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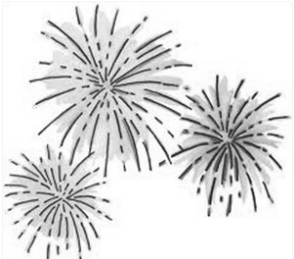


Events taken place:

Events coming up:

- Fruit and Vegetable Show
- MacMillan coffee morning
- Harvest Festival

- Bach Concert
- Village Quiz
- Campus open Day
- Christmas Fair



Bonfire & Fireworks!

And our wonderful Tostock Calendar

See inside for details

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Health

Woolpit Health Centre 01359 240298
Out of hours GP 111
West Suffolk Hospital 01284 713000

Police

Non-emergency 101

Travel

Bus: www.travel-galloway.com
01449 766323

Samaritans 01284 75000
Drugs Hotline 0800253253
Crime Stoppers 555111

Rail: 084548595

DIAL A RIDE 01284 724545

***Notes from the Tostock Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 12th July 2017**

Present: Cllrs R Perks (Chairman), J Kearsley, D Blundell & Mrs C Debenham.

8 villagers

Apologies: Cllrs B Alexander, Mrs S Mansel & C Cllr Mrs J Storey

The Chairman proposed changing the order of the agenda due to the need for councillors and parishioners to fully debate a recently received planning application. This was unanimously agreed by councillors.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

DISPENSATIONS - None

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 31st MAY 2017

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

The meeting recessed for the next item

WRITTEN REPORTS

C Cllr Mrs J Storey- report attached covering the Chief Executive leaving and the recruitment process for a successor; Cabinet meeting 11th July; Highways transformation; roadworks.org initiative; 2017 Tour of Britain; Council meeting 20th July.

D Cllr Mrs S Mansel: report circulated covering Locality Budget award scheme; new Pre-application advice service; Housing Revenue account; New Joint Local Plan; Anti-Social Behaviour policy; Ward Boundary review.

Village Hall – nothing to report.

The meeting reconvened.

Chairman's report – nothing to report.

FINANCE

Risk Assessment: now completed – all in favour. Copy to be forwarded to the Clerk for typing up.

Signatories: the Chairman confirmed that Cllr Kearsley was finally an accepted signatory by the bank. The Council now had three confirmed signatories. Remove this item from the agenda.

Clerk's Contract – ongoing.

Standing/Financial Orders: – all in favour. Remove this item from the agenda.

Cheques. All in favour

PLANNING

02353/17 Appledores Farm, Church Road:

Siting of a mobile home for use as a temporary rural workers dwelling. Erection of 3no. agricultural buildings and ancillary works. Councillors saw no difference between this application and the previous one and the reasons given then remain valid. The buildings are unsuitable in character and design as well as scale for the purpose for which they are reportedly to serve. PC comment: object (proposed by Cllr Kearsley, seconded by Cllr Mrs Debenham – all in favour)

0108/17 Suffolk County Council: Land adjacent to Junction of Beyton Road, Tostock.

PC comment: Having taken on board the comments expressed by villagers in the Public Forum, Councillors felt the need to request in their letter to SCC the following conditions to be included before registering they have no objection to the application. 1) That crushing all concrete or screening does not take place

2) That noise is kept to a minimum. The parish council does not believe a loud “bleeper” is necessary on a restricted site with few occupants.

3) HGVs – there should be a sign before HGVs leave the site indicating not to take routes through Tostock village.

4) Hours of Work – no HGVs on access site prior to 8.30 a.m.

5) Flooding – there should be regular gully emptying at the junction of New Road/Beyton Road as there is often standing water at this point during heavy rains

NORTON ROAD DEVELOPMENT – nothing has changed – there is no further information on the web. Parish Council waiting to receive revised plans

PERKINS WAY – nothing to report. Parish Council waiting for further information requested.

VILLAGE MATTERS

Signs on the Green: sign now received but will require additional support . Cllr Blundell to organize and erect. Further discussion followed regarding a recent incident of cars parking on the green but the meeting agreed to wait and see following the installation of the sign.

Phone Box:

Clerk to provide information to Cllr Blundell as to the name of a contractor prepared to undertake repairs and refurbishment.

The Leys/WP proposals:

The Willows have been removed but the stumps need to be ground out. Work ongoing.

The track on the Green and The Leys

both needed refurbishing. Discussion followed on the most suitable materials to be used. The Chairman agreed to obtain three quotes for the work before councillors could agree the contractor for the work.

Gateway signage:

ongoing.

Memorial Ms S Waitkins:

No information currently received but the Parish Council agreed to make a suitable contribution when approached. Item to remain on the agenda.

TRAINING - Nothing to report.

ITEMS FOR THE CHRONICLE

Signs on The Green

Funding for Table and chairs for the Village Hall

New Dog Bins – colour and location (The Leys and end of Flatts Lane)

Tree work on The Leys update

CORRESPONDENCE

Brochures for circulation Local Government Boundary Review – circulated Locality Funding availability

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 23rd August 2017

* Please note: these are notes from the meetings. Full minutes are available on village website

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Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk). C Cllr Mrs J Storey
5 villagers

Apologies: Cllrs B Alexander & Mrs C Debenham

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

DISPENSATIONS - None

CO-OPTION

Details for Ms Philippa Fletcher had been previously circulated to all councillors and following a brief discussion, Cllr Kearsley proposed acceptance. Seconded by Cllr Mrs Mansel – all in favour. Cllr Ms Fletcher was invited to join members of the council having signed the Declaration of Acceptance.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 12th JULY 2017

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

The meeting recessed for the next item and Public Forum

Public Forum: - Problem with dog waste – item for The Chronicle.
Speed of HGV's and traffic in Norton. The only sign is at the top of the Leys. Average speed seems to be about 50 mph.
Norton Road and drainage/pond issues – matter to be raised with planners by parishioner and who may

WRITTEN REPORTS

C Cllr Mrs J Storey- there will be two meetings regarding the appointment of a new Chief Executive and the final four candidates go through a procedure with the Cabinet on the 11th September followed by a full council meeting on the 14th September whereby the recommended applicant will be accepted. Traditionally the month of August is a quiet month.

D Cllr Mrs S Mansel - report circulated covering the Local Plan; Ward boundary review; the move to Endeavour Huse, Ipswich; Councillor Locality Budget award scheme extended until 16th February 2018; Wetherden Road and Warren Lane planning applications. Cllr Kearsley confirmed he would attend the consultation for the Local Plan on the 25th September at 6.30 p.m.

FINANCE

Risk Assessment: handed to the Clerk for typing up. Defibrillator to be added.

Clerk's Contract – now completed and salary agreed at SCP 17 and increased to SCP18 with acknowledgement of the CILCA qualification. Remove from Agenda.

Banking authorization: ongoing

Cheques: cheques issued for August be approved. All in favour.

PLANNING

NORTON ROAD DEVELOPMENT

The Parish Council is concerned that there is no evidence that a satisfactory solution has been found for the drainage issues regarding Planning Application 4974/16. The Chairman pointed out that Norton Road has planning permission. There was no mention of drainage on the notes and may have already been decided.

The Parish Council needed to be concerned about water flow down the road and report this in relation to Perkins Way. The two developments should be considering this issue jointly.

Norton Road has already been approved, but could be subject to a judicial review. For Perkins Way the Council should comment as a Council as it was still under negotiation – but should mention Norton Road as well.

The Parish Council should ask for more information but for Perkins Way further comment to the planning officer stating the Council has concern over a number of drainage issues as mentioned in a letter dated 28th February 2017.

Members also considered undertaking a FOI request if necessary.

PERKINS WAY

Cllr Kearsley suggested the Parish Council wrote a separate letter to the Planning Officer (A Scott):-

The Parish Council is concerned that the development proposed at Perkins Way – Application No. 4238/16 – will add to the land drainage and flooding risks created for the residences along Norton Road and Perkins Way by increasing markedly what will be already a substantial burden on the drainage system and to that end will likely cause flooding in periods of heavy rainfall or severe weather conditions. Given these circumstances the Council request sight of the information from the assessment of the proposed schemes set out in the document from RM Floods Planning dated 26th July 2017.”

All in favour.

BOUNDARY REVIEW

The first consultation is now over and the Parish Council can make comments at the next stage. Members agreed to wait until the next consultation.

VILLAGE MATTERS

Signs on the Green: signs were now on the Green. Members were grateful and thanked Cllr Blundell for organising and putting up the notice.

Phone Box: Clerk to provide information to Cllr Blundell as to the name of a contractor prepared to undertake repairs and refurbishment.

The Leys/WP proposals: The pond has been cleared, weeds removed and stumps dealt with. The island has been removed. Grateful thanks to M Baully for all his work in clearing the pond. Clerk to write appropriate letter.

Tracks: The three quotes received were circulated and following a brief discussion Cllr Kearsley proposed accept the quote from M J Nunn. Seconded by Cllr Perks – all in favour.

Gateway signage: Discussion by councillors in respect of purchasing SIDS – Norton Road/Church Rod – or hiring them. These items were usually rented for community engagement with people prepared to assist so there would be a need to form a committee. It was considered asking for volunteers in the Chronicle.

Councillors also discussed purchasing 30 mph signage stickers for wheelie bins in the village. Proposed by Cllr Blundell, seconded by Cllr Kearsley – all in favour. Clerk to obtain costs.

Quotes received for Gateways considered. Cllr Blundell proposed accepting contractor M J Nunn, seconded by Cllr Mrs Mansell. All in favour.

Memorial Ms S Waitkins: 3 small trees – silver Birch or similar – had been suggested. However councillors were in favour of a new bench located possibly outside The Croft would be suitable. Wording to be agreed.

TRAINING – the newly co-opted councillor to attend a SALC training course. Clerk to organise suitable date and time with Cllr Ms Fletcher.

ITEMS FOR THE CHRONICLE

Dog waste bins

New co-opted councillor. Also to mention there remain two vacancies on the Council.

Contracts for The Leys and Gateway signs agreed

Completion of work on The Leys

CORRESPONDENCE

Brochures for circulation

Local Plan Consultation – 6.30 p.m. on 25th September at Red Gables, Stowmarket. Cllr Kearsley to attend.

Norton Road railway bridge closing 28th August for investigative work.

MSDC Visioning event – current projects – 2 people per council. Noted.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 4th October 2017.

* Please note: these are notes from the meetings. Full minutes are available on village website

Thedwastre North – August and September 2017

Council and Cabinet meetings

Traditionally the month of August is a quiet month. There were no Council meetings and no Cabinet meetings planned.

Suffolk hosted a stage of the Tour of Britain

On Friday (8th September) some of the world's elite riders raced through Suffolk as part of the prestigious Tour of Britain. To ensure safety for riders and spectators, road closures and a number of parking restrictions were in place across the county as the tour headed along the 187km route from Newmarket to Aldeburgh on September 8.

Chief Executive Recruitment

This last month there have been several meetings around the Chief Executive post recruitment process. The first was to review the 22 applications, and to agree the 'longlist'. These people were then invited to meet with the recruitment company for an interview.

The interviews were assessed and a 'shortlist' of four candidates have been invited to attend a range of challenging assessments against the selection criteria, involving stakeholders from partner and significant organisations as well as the Cabinet and the Staff Appointments Committee.

This all happened on 11th September before the Staff Appointments Committee met to officially to recommend the successful applicant for approval by the full Council on Thursday 14th September. Candidates came from all sectors and backgrounds. Adverts were placed in standard 'council' type publications but also two national newspapers to widen the pool of those who might think about applying. When it came to the final choices no one person stood out as an overall choice so it was decided to not appoint this time round. We will probably go through another recruitment process in January/February next year.

Home to School Transport

This was a topic for a Cabinet paper at the beginning of September. There has been much speculation and potential for misunderstanding and I urge anyone who has concerns to read the Cabinet paper or to contact me for answers. The criteria for qualifying for free home to school transport will not change for 11-16 year olds. No changes will be made until September 2019.

There will be a consultation which I urge all interested parties to feed their comments into.

All committee papers are published on-line www.suffolk.gov.uk

01.09.2017

C. Cllr. Jane Storey

District Councillor Report: Tostock Parish Council

22/08/17

New Joint Local Plan	The Draft consultation document for the New Joint Local Plan has been published is now out for public consultation. It contains suggested land allocations for the majority of villages across the two districts. There is a briefing for parish councils in the west of the district on 5 th September at Thurston New Green Centre.
Ward boundary review	The initial consultation on the ward boundary review ended on 14 th August. The response from MSDC was agreed at Full Council on 8 th August. There had been a cross party group working on the submission, but unfortunately the administration decided to amend the joint submission at the last minute. The Green group submitted two alternative versions of suggested ward boundaries. All the consultation submissions will now be reviewed by the Boundary Commission who will then publish their version which will again be subject to public consultation later in the autumn.
Move to Endeavour House, Ipswich	The formal staff consultation period ended on 22 nd July. The move to Endeavour House is still on schedule for September. There will be a phased move with different departments moving each week from 8 th September to 2 nd October. *
Councillor Locality Budget award scheme	The deadline for submitting an application for the councillor locality budget has been extended till 16 th February 2018.
Wetherden Road and Warren Lane planning applications	The Wetherden Road and Warren Lane planning applications were discussed at the development control meeting held on 12 th July. The Warren Lane application was deferred to the following meeting on 9 th August on a technical issue and has now also been granted. For your information there was a further planning meeting held on 12 th July for the 5 applications in Thurston, 4 of which, members were minded to approve pending further investigation work to be undertaken on road and rail safety initiatives. Subsequently further applications for yet more development in Thurston have now been submitted. There are also at least 4 large planning applications in Woolpit, which are to be determined soon.

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By post: Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils,

Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, IP1 2BX

District Councillor Locality Budget Awards 2017

Following the success of the locality awards in 2015/16, MSDC have allocated each ward councillor a fund of £6250 to be spent within their communities. Any Not-for-profit constituted group with its own bank account requiring two unrelated signatories is eligible to apply for funding. This includes parish councils, sports groups, clubs, youth groups etc. Although funding is not available for religious activities, funds are available for improvements for community use of premises such as churches etc.

The funded projects need to fall into one of the strategic priorities of MSDC – which are as follows:

Economy and Environment

Lead and shape the local economy by promoting and helping to deliver sustainable economic growth which is balanced with respect for wildlife, heritage and the natural and built environment.

Housing

Ensure that there are enough good quality, environmentally efficient and cost effective homes with the appropriate tenures and in the right locations.

Safe, Strong and Healthy Communities

Encourage and support individuals and communities to be self-sufficient, strong, healthy and safe.

Previously your district councillors gave funding towards the following projects in the Elmswell and Norton Ward:

Elmswell Library Friends – coffee machine and cycle racks

Norton Village Hall – cycle racks

Tostock Village Hall – marquee and outdoor table tennis table

Elmswell Millennium History Group – research project on the use of Ashfield Airfield during the First World War

St John's Church, Elmswell – improvements to heating and roof alarm

Elmswell Almshouses – improvements to windows

Norton Parish Council – VAS signs

Elmswell Parish Council – set up emergency plan

If any local groups wish to make an application for funding please get in touch with one of your District Councillors shown below. The deadline for applications is 16th February.

Sarah Mansel 01359 245247 sarah.mansel@midsuffolk.gov.uk

John Levantis 01359 240708 john.levantis@midsuffolk.gov.uk

Parish Council News

Extra Dog Waste Bins

Two new dog waste bins are to be installed. One at the start of the footpath leading from The Leys to Beyton. The other at the end of Flatts Lane at the start of the footpath leading to the railway bridge. It is hoped that these will further encourage people to clear up after their dog.

The majority of dog owners are responsible and clear up after their dogs, unfortunately a small number of owners do not, consequently spoiling the enjoyment of others walking in the village and surrounding footpaths. It is an offence under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 not to clear up after your dog after it has fouled. The Council has powers to prosecute in the criminal courts, which could lead to a fine of up to £1,000. If you see someone failing to clear up after their dog you can report this at <http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/dog-control/dog-fouling/>

The Leys

I am sure you will have noticed that not only have the willow trees been removed from around the pond, but it has also been cleared. Thank you to **Mike Bauley** for doing such a good job, which took a whole day, of removing the willow stumps and vegetation from the pond.

Mike at work on The Leys pond



Tracks Across The Leys and The Green

The council has approved the resurfacing of the tracks across The Leys and The Green. Hopefully these will remain in good repair for a few years.

Village Gateways

The council has approved installation of gateways beside the road at the entrances to the village at the following places: Norton Road nr railway bridge; Church Road 30 mph sign (including new village sign); New Road at 30 mph sign and before The Leys at the Welcome to Tostock sign (sign will also be replaced).

No Parking Sign on The Green

A No Parking Sign has been installed as part of the Parish Council notice board. It was felt that a discreet sign was appropriate. It would be appreciated if vehicles were not parked on or driven across The Green. In addition the access roads that cross and go alongside The Green should be kept clear.

New Councillor

We are pleased that Pip Fletcher has joined the Parish Council. This now brings the number of councillors to seven, leaving two vacancies.

It would be good to fill these two vacancies. We would encourage anyone who feels they could spare some time and contribute to the village through joining the Parish Council to get in touch.

Contact the Parish Clerk at marilyn.bottomley@btinternet.com or any of the councillors.

Tostock Village Hall News October/November 2017



Our last meeting took place on 14th September 2017.
At this meeting, we discussed a number of future
village events;



Back by Popular Demand
TOSTOCK BONFIRE & FIREWORKS
SATURDAY. 4th NOVEMBER 2017,
The Leys, Tostock, 5.30pm onwards

If you are able to help with this event in anyway, please contact Hannah
on (01359) 272633 or hannahgracejones@hotmail.com

TOSTOCK TOAD RACING
LIVEN UP JANUARY: FUN FOR ALL
Saturday, 20th January 2018
Further details in the next Chronicle



**KEEP CALM &
CEILIDH**
on.....

TOSTOCK CEILIDH

HOLD THE DATE: SAT, 24TH MARCH 2018

Join us for an enjoyable night with good music, good dancing &
good company. Date to be confirmed in the next Chronicle.

Table Tennis Table to arrive in October
Get your table tennis bat and ball at the ready!



The next meeting of the Village Hall Committee will take place on Thursday, 11th January 2018.

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Competitive Rates of Hire Round Tables

Insured for up to 120 people

Good Parking Marquees available for hire

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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

SERVICES OCTOBER -NOVEMBER 2017

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

OCTOBER

1st	9.30am	Holy Communion
8th	9.30am	Morning Prayer
22nd	11am	Family Service & Baptism
29th	10AM BENEFICE COMMUNION AT GREAT ASHFIELD	
	4PM MEMORIAL SERVICE AT NORTON (see below)	

NOVEMBER

5th	9.30am	Holy Communion
12th	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 10.45am	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
26th	11am	Family Service

Countryside Church at The Croft

Mondays 16th October & 20th November- 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.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

All Saints' Sunday 29th October 2017

All Saints Tide is traditionally the season when we remember and give thanks for the lives of those we have loved who have died. As in previous years we will be holding Memorial and Thanksgiving Services across the benefice. During the services names will be read out and there will be the opportunity to light a candle in memory of each person, whether named or remembered in silence. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

All memorial Service dates and times are:

St Mary's Pakenham 3pm (Stowlangtoft names will also be read at this service)

St Andrew's Norton 4pm - (Tostock names will also be read at this service)

All Saints Great Ashfield 5pm (Hunston names will also be read at this service)

CONTINUED

We will be sending invitations to the families of those for whom we have conducted funerals during the last two years. **However, all are welcome to come no matter how long ago you were bereaved.** In that case please let us know if you would like us to include your loved one's name/s in the service. Please contact Revd. Katherine Valentine with details (01359 235095).

(NB these memorial services are not to be confused with the Remembrance Service on November 13th when we remember those who died and suffered in war).

SIX
CHURCHES
UNDER ONE ROOF

family@church

Time - 9.30am for 10am 1st Sunday of the month

Place - St Mary's Pakenham

Starting with the **Christingle on the 3rd December** on the first Sunday of every month at St Mary's Pakenham all our churches will join together for a benefice family service for all ages.

Breakfast refreshments available from 9.30am. On 3rd December get there at 9.30am to make your Christingle before the service starts. This new venture is run by the whole benefice and is the opportunity for all our villages and families to join together in worship and get to know each other.

Look out for the invitation coming through your door!

St Andrew's Church News



We are now into the season of Harvest ,with our Festival Service on Sept 24th , and the Harvest Supper on Sept. 29th .

Although these events will be over by the time the Chronicle comes out ,it is important that we remember and celebrate how fortunate we are , and do something to help those in need .

The gifts of food and produce brought to Church will be given to the Bury Refuge .

Many thanks to everyone for your generosity .

Some years ago , we started to make kneelers for the Church , and several kind ladies sewed them for those of us who were happy to pay for a kneeler ,but not able to sew them . But now we have people who Would like to donate kneelers , but no one to sew them ! If anyone could offer to help we would be very grateful . We also have a large amount of tapestry wool which was given to the Church , if anyone would like some , please contact Jeanne O'Reilly .

Our regular Coffee Morning will be on Tuesday October 10th at 10:30 am in the Village Hall .

The Christmas Fair will be on Saturday November 18th ,at the Village Hall, and following the success of last year , it will begin at 12 noon until 3pm with lunches and teas being served .All the usual stalls and competitions , and the enormous Raffle ! We hope to welcome lots of people to the Fair as it is always an enjoyable occasion .

The Church Floodlights are sponsored this month in memory of Peter Le Fleming (25 .10. 23 – 16 .10 .14) Constantly in our thoughts and much missed ,by Jean Le Fleming and family .

Jeanne O' Reilly



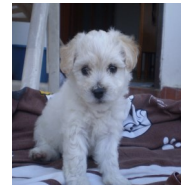
Caterpillar Working Weekend

Much apologies for omitting a whole paragraph of last months issue.

Bee & Mike Bauley have done a fantastic Job again, organising the weekend and raising a huge amount of money for charity (one of many fund raising projects they are involved in) which really merits Recognition. **£1261.00** raised and donated to **East Anglian Air Ambulance** and **£825.00** raised and donated to **MacMillan Cancer Care.**

Well done! and Many Many Thanks to you both.

A big Thank You



Following my recent stay in hospital I have been quite overwhelmed at all the good wishes and support I have received from my super friends and neighbours in Tostock. I have had support with managing my garden and flowers, lifts to take me places as I am unable to drive at present, dog walking for Alfie, flowers and cards in abundance. I feel truly blessed to live in this lovely village. Thank you all so much. From: one very happy lady – Lynne Jones at Glentor

All Walkers

Can you help?

I have now lost 3 pairs of glasses in the last couple of years whilst dog walking around the village!
Is it possible to ask if anyone has picked up glasses around the village and maybe we should have a place/person where items could be left if they are found?
Someone must have picked at least one of mine up! I have back tracked as soon as realised they had been dropped and never found any of them! One was on the playing field, one on the meadow behind Church Road and one pair on the footpath through the horse fields at Rectory Farm!
P.S. Thank you to the person that put my glasses on the style post.

*Just one example of many walkers lost things, maybe we could have a designated place? Any suggestions?

Mellow Afternoon

Wide golden field
Harvested yield
Soft fluffy cloud, like a pillow
Trickling clear stream
Child licks ice cream
Waving long fronds of a willow

Blanket on ground
Daisies are found
Afternoon mood, gently mellow
Young bulls nearby graze
Occasionally gaze
At the child, wearing clothes, of bright yellow

Picnic all over
Bees in the clover
One bull leads the way, others follow
As confidence grows
Child scratches a nose
Before bulls make their way to a hollow

Black coats brightly gleam
As they drink from the stream
Weary child, now ready for sleeping
Parents pack all away
At the end of the day
Memories made for the keeping

Pauline's words August 2017



Tostock People Pages

Charlie's Rescue

Every Church needs a cat, in Tostock we have Charlie our Ginger Tom. Charlie has always been a regular visitor to the church, often following Eldge or myself over the road. He has been locked in several times over night and has left the odd sacrificial offering by the Altar!

However on the morning of 6th August Jeanne unlocked the church and was met by the distressed sound of a cat. I followed closely behind and knew instantly it was our Charlie, but where was he? There was no visible sign of him. We looked in the loo, the bell tower, even the font!! The noise seemed to be coming from the kitchen, but again no cat. On closer inspection the loud meowing was coming from behind the kitchen, somehow he had managed to fall down a small gap between the outside wall and the kitchen!

Next question, how were we going to get him out? There was also the minor issue of a Communion Service to carry out. A ladder was erected and various people climbed up to think of ways of rescuing Charlie. His blanket was lowered down in the hope he might cling on and be pulled up but to no avail! Could the front of the kitchen be removed without ruining John Pamment's lovely work? Would we need the fire brigade to rescue him? All this had to wait until after the service, during which Charlie remained silent throughout!

Once the service was over, Tostock's number one cat rescue team swung in to action, Roger decided he'd return with his drill and saw and cut a small hole in the kitchen cabinet, meanwhile Jeanne had gone home and called Mark to bring his tools. Armed with drills and saws they set to work, Jim sat on top of the kitchen to ensure they didn't hit Charlie while Mark made the first incision. Eldge stood by making encouraging and reassuring noises to Charlie, and I made cups of tea!

After a short while Mark managed to cut through the kitchen cabinet, Eldge called Charlie but he seemed reluctant to leave, so he thought a dish of Whiskers might do the trick. Once Charlie realised he was safe he popped his head out of the hole had a look round then strolled out as if nothing had happened! He was less than pleased when the paparazzi tried to take photos of him with his rescue team, but was snapped soon after enjoying a tin of pilchards back at home.

I can report the kitchen has remained largely undamaged and Charlie still visits the church, we just remember to call him before we lock the door at night!

Thanks from Charlie and his family to Mark, Jim, Roger and all those involved in his rescue.

Sue Marriott.

See next page

To witness Charlie's rescue!

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Charlies
Rescue



Needing nourishment after
his ordeal



COUNTRYLIFE – D. POOLE NUMBER 17 (Part 1)

Tostock Community Barn Owl project update

I bet that everyone of us will at some stage of our lives experience a situation or an occasion when someone tells you a story in conversation, not just once or twice but will repeat it many times. Then what goes through your mind is (here we go again) or an old catch phrase or saying "tell me the old old story" we've all been there. Well unfortunately it is a bit like that with me and the Barn Owl's again this year. You may all remember the story last year edition number 11. Well exactly the same has happened all over again this year – On Wednesday April 5th I noticed the same box at Mrs Bowman's was again occupied by Jackdaws as well as our regular pair of Owls – Jack and Jill, so I had no choice but to intervene. When I opened the hatch at the front of the box it was again full of debris, I finally got the box empty Jack was so weak he could not even stand up, and Jill laid across him consoling him. Jill had laid 4 eggs but didn't seem to be incubating them you can see from the 2 photos -



You can see the pile of sticks on the righthand side picture, they go right up to the hole at the top of the box, blocking it up hence the Owls are hemmed in and can't get out, and literally left to starve to death. Just 2 days later on Friday April 7th Jackdaws had again filled up the box, this time there was only Jill in the box but she was still not sitting on the eggs. For the second time I cleaned out the box. Monday April 10th nothing had changed, Jackdaws were even more determined than ever, this time Jill wasn't present, she had finally decided to abandon this box and go elsewhere. I didn't see the Owls any more for 3 weeks, then one night I noticed Jack was coming out of a hole from a hollow Oak tree in the same Park.



Jack at the hollow Oak tree



Jack at Charles's box

He is called Jack because of his left eye being damaged, (1 eye Jack) and now notice it is slowly healing. The question now is could Jill be in there with him?? Throughout May Jack continued to come out from the hollow tree. Then early June I saw him go into another box in the Park – Charles's box. top right-hand picture. It was one I helped Charles put up, bought for him by the family, not one of mine. On a few occasions during June he seemed to be going to and fro between the tree and the box so I thought it was time to investigate. So on the 13th June I took a look Inside the box and there was Jill sitting tight on eggs or even chicks. I immediately rang Patrick Barker (Suffolk Wildlife Trust) for his opinion. He said he would come and inspect the box in about a months time.

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On Monday 10th July 2017 4.30pm Patrick kept to his word was back as arranged and much to our surprise Jill for the second year in succession had hatched off 5 glorious chicks making it 10 in total over 2 years this pair have raised. The chicks ranging from 21 days old to 35 days were big enough to ring there and then, so Patrick ringed the chicks immediately and did all the necessary recordings saving him the need to come back again. For the next 6 weeks I had the pleasure and delight of seeing them all being fed, then emerge from the box and learn to fly.

My thanks to Mr and Mrs Bowman and to Patrick for the privilege. Here are 2 photos of these glorious chicks -



On one occasion during August, one evening I saw as many as 7 different Barn Owls in just one and half hours – how good was that.

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May I on behalf of the parish of Tostock take this opportunity to **congratulate Charles Bowman** (Alderman) for his prestigious elected appointment to become the next Lord Mayor for the City of London, best wishes to **Samantha** and the entire family.

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(Part 2 Harvest time)



I have been growing vegetables now for the past 60 years, I first had a piece of allotment when I was 14 years old and have gardened ever since. If you half that amount of time 30 years, that's how long the Tostock Flower and Vegetable Show has been going, that is quite an achievement for such a small village – so **congratulations to Julie and Barney Harrison** the present main organisers and as far as I can understand were the instigators when the show first began. It is certainly one of this village's highlights of the year – well done to all concerned. September is the most crucial month when we harvest most of our vegetables, potatoes, carrots, onions, sweetcorn etc. etc. My favourite has to be Runner beans, especially when they are fresh, also French and Broad beans.

Runner beans (*phaseolus poccineus*) are most popular bean grown in British gardens and allotments, with both stringless and non-stringless varieties widely available, their vibrant red, occasionally pink or white flowers are instantly recognisable. The variety you choose will depend on your own garden, storing and kitchen needs. Stringless may save preparation time, but other varieties may be better for storing / freezing, commonly the tallest of the beans. They are vigorous climbers and will need support when growing – a row of criss-cross canes tied where they cross and secured with a horizontal cane across the top is possibly the most practical method. They can also be grown in pots using canes formed into a wigwam structure – why not try this method on your patio and enter them into next years show.

Absolutely frost tender, so wait until May/June before sowing outside, when they reach the top of their supports pinch out the tips to stop them coming too weighty. Pick the beans as soon as they are ready and if you keep picking they will keep growing. Also known as Dwarf beans, vine and green beans. French beans (*phaseolus vulgaris*) come in two different types "Dwarf and Climbing". Dwarf types form a low bush which will fit under a cloche for protection from frost and cold. When the weather improves they may need to be tied to short canes to stop them falling over. Climbers will need support like Runner beans. In China these beans are known as the (three times bean), as the pods mature from French beans for quick cooking into flageolet beans which are shelled and eaten like peas to Haricote beans for drying and used for soups and salads. Like Runner beans they dislike the cold and need to be kept under cover until May/June and can be harvested throughout the Summer. There are many varieties and pods can be yellow and purple, speckled or striped, or pencil or flat. A member of the Pea family the Broad bean (*vicia faba*) has been a popular part of the mediterranean and eastern cuisine for thousands of years. It's a hardy plant that does not mind the cold, it is easy to grow and can be dwarf to tall.

Sow hardy cultivars outside in a sunny spot from October to November, or February to March, alternatively growing under cover until plant is established with four or five good leaves can avoid pest problems. Versatile to cook with – they can be boiled, mashed, steamed, slow cooked, dried and ground into flour, or blanched and frozen for later use.

I said before I do like to give credit to people where credit is due – so **well done** to **Sarah Reader** for entering a **Corn Dolly** in the show after my last article in the Chronicle, it was noticed. To **Gordon** and **Angus** for gaining their **Duke of Edinburgh awards**, and **Arwen** for taking up competitive **gymnastics** – I look forward to following her progress.
Didn't they do well.

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PUMPKINS for HALLOWEEN

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If there are any families that would like a pumpkin for Halloween that did not receive one last year please get in touch: Lionel 270688 or Shirley 271727

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Tostock Flower and Vegetable Show

The 2017 Flower and Vegetable Show was a great success, to judge by the happy faces who came to see who had won what at the prize-giving! For a small village we can put on a good show.

The George Taylor Plate for a gardener under 25 was won by Faramir Newport ,for the second year.

The Doug Copeland trophy for photographs went to Annie Grooms, for a delightful photo in the “Harvest” class.

The Tostock Trowel was won by Brian Neal. He gets to keep this useful tool!

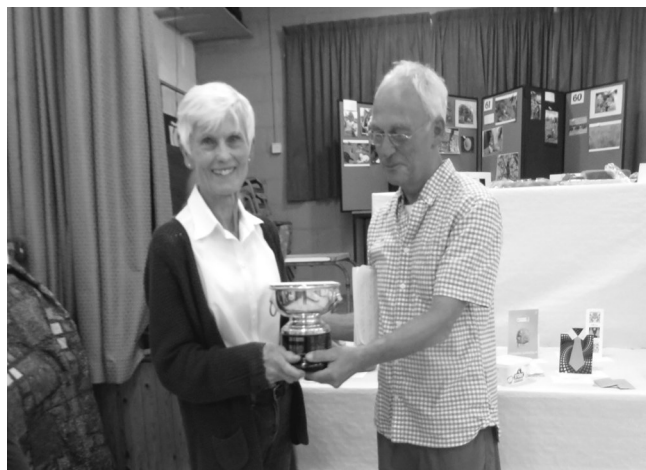
The Floral Art cup went to Rachel Newport for some beautiful arrangements.

Vanessa Malcom received the Cowdell Cup for Homecraft in a closely run competition involving baking and needlecraft.

The Pineacre Runner-up Cup could have been won by four people who won equal points in the show, but was awarded to Sharon Markell, who had the most 1st prizes.

Jane Putt was the clear winner of the Parish Council Challenge Bowl. She also wins the newest trophy, which is to be given in memory of Simon Reynolds, who supported the show from its beginning in the mid 1980s.

This trophy will be a wooden tray, and goes to the person who gets 1st in the class for the best tray of vegetables.



A surprise interruption to the proceedings was the presentation of an engraved glass goblet.

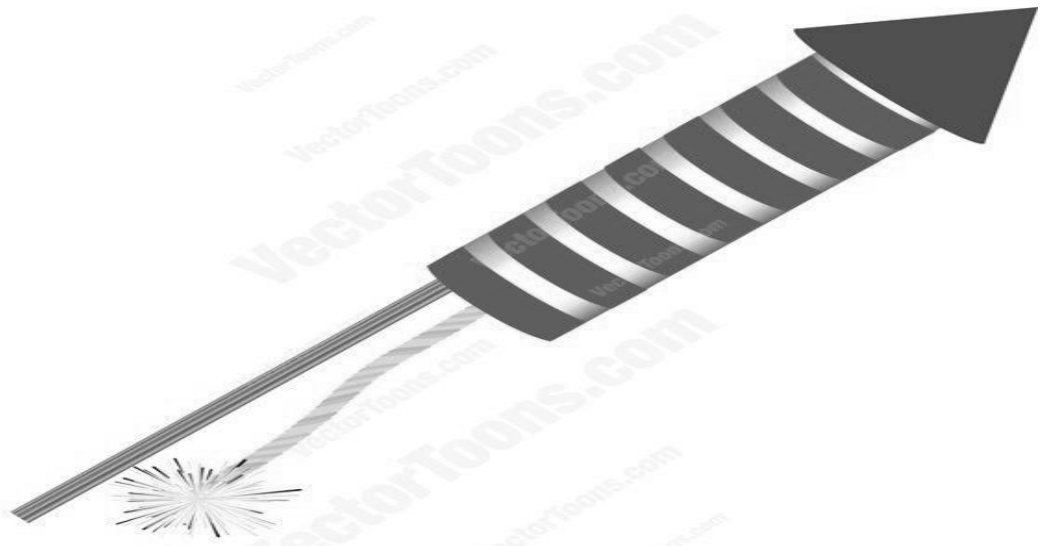
Apparently Barney & I have organised 30 shows, so some very kind participants thought we ought to get a “long service” award! We would like to thank all those involved in giving us such a lovely present, but also point out that we have always had numerous helpers who equally deserve acknowledgement.

And also thank everybody who takes part in the competition..... without **you**, there would be no show.



After all bills have been paid we hope to publish the accounts of the show in a future chronicle.

Julie Harrison (show secretary)



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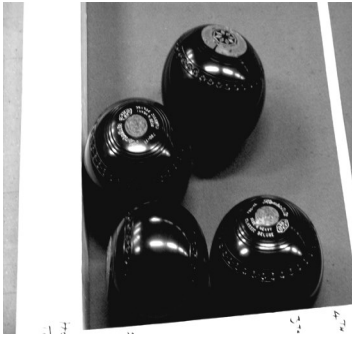
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Tostock Carpet Bowls Club



We are about to start the 2017/2018 season in the Premier League— we will give it our best.

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Forthcoming League Fixtures:

Monday 23rd October — Hundon — away

Monday 30th October — Hargrave — home

Tuesday 7th November — Ashley — away

Monday 27th November—Stanningfield—home

Home matches start at 7.30pm in the village hall, ny spectators welcome at 7.20pm.

Our picture shoes some of the club Members with the Victor Trophy and individual trophies
After winning the Bury League East Division for the 2016/2017 season.



Tostock Past and Present Society



At our first meeting after our summer break, we welcomed back Peter Driver who gave us a fascinating account of Suffolk Men at Waterloo. Not only did Peter talk about the actual battle but he also described the various Suffolk barracks and how many streets in Ipswich were given military names. Our programme for the remainder of the year is as follows;

October 3rd-Donald Hill - **Caister Men Never Turn Back** (Caister Lifeboat)

November 7th- Stephen Cook - **The History of the Printed Book: from Gutenberg to the myth & mystery of the modern 1st edition**

Saturday December 2nd – Mark Mitchels - **A Christmas Miscellany: A celebration of the festive season**

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

Non-members are always welcome.

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

The Bookgroup



Our year is drawing to an end, and our last two books are *The Song of the Skylark* by Erica James for the October meeting, and *The True and Splendid History of the Harristown Sisters* by M Lovric in November.

The venue on October 25th is the home of Liz Kearsley, while on November 22nd the meeting will be held at 4 Perkins Way.

If any Tostock residents wish to join the bookgroup, please contact....

Julie Harrison tel. 270247

Tostock Village Hall Committee



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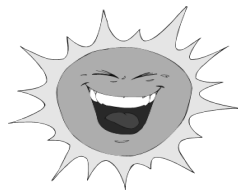
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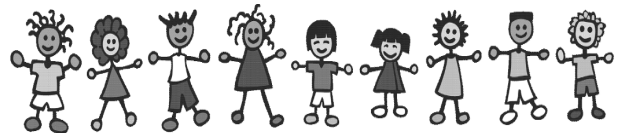
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October 2017

DATES for your diary

November 2017



Tuesday 3rd, 17th, 24th & 31st

Toddlers
9.45 – 11.30am - Village Hall



Tuesday 10th

Coffee morning
10.30 - 12 noon - Village Hall



Tuesday 3rd

Past & Present: *page 22*
7.30pm - Village Hall



Wednesday 4th

Parish Council meeting
7.30pm - Village Hall



Wednesday 25th

Book Club
8pm - Ash Close



Thursday 5th, 12th, 19th, 24th & 26th

Bowls
7.30pm - Village Hall



Tuesday 31st

Bingo
2.30-4pm - Village Hall



Tuesday 7th, 21st & 28th

Toddlers
9.45 – 11.30am - Village Hall



Tuesday 14th

Coffee morning
10.30 - 12 noon - Village Hall



Tuesday 7th

Past & Present: *page 22*
7.30pm - Village Hall



Wednesday 22nd

Book Club
8pm - Perkins Way



Thursday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th

Bowls
7.30pm - Village Hall



Tuesday 28th

Bingo
2.30-4pm - Village Hall

Dates to Remember

Saturday 21st October

Bury Bach Concert - St Marys Church - 7.30pm

Thursday 2nd November

Thurston Sixth - Beyton Campus - Open Eve - 6.00-8.30pm

Saturday November 4th

Firework Display- The Leys- from 5.30pm onwards

Friday 17th November

Tostock Quiz - Village Hall - 7pm

Saturday November 18th

Christmas Fair - 12 noon until 3pm

Saturday 2nd December

Past & Present- Mark Mitchels - **A Christmas Miscellany: A celebration of the festive season** - 7.30pm

Dates to look forward to

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Saturday, 20th January 2018

SAT, 24TH MARCH 2018

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More details in next issue

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