscape.

During the summer we once again took advantage of the Invitation to View Scheme and visited High Hall Nettlestead. We had good weather and the Hall & gardens were appreciated by everyone.

In September Dave Steward, one of our Members, who has done a lot of research on history in the Tudor period, gave a talk on Hampton Court and Gardens.

Jenny Gibbs (& Mustafa) came in October and gave us a fascinating insight into her life in Turkey and the influence of the Ottoman Empire. Jenny's website and book are very interesting.

Our November meeting was "**Britain's Finest Hour**" (Memories of WW2 + excerpts from Churchill's Speeches & songs of that era) Joyce Kimber didn't let us down with a wonderful presentation of slides, Churchill's Speeches and her own singing of songs from World War 2.

Finally in December our Christmas celebration was a very entertaining evening with Harbour Lights shared with the Village Hall. They were so much enjoyed by everyone that we hope to have them back in two years time.

All our regular meetings are in Tostock Village Hall and commence at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of each month.

Non-members are always welcome.

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### TOSTOCK POORS ESTATE REPORT FOR 2016.

All allotment plots + Norton Rd meadow  
lev. All rents collected totalling  
£412 for year 2016/7.

Wayleave payment for electricity pole on  
allotments received 23.1.16 for £71.70  
for period 1.1.16 to 31.12.20.

Charity payment for December 16  
paid out £300            £90 for single     × 2  
                                     120 for couple.    × 1

Trustees decided to go ahead with quote  
for cutting of allotment boundary hedge.  
This was carried out Spring 2017 (Invoice  
not received to date).

Total of four dividend payments received  
from CCLA from investments held in  
COIF Charities Ethical Investment fund.  
totalling. £77.19

Opening balance	on 1.1.16	909.99
closing balance	on 31.12.16	1193.88

Sharon Mather  
(Secretary)  
17.4.17

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Please note these Accounts have not been approved by Trustees as committee does not meet until 4.5.17

### Annual Accounts Report

#### Charity 206667

TOSTOCK POORS ESTATE CHARITY

#### Revenue for year 2016 :

DATE		£	BALANCE
1/01/16	opening balance	909.99	909.99
	shares dividends	77.19	
	wayleave payment to 2020	71.70	
	allotment rents 2016/17	412.00	
	late rent from 2015	23.00	583.89
	net interest , to 31st dec2016	0	
			1493.88
	(tax paid £0.00)		

#### Expenditure for year 2016 :

Dec.2016	charity payment (cheque 0033)		300.00
31/12/16	Closing Balance		1193.88

#### Capital account

account number 128110001AA

number of shares held 31/12/16 = 1048.60

value per share = 204.80 pence on 30 September 2016

total value of shares =  $1048.60 \times 204.80 = 214753 \text{ pence} = \text{£ } 2147.53$

annual increase in value = £235.09

Income shares held in COIF charities Ethical Investment Fund .  
Dividends are paid gross .

For comparison, in 2015 closing balance was £909.99 and shares value was £1912.44

During 2014 the Investment account 128110001T called Charities Investment Fund was sold and replaced by account 128110001AA called Charities Ethical Investment Fund.

# **Tostock's 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show**

*A display of original artwork  
from local artists*

## **Tostock Church**

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> June 10am – 6pm**

**Sun 18<sup>th</sup> June 11am – 6pm**

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> June 11am – 4pm**

**Free admission**

**Refreshments available**

**Tostock Open Gardens**

**SUNDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017**





## Tostock Carpet Bowls Club



Well we have won the Bury League East Division this year after losing by just one or two points in the previous two years. In September we will be bowling in the Premier League. On 14 May we played at the Skyliner Sports Centre in Bury to take part in the Victor Trophy. We bowled against Ashley, the winners of the Bury League West and are pleased to say that we won the Victor Trophy. The shield and trophy will be presented to us at the Presentation Evening in due course.

During the summer months we will be playing friendly matches.

On **Thursday 8 June - Polling Day** - we will be having an **open evening** from **7.15 - 9.15pm**.

Anyone, bowlers or non-bowlers, who is interested can pop in and give us a look after casting your vote.

More information ring Doreen on 01359 270605.

## Tostock Bookgroup



The book to read for the June meeting is *The Outrun* by Amy Liptrot.

On June 28<sup>th</sup> we will discuss this book at Pat Allen's home in Norton..... for library copies of this book, and directions to the venue, please contact me.

On July 26<sup>th</sup>, Jane Parnum at Ifold in New Road has kindly volunteered to be hostess. The title for this meeting will be *The Brother of the More Famous Jack* by Barbara Trapido. Unfortunately there are only three copies of this in Suffolk Libraries, so some of us may have to buy a copy.

Julie Harrison 01359 270247

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# TOSTOCK TENNIS CLUB

## COMMITTEE – 2017/2018

CHAIRMAN

PAUL HEYWOOD

TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

ELIZABETH DUNN

SECRETARY

DIANE PLESTER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

KEITH OSBORNE, DENISE PAMMENT, SUSIE WALTON

### MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2017/2018

- FAMILY MEMBERSHIP - £30
- ADULTS - £15
- CHILDREN (UNDER 16) - £ 1

GUEST COURT FEES - £2 ADULTS AND £1 CHILDREN  
COURT BOOKINGS - APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2017

APRIL	DI PLESTER	01359 271652
MAY	DENISE PAMMENT	01359 270066
JUNE	PAUL HEYWOOD	01359 270339
JULY	SUSIE WALTON	07793 406 076
AUGUST	KEITH OSBORNE	01359 270364
SEPTEMBER	ELIZABETH DUNN	01359 270270

#### PADLOCK

**PADLOCK NUMBER CHANGED**

**NEW NUMBER GIVEN ON PAYMENT OF FEES**

#### TENNIS NET

**PLEASE SLACKEN NET OFF AT END OF PLAY**

**TO REDUCE STRAIN ON NET POSTS**

Further information contact: *Elizabeth Dunn (01359 270270) - ejd1@talktalk.net*

or

*Diane Plester (01359 271652) - dianepleston1@gmail.com*

**WANTED - NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

## Tostock Past & Present Society



In April we had a very interesting evening with Alison Brain who talked about all the work that went into running and funding a Ugandan Orphanage. Alison's sale of colourful Ugandan beads and bags raised nearly £300.

This was very generous of the members and emphasised perhaps how moving we found Alison's talk. Georgette Vale came in May and took us back to the 15th Century and the fascinating lives and works of two Medieval Mystics, Julian of Norwich and Margery Kempe.

### **June 6th - Evening Visit to Mildenhall Museum 7pm**

The cost of entry will be £2 at the door and the Society will also be making a donation. Non-members are very welcome but please could they contact me by email or phone(details below). Once we know numbers I will try and combine lifts etc. We envisage leaving Tostock at about 6pm.

From the Pre-History room with flints and fossils with examples you can touch, to the 1950s community room, Mildenhall Museum has something for everyone. You can see the Lakenheath Warrior, his horse and his artefacts from the grave, discover the mystery of the magnificent Mildenhall Treasure, and find out about the key role Mildenhall's air base played in the Second World War.

### **June 29th 2.30pm Visit to Ousden House Nr Newmarket**

The cost of this visit to include tea, sandwiches and homemade cakes is £17 and follows the same Invitation to View pattern as previous years. Members have priority for this visit but if any non-member is interested please contact me so I can put you on a waiting list. We usually have one or two spare places.

Ousden House is a pretty Georgian building, originally the stable and coach house of Ousden Hall which was demolished in 1954. Eighteen years ago it was fully converted to form an elegant and delightful house. At the same time the owners have created a remarkable 8-acre garden which includes extensive herbaceous borders, a rose garden, water garden, a long double crinkle yew hedge, formal courtyard, clock tower and dovecote. Beyond the garden is a small lake with ornamental woodland.

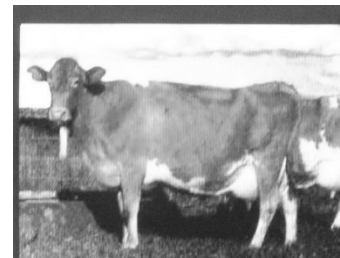
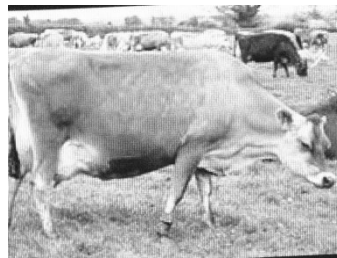
Please do get in touch if you want any further information.

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In years gone by early 1950's it would be quite a familiar sight to see herds of Friesian cattle grazing in our pastures, this is in the days when we had to walk to school and quite often on the way to school we would cross paths with the herdsman as he drove the herd off to the milking parlour and again in the afternoon on the way home. Most of the cows would have had names such as Daisy or Rosy and Doris or Matilda etc. etc. As children as we grew up we were always happy when we were playing farm yards. So for this edition we will take a look at some of my favourite breeds. However, these days modern farming has changed out of all recognition, much more intensive building constructions and materials are more available today. Equipment and machinery all computerised. You seldom see herds of cattle out in the fields anymore, they're becoming a thing of the past.

Holstein Friesians have distinctive markings – usually black and white or red and white in colour. On rare occasions some have both black and red colouring with white. Red factor causes this unique colouring, Blue is also a known colour. This colour is produced by white hairs mixed with the black hairs giving the cow a blueish tint. This colouring is also known as 'blue man' in some farm circles. They are farmed for their large dairy production, averaging 22530 pounds of milk per year, of this milk 858 pounds (3.7%) were butterfat and 719 pounds (3.1%) were protein. A healthy calf weighs 40 to 50 kg or more at birth. A mature Holstein cow typically weighs 680 to 770 kg and stands 58-65 inches tall at the shoulder. Holstein heifers should be bred by 11 to 14 months of age when they weigh 317-340 kg or 55% of adult weight. Generally breeders plan for Holstein heifers to calve for the first time between 21 and 24 months of age and 80% of adult body weight. The gestation period is about nine and a half months.



Jersey cattle are a small breed of dairy cattle. Originally bred in the Channel Island of Jersey. The breed is popular for the high butterfat content of its milk and the lower maintenance costs attending its lower bodyweight as well as its general disposition. Jerseys come in all shades of brown, from light tan to almost black. They are frequently fawn in colour. All pure bred Jerseys have a lighter band around their muzzle, a dark swish (long hair on the end of the tail) and black hooves, although in recent years colour regulations have been relaxed to allow a broadening of the gene pool. The cows are calm and docile animals, but tend to be a little more nervous than other dairy cow breeds. Jersey bulls are another matter, while all dairy bulls are considered dangerous animals Jersey bulls are considered by many to be the least docile of the dairy breeds. The cows are also highly recommended cows for first time owners and marginal pastures. Jersey cattle have a greater tendency towards 'milk fever' in dams and tend to have frail calves that require more attentive requirement in cold weather than other dairy breeds due to their smaller body mass. The weight of the male is 540 –820 kg and the female 440-550kg.

Guernsey is another Channel Island breed. Guernsey cattle is a breed of cattle used in dairy farming. It is orange/red and white in colour and is particularly renowned for the rich flavour of its milk, as well as its hardness and docile disposition. The milk has a golden colour due to a high content of beta carotene. Beta carotene is a source of vitamin A which has been touted to help reduce the risks of certain cancers. The milk also has a high butterfat content of 5% and a high protein content of 3.7%. Guernsey cows produce around 6000 litres per cow per year.

In the US, Guernsey cows average 16,200 pounds of milk per year with 4.5% fat and 3.2% protein. Guernsey cattle are known to produce the highest percentage of A2 milk of all breeds of dairy cattle.

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English Longhorn cattle are a long-horned brown and white breed of beef cattle originating from Craven in the North of England. The breed was initially used as a draught - (for heavy work) animal, which its body is well suited for, the milk was also collected for butter and cheese because of its high butterfat content. An individual farmer would have owned one or two cows, these would have been accompanied by a bull owned by the Lord of Manor. The notable long curved horns that serve to distinguish this breed from others can make an individual appear aggressive, although by temperament they are usually friendly. Longhorns live surprisingly longer than other breeds of cattle and are also known for calving with ease. They have a white patch along the line of their spine and under their bellies. They are not to be confused with the Texas Longhorn breed, which is also often called 'Longhorn cattle' or 'Longhorns' Though long-horned oxen were already predominant in Craven in the 16th and 17th centuries the English Longhorn breed was much improved for beef by Robert Bakewell of Dishley, when large amounts of meat were needed to feed people who had moved to towns and cities in the Industrial Revolution. His selective breeding made the 'Dishley Longhorns' very popular towards the end of the 18th century. The breed is still to be found in Leicestershire at the Stanley's Springbarrow Farm, at Thoresby Estate in Nottinghamshire and a small herd has been re-introduced at Calke Abbey in Derbyshire where the Harpur-Crewe family had traditionally kept them.



Hereford cattle are a beef cattle breed, widely used in many different climates primarily for meat production. Originally from Herefordshire here in England, more than five million pedigree Hereford cattle now exist in over 50 countries. The Hereford cattle export trade began from the United Kingdom in 1817, starting in Kentucky in the United States, spreading across the United States and Canada through Mexico to the great beef-raising countries of South America. Today Hereford cattle dominate the world scene from Australasia to the Russian steppes. They can be found in Israel, Japan and throughout continental Europe and Scandinavia. They are found in the temperate parts of Canada, the United States, Kazakhstan and Russia as well as the temperate parts of Australia, the centre and east of Argentina, in Uruguay, in Chile and New Zealand where they make up the largest proportion of registered cattle. They are found all around Brazil, and they are also found in some Southern African countries – mainly in South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe. They originally found great popularity among ranchers of the American Southwest testament to the hardness of the breed, while originating in cool, moist Britain. They have proven to thrive in much harsher climates on nearly every continent. Until the 18th century the cattle of the Herefordshire area were similar to other cattle of southern England, being wholly red with a white swish, similar to the modern North Devon and Sussex breeds. During the 18th and early 19th centuries other cattle mainly Shorthorns were used to create a new type of draught and beef cattle which at first varied in colour, different herds ranging from yellow to grey and light brown, and with varying amounts of white. However, by the end of the 18th century the white face characteristic of the modern colour was established during the 19th century. The Hereford is still seen in the Herefordshire countryside today and featured prominently at Agricultural Shows.

Angus cattle known as (Aberdeen Angus) in most parts of the world are a breed of cattle commonly used in beef production. They were developed from cattle native to the counties of Aberdeenshire and Angus in Scotland. Angus cattle are naturally polled (by this we mean without horns) and are solid black or red even though the udder may be white. The native colour is black, but more recently red colours have emerged. The UK registers both in the same herd book, but in the United States they are regarded as two separate breeds – Red Angus and Black Angus. Black Angus is the most common breed of beef cattle in the United States. British Cattle Movement Service named Angus the UK'S most popular native beef breed, and the second most popular beef breed overall.

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I will finish with our local East Anglian breed - the Red Poll, it is a dual-purpose breed of cattle developed in England in the latter half of the 19th century. The Red Poll is a cross of the Norfolk Red beef cattle and Suffolk Dun dairy cattle breeds. The cattle are red, preferably deep red with white on the tail swish and udder, and are naturally polled. Red Poll cattle are mainly used as beef suckler cows, although a few dairy herds are found in England, as well as in the United States in the state of Texas. They are known for easy calving and successfully rearing a high proportion of their calves. They are sometimes used for conservation grazing.

The history of the Red Poll originated as a cross between Norfolk Red beef-type cattle and Suffolk Dun dairy cattle (both of these breeds are now extinct). The parent Suffolk breed was also polled, Norfolk cattle had horns, but the gene for horns was bred out in the Red Poll breed. The original name for the breed adopted in 1863 was Norfolk and Suffolk Polled cattle, and the first standard description was agreed upon in 1873, with the first herd book compiled in 1874. The breed became the Red Polled in 1883, and then Red Poll in 1888 when the Red Poll Cattle Society was formed. They are considered to be part of the 'Suffolk Trinity' with Suffolk sheep and Suffolk Punch heavy horses. Red Poll cattle were imported in Australia in the mid-19th century, where they are now used for beef production. The first identified breeder in Australia was James Graves around 1870, although there is evidence of earlier herds.

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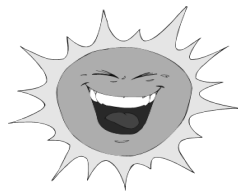


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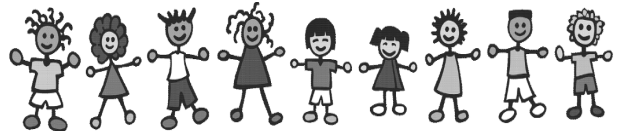
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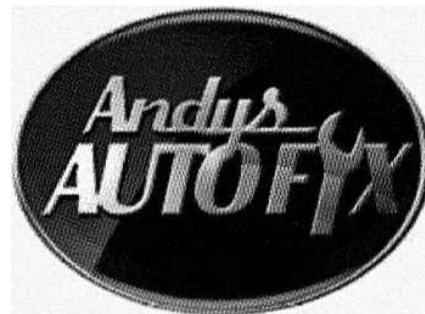


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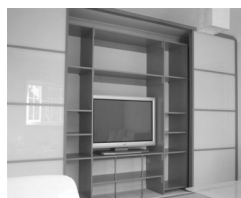
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### June 2017

#### **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>**



Past & Present: - - Evening Visit to Mildenhall  
Museum - 7pm

We envisage leaving TostockVillage Hall at about 6pm

#### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> , Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> & Monday 19<sup>th</sup>**



Art show—(see times on page 23)  
Within St Andrews Church & Grounds

#### **Sunday 18th**



Open Gardens  
Within the village

#### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>**



*Book Club—The Outrun* by Amy Liptrot.  
Pat Allen– Norton

#### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>**



Past & Present—Visit to Ousden House  
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### July 2017

#### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>**



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#### Toddlers

Tuesday \*except 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.45-11.30

#### Bowls

Thursday evenings 7.30pm

#### Coffee mornings

\* 2nd Tuesday 10.30 -12noon

#### Past & Present

1st Tuesday 7.30pm

#### Bingo

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