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APRIL/MAY 2018



Tostock VILLAGE PICNIC ON THE GREEN

Celebrate the start of the
Great British Summer &
The Royal Wedding

Meet from 12.30pm on
SUNDAY 20th May 2018

ALL WELCOME
Bring & Share Picnic
(Plate of savory or sweet food to share)

Please bring your own drink, plates etc too!

Queries? Call Sam on 01359 271969

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Services

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
01449 766323

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Leisure

Theatre Royal 01284 769505
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Tostock 39th Art Show

Weekend of 16th and 17th June

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

Open Gardens - Sunday - 11am to 5pm

St Andrews Church

Homemade teas and refreshments • Plant and craft stalls

Preview Evening

Wine & Canapés

Friday 15th June - 7pm to 9.30pm

Opportunity to make an early purchase

Tickets are free of charge but required for entry -

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

Tostock Village Hall News - APRIL & MAY 2018

The next meeting of the Village Hall Committee will include the Village Hall AGM and will take place on Wednesday, 2nd May 2018 at the earlier start time of 7pm.

**WE
NEED
YOU!**

Can you give a bit of your time to be involved in the running of our Village Hall & Playing fields?

We meet 4 times a year, meetings are kept informal yet focused and often discuss future fundraising, and many other sociable aspects of village life.

FRESH INPUT IS ALWAYS WELCOME and the AGM is the ideal time to come along! So please join us at the

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TOSTOCK FIREWORKS

We will soon need to start planning the Village Fireworks for this coming November.

Existing volunteers & helpers; Hannah will email you soon with a date for a review & planning meeting.

If you weren't previously involved, and would like to be – please email hannahgracejones@hotmail.com



Many thanks if you were able to come & help tidy the Village Hall and the playing areas on Saturday, 10th March 2018. Due to a booking in the hall, we needed to meet at an earlier time than previously planned.

NB: Please note that the **Village Picnic** will take place instead of the Village Fete this year.

TOSTOCK SAYS.....

We kept calm



AND

CEILIDH'ed ON!



Thank you for coming and to all those who helped on the night

**TOSTOCK VILLAGE HALL
YOUR LOCAL VENUE**

Competitive Rates of Hire Round Tables

Insured for up to 120 people

Good Parking Marquees available for hire

Contact Doreen Buckle on 270605 or tostocktvh@hotmail.co.uk to reserve it for your Event

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held 18th April at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall.

The formal notice and agenda will be posted on the Notice Boards and website at least seven days before date of meeting.

The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting for all the electors of the Parish. It is **NOT** a Meeting of the Parish Council.

Anyone may attend but only registered electors of Tostock Parish may speak and vote.

An elector may make suggestions and comment on anything pertinent to the people of Tostock.

This will be welcomed and is an important part of the meeting.

The Chairperson of the Parish Council normally chairs the meeting. If the Chair is not able to attend, then the Vice-chair, else the meeting will elect a chairperson from amongst those electors present.

A written record of the meeting will be taken

At this meeting various reports are submitted, the Chair of the Parish Council gives a report, the local councillors are invited to give a report, as well as the Village Hall and clubs and organisations of the village.

A normal Parish Council meeting will be held on **25th April**.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on **30th May**.

Normal council business is conducted, but in addition a chair and vice-chair need to be elected, representatives on groups appointed and the Council agrees policies,

Parish Councillor Vacancy



The Parish Council is pleased to welcome Nick Cytacki to the council.

Nick applied to join the council and was co-opted at the last meeting.

However, the Parish Council still has one vacancy.

If you can offer some time, share your particular knowledge and experience and get involved in areas of interest and concern, please consider joining the Parish Council. Applicants must be over 18 and have lived or worked in the village for at least a year.

**For further information or to apply contact the Clerk, Marilyn Bottomley,
Phone 01284 789303 or email Marilyn.bottomley@btinternet.com**

***Street Naming:** Following the opportunity for everyone to have a vote

The results were overwhelmingly for the name Pamment.

Therefore the proposal of Pamment Way has been put forward to M.S.D.C.

Thank you for all those that took an interest and got in touch.



WW1 COMMEMORATIONS IN TOSTOCK

As I'm sure many of you are aware this year marks 100 years since the end of The First World War and The Church are hoping to mark this occasion with a exhibition of WW1 memorabilia, a special tribute to each of those named on the War Memorial and any local history people in the village may have that they and they would be willing to loan/display in The Church. No date has been fixed but we were thinking that leading up to 11th November would be a suitable time. We also plan to ring the bells on the 11th November as a mark of respect.

If there is anyone who is interested in researching archives
or can offer any local information about family members
who came back from the war,
or if you just want to help please get in touch with either myself:

Sue Marriott on 01359270143 or susan_m06@hotmail.co.uk or

Jeanne O'Reilly on 01359270337.

There are 13 young men named on our unique war memorial
(a national treasure in it's own right) so lets give them and all those who fought
in that terrible war a fitting commemoration.

Sue Marriott

1 Thank you

Pleased to announce that
John Linton and his wife

have kindly and generously
agreed to take on both the delivery
areas as well as the round they already deliver.
That means they will delivering to almost
All of the Village!
Well done and much appreciated

THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!

Thank you and farewell
To Nuala Tugwell

Who delivered the Chronicle
to the Norton Road area
The Tugwell Family have moved from the village
and we wish them well.

To The Tostock Ladies



I know this is very overdue but without the Chronicle I couldn't do this. How do I begin, just saying thank you doesn't seem very much for all that was done for me, I can't begin to name you all, I wouldn't have enough space, this comes from my heart with all the gratitude I have. I have never had so much done for me with all the love and kindness which I felt at such a time in my life, it was so good and helped me through some tough times.
To you all, all I can say is **Thank you**, and at times like this it's good to be in Tostock

God Bless you all

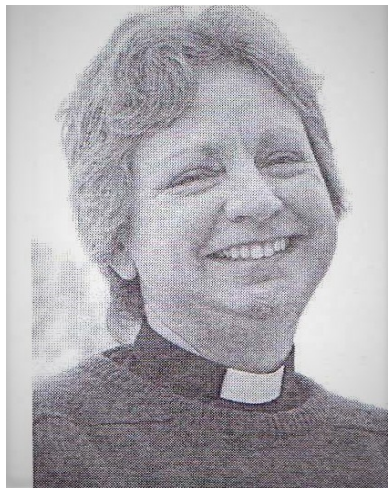
Mary

congratulations

To our wonderful Reverend
Katherine Valentine
as our Rural Dean.

Our Deanery is made up of four benefices:
the Blackbourne Team, the Stanton benefice
, Badwell Ash and Walsham le willows, and our own
benefice of Pakenham, Norton Tostock,
Great Ashfield, Hunston, and Stowlangtoft-
28 parishes in all.

We support and wish her well
with her with the future ministry.



HELP with STEM Clubs!

I am looking for help with my primary school STEM after school clubs. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths and encourages Kids to understand more about STEM in a fun way.



In the spring and summer terms I am going to run these at Rougham, Barnham, Cockfield and Walsham le Willows Primary Schools with a programme of five activities.

I am looking for anyone with a Scientific, Engineering or Maths (accounting?) background to help me.

- Week 1 Stressy Soap
- Week 2 Spaghetti & Mashmallow tower
- Week 3 Water Rockets
- Week 4 Chemistry – build a Volcano
- Week 5 Electric Robot Car



Thanks John Parnum

STEM Ambassador
01359 270874 / johnparnum@yahoo.com



Tostock open Gardens



Sunday 17th June

We are still looking for some more village gardens for our open gardens event.

Your garden doesn't have to be grand or large, as visitors want to see how people enjoy and plant their gardens.

Please contact Jeanne or Gail for further info

Gail Moyle 270787

or

Jeanne O'Reilly 270337

Now that the long cold wet windy days of winter are behind us. At long last we can all look forward to Spring. There is no better quintessential sight anywhere in the world in the late Spring months no more heart-lifting than a carpet of beautiful British bluebells throughout our British woodlands. 50% of all the worlds bluebells can be seen here in the British Isles, almost every county has bluebell woods.

Scientific classification - *Hyacinthoides non-scripta* formerly *Endymion non-scriptus* or *Scilla non scriptus*, is a bulbous perennial plant found in Atlantic areas from north west Spain to the British Isles, and also frequently used as a garden plant. It is known in English as the common bluebell or simply bluebell. The name which is used in Scotland to refer to the harebell *Campanula rotundifolia*.

In Spring *H non scripta* produces a nodding, one sided inflorescence of 5 - 12 tubular sweet scented violet blue flowers with strongly re-curved tepals and 3 – 6 long linear basil leaves. *H non-scripta* is particularly associated with ancient woodland where it may dominate the understorey to produce carpets of violet blue flowers In bluebell woods, but also occurs in more open habitats in western regions.

It is protected under the United Kingdom's laws.

A related species *Hispanica* has been introduced to the British Isles and Hybridises with *H non-scripta* to produce intermediates known as *H xmassartiana*. In quiet glades and dappled woodlands across the country bluebells are springing up to carpet the forest floor with a wash of colour. For generations bluebell woods have captured our imagination and they've become the perfect symbol of the beauty and seasonality of the British countryside.

They're emblematic of new life and remain a real crowd pleaser. It really is nature at its best and a quintessential sight in the late Spring months. It's a sign that the days are getting longer and warmer.

Bluebell woods dating back over 400 years or more are revered throughout the world as very special wild flower environments. Bluebells were overwhelmingly voted the U.K.'s favourite wild flower in a plant life survey and, when you discover a bluebell wood in full bloom it is easy to see why.

Bluebells are native throughout Britain except Orkney and Shetland. In wetter western Britain they tend to grow in the open away from protected tree cover, but in the east they seem to do best in the shade and extra moisture provided by deciduous woodland. Making use of the late Spring and early Summer sunlight before the trees leafy canopy fully closes casting them into deep shade. Bluebells will form dense carpets. The best time to see bluebell woods is during mid-morning in late April and May, preferably when the sun is shining, this is when they produce their best display.



Native versus Spanish Bluebell

The Bluebell is the sweetest flower that waves in Summer air

Its blooms have the mightiest power to smooth my spirits care Emily Bronte

The native British Bluebell, or wild Hyacinth as it is called in Scotland has come under considerable threat from the non-native Spanish Bluebells, known as Hyacinth ides Hispanica and other European hybrids. Considerable cross breeding with introduced Spanish Bluebells for domestic gardens threatens the genetic purity of our native species. These hybrid varieties are particularly invasive and are able to thrive in a wider range of environmental conditions out competing our native British bluebells. The easiest way to tell the difference between native and non-native is to look for the colour of the pollen, if it is a creamy white then the bluebell is native, if it is any other colour such as pale green or blue then it is definitely not native. Native bluebells have a more delicate arched growing habit than the Spanish variety – the Spanish more upright and straight.

If you have native bluebell you should be able to answer yes to the following questions -

1. Do the flowers have a strong sweet smell?
2. Are the flowers narrowly tubular with the petals strongly rolled back?
3. Is the flower spike nodding at the tip.?

Because of the importance of protecting their fragile habitat - The Natural History Museum, The National Trust, The Woodland Trust and others have set up surveys, guided walks and awareness campaigns to help protect the native British bluebell. Britain is the home of up to half of the world's population and we have the duty to protect this charismatic plant however bluebells are under some threat and the species has declined greatly over the past 50 years and is globally threatened. Suffered for years from picking and more recently up rooting for commercial harvesting.

New legislation is making it illegal to dig up wild bluebells to sell to gardeners. Reproduction by seed is the main method of propagation in many areas. If the flowers are trampled, picked or eaten the population long term survival is endangered. The bluebells suffer from deer grazing particularly from the introduced Muntjac or Barking deer in southern England. Even bluebells are sensitive to trampling, their life form means they are not as susceptible as other plants on the forest floor. However, the impact of trampling over many years is cumulative and can be drastic as the plant is progressively weakened year after year.

The bluebell has a geophyte life form with the over Wintering or perennating buds in the bulb below the soil surface. That affords the most delicate parts of the plant protection, not only from the winter frosts but to some extent the trampling damage. Globing warming may also affect the fate of the bluebell, should we get warmer winters other plant species will grow earlier to compete with and possibly out compete the bluebell by swamping them for light. Native bluebells in the U.K. are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside act 1981. It has been illegal (without a licence) to collect native bluebells from the wild for sale since 1998. Landowners can't remove them from their land for sale and it is an offence to harvest their bulbs. The general rule is not to disturb, pick or transport bluebells, you should never pick the petals, leaves or bulbs of bluebells as they are poisonous to both humans and animals. Simply leave them to enjoy in the wild.

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Some Facts – Because the bulbs contain toxic substances they were a popular source of glue for book binding, the toxins discourage attack by silver fish.

Despite their name they can be white, if you see pink bluebells they are probably the Spanish variety. 71% of native bluebells are found in broad leaved woodland or shrub. Bluebells are coming under close scrutiny by scientists screening a range of British plants to discover if they contain substances of use in modern pharmaceutical drugs.

They were traditionally used to treat Leprosy and a wide spectrum of interesting alkaloids, including water soluble alkaloids which may be used to combat H.I.V. and Cancer. The Elizabethans used crushed bulbs to starch their cuffs, sleeves and collars. Poets such as Keats and Tennyson wrote about them in terms of solitude and regret, there was also a tradition that walking amongst bluebells would make you sad and blue. In days gone by sap from their leaves was used to stick feathers into arrow heads. The juice from bluebells painfully extracted are used as a anti-venom for snake bites.

Bluebell woods were and still are seen as being places for Fairy enchantment, where forest and woodland spirits come to life. The toxicity of the bluebell is thought to be the origin of the superstition that anyone who wanders into a ring of bluebells would fall under the fairy enchantment and die soon after. Some believed that by wearing a wreath of bluebells the wearer would be compelled to speak only the truth. Others believe that if you could turn one of the flowers inside out without tearing it you would eventually win the one you love.

If there are any romantic stories that you would like to tell involving bluebells we would love to hear from you.

Where to see them – There is a wood in Tostock but unfortunately it is out of bounds. The nearest place from here is Pakenham Woods behind the church, Bradfield Woods S.W.L.Trust is a good place and only 10 mins drive. Lynford Arboretum near Munford, Blickling Hall National Trust Norfolk, and Foxley Wood also in Norfolk, Blakes Wood Essex, but the place I can highly recommend is Argor Fen, S.W.L.Trust Assington the other side of Sudbury about 30 mins drive from Tostock and I can guarantee that you won 't be disappointed, so please make the effort to go there – good luck

Here is a photo -



Quite often I am approached by villagers with ideas/suggestions, so I have put some of them together on this page. If anyone is interested think it is feasible and would like to take them further you will be given full support in every way possible to enable achievement.

So go on it will be fun!

It would be lovely to have the silhouettes in the pews?
Or the large Tommy invested in for the churchyard/flagpole?
Could we have a collection at the fete?

Can we have some more daffodil planting on the leys and around the pond please?
(possible working party)

Could you be part of a team of handy helpers for the vulnerable in the village?

Can the ugly concrete posts be painted in different colours?
Maybe a project for the summer holidays?

Would it be possible to have TableTennis bats and balls available on site?
Possibly a box with a combi no. on a lock (like the tennis court)
or a summer tournament/competition For all ages?

Anyone wishing to deliver newspapers Around the village?

Would it be possible to have the Chronicle in colour ?

*Looking at feasibility of printing costs.

Meanwhile it is available to download in **full colour** on the **village website**.

*If anyone would like an extra printed copy of the Chronicle there are a few spare copies (at the moment)
Please see **Jean** or **Reta** at The Old Post Office

Arwens progress update



After a very eventful few months here's the latest news on Arwens gymnastics

Arwen had a few weeks off before Christmas due to a knee injury and unfortunately had to pull out of the Christmas display, returning to club in January she had just 3 weeks to train for the regional tumbling competition in Milton Keynes, although she did not place she came 5th out of 14 in her age group, we then returned to Milton Keynes in February for a "surprise" for her where she got to train for 3 hours with our very own British Olympic gymnast

Beth tweddle, and what an amazing experience that was "twisting with tweddle" !

Going back to gym Arwen then had just 4 weeks to train at level 5 for the bury spectrum competition on the 18th march where she gained 4 more medals a silver for Vault and 3 bronze for Beam, Floor and Bars, sadly these will be her last medals as she has been moved up a group to advanced improvers with more training hours and she will now have to pass grades, on the **25th march** we are back in Milton Keynes for the Tumbling Premlins,

if Arwen places in this competition she will go on to the England silvers where she could potentially

represent the region for us, we will update you again soon !



***Notes from the Tostock Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 17th January 2018**

Present: Cllrs R Perks (Chairman), J Kearsley, B Alexander, D Blundell, Mrs C Debenham, C Clr Mrs J Storey
6 villagers

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs S Mansel & Mrs P Fletcher

Public Forum:

Norton Road - pavements breaking up near new development site. Query on installing dropped kerbs prior to roadways. Problem with surface water not draining – plan now seen which provides solution under Document, Section B.

Street Naming - two suggestions made. *Item to be placed in the Chronicle inviting villagers to vote on their preferred choice.

*(see bottom of page 6)

CO-OPTION OF APPLICANT

The Chairman had paid the applicant a brief visit to discuss being a councillor and it was agreed he would consider the matter further.

WRITTEN REPORTS

C Cllr Mrs J Storey – written report circulated covering Cabinet meetings scheduled for the 24th January and 31st January; Devolution Deal.

D Cllr Mrs S Mansel – report circulated covering the Budget 2018/2019; proposed merger with Babergh; plastic bottle returns; Woodland Charter; revised Council Tax reduction scheme

PLANNING

There were no planning applications to consider

VILLAGE MATTERS

- a) **The Leys/Green tracks:** this will be repaired on the 3rd/4th April
- b) **Gateway signage:** ongoing. The licence needs to be signed and the gateways proposed are still in the closing design stage.
- c) **Telephone Box:** Councillors agreed that the Clerk should contact Brems and asked to proceed with the refurbishment.
- d) **Clearance of ditches Norton Road:** ownership of the land has been established and it was suggested writing to both the Village Hall and Mr Villiers stating it was their responsibility to clear the ditches. Proposed by Cllr Perks, seconded by Cllr Kearsley- all in favour. Clerk to organise.
- e) **Service of village mower :** Cllr Perks proposed that the service should proceed providing it was no more than £1,000. This was unanimously agreed.
- f) **Potholes:** villagers were advised to contact SCC website/Potholes or contact their County Councillor if the problem was not resolved. There was a reporting system on the web and it was better to use this facility.
- g) **MSDC – street naming:** As villagers were being consulted on the naming via the Chronicle, and the Chairman agreed to speak with MSDC and request an extension before providing the final choice.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7th March 2018

* Full notes are available on the Village Website



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

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

SERVICES APRIL - MAY 2018

April	1st Easter Day	9.30am Family Festival Communion with 'Duck Hunt'!
		9.30am -for 10am family@church at Pakenham
	8th	9.30am Holy Communion
	15th	6pm Evening Prayer & Praise - New service!!
	22nd	11am Morning Prayer
	29th	10am BENEFICE COMMUNION AT NORTON

May

6th	BENEFICE SERVICE	9.30am for 10am family@church at Pakenham - Ascension
10th	Ascension Day	7pm DEANERY SERVICE AT ST MARY'S BADWELL ASH
13th		9.30am Holy Communion
20th	Pentecost	6pm Evening Prayer & Praise
27th	Trinity Sunday	11am Morning Prayer

SERVICES AT THE CROFT

Mondays 16th April & 21st May 10am

Songs of Praise.

All welcome to come to this informal act of worship where we sing our favourite hymns, pray for our village, enjoy tea, coffee and extremely nice biscuits!!



9.30am for 10am - St Mary's Pakenham
1st April - Easter Day
6th May - Ascension

Breakfast refreshments available from 9.30am. This new venture on the first Sunday of every month is run by the whole benefice and is the opportunity for all our villages and families to join together in worship and get to know each other.

Look out for the invitation coming through your door!

St Andrew's Church News



Our Service on **Good Friday** is at 10am ,and will be a Meditation with Readings and Hymns .

Following all the snow and cold weather, it is good to think that Easter
and it's message of hope is nearly here.

We shall be decorating the church on Saturday March 31st ,from 10am , and
any offers of help will be much appreciated .

Our Service on **Easter Day** is a Festival Family Communion at 9:30 am . , with the traditional
Tostock “ Duck Hunt “ for the children, and sweets for all .
Refreshments will be served after the Service .
All very welcome !

The next **Coffee Morning** will be on ***Tuesday April 10th at 10:30 in the Village Hall***, if you are new
to Tostock, this is a good way to meet people , and our “regulars” are always welcome !

The **Church Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday April 10th at 7pm .in Church .**
All parishioners are welcome at this meeting ,when members of the PCC are elected and
matters relating to the Church are discussed ,
it would be great to see a good number of people attending .

Floodlights for April are sponsored by **Maureen and John Cytacki** to celebrate **Nick's Birthday .**

Jeanne O'Reilly



Tostock Past and Present Society



In 1987 a group of Villagers came together and discussed the formation of a Village History group. It was decided that a society should be formed which not only recorded the history of the village but also encouraged interest in local history and topical subjects. Hence the name **Past and Present**.

The Society has an annual programme (see below) to which everyone is invited.

Meetings take place in the village Hall at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of each month.

You either pay a £12 annual subscription or £3 for each meeting.

Outings are also arranged.

The Society holds an extensive range of Village History Archives. We are hoping that these will shortly be moved to the Village Hall and sections will be displayed at various village events.

We are hoping to start publishing extracts in the Chronicle in the near future.

If you require any other information or access to the Tostock Archives please contact me.

Anthony Scully (Chairman) 01359 270482 a.rod.scully@gmail.com

Tostock Past and Present Society – Programme 2018

February 6th AGM + Martyn Taylor **Secret Bury St Edmunds**—Unusual stories from Bury's past.

March 6th – Peter Davidson **Ups & Downs: Barnardo's Foster Children in Suffolk 1890-1950**.

April 3rd – Peter Barnes **The Royal Yacht, from a sailors point of view**.

May 1st – Elizabeth Norman **From theatrical roots to becoming a voice over artist including BT Answer 1571 & BT Call Minder**.

June 5th - Chris Parfitt **On the Trail of St Edmund**.

September 4th - Bryan Thurlow **We'll meet again** – An East Enders evauee's story of an East Anglian Farm.

October 2nd – Ron Murrell **History of the Dolls House**.

November 6th – Peter Mc Gee & Graham Mack **The Lost Areodrome of Elmswell (1916-1919)**.

Saturday December 1st – **The return of Harbour Lights** Avar Smith, Derek Simpson & Rob Neal
(local traditional songs & tunes)

Extracts from Tostock Past and Present Village Archives

12. HASELWOOD : c.1490 - Wheelwright's house enlarged and improved over 5 centuries. Thought to have been the home of Puritan preacher and doctor of divinity - RICHARD SIBBES, born here 1577, son of village wheelwright.

13. THE LODGE : 16C. former farmhouse - originally thatched - Listed Grade II. Formerly the Rectory Farm. Farmed earlier this century by Mr. Frederick Rolfe, whose cattle grazed on what is now the Playing field.

14. THE OLD RECTORY : c.1760 Listed Grade II. Former rectory, possibly with an older core. There are earlier references to a lath & plaster parsonage. Altered by Rev. James Oakes between 1796 & 1812. James was 2nd son of Bury banker James Oakes. Rev. Oakes was rector here for 61 years. Road diverted originally went straight past house, main entrance being on Hollow Lane. James Oakes used to visit Workhouse daily in his pony & trap later in his life.



15. THE LEYS : PETER'S POND :



***** : Much work has been carried out over the years, clearing the pond and planting hundreds of bulbs. In 1980's Suffolk Manpower Services worked under Reg Sulman leadership, winning first prize in a Parish Project competition. In early 1990's, another Tostockian, Peter Buckle with other volunteers undertook more work. A painting by George Taylor, a local artist who lived on the Leys, was given to the parish, to commemorate Peter Buckle and the Pond. This painting hangs in our village hall.

It was in the ditch on the west of the Leys where a farm labourer found the Saxon buckle in 1842.

16. WILLOW COTTAGE : probably 18C. formerly the Blacksmiths, the forge stood on site of bungalow. Horses were taken down to pond and through water after shoeing.

17. BARN - Listed. Early 19C, 7 bays on north side and 4 bays to right. Further range of buildings behind, originally part of Tostock House. Sometimes called the Owl Barn. Used for dances in World War II. The Leys used to be the hub of village, used for Sports Days, Bonfire Nights and other celebrations, in days before playing fields and village hall.

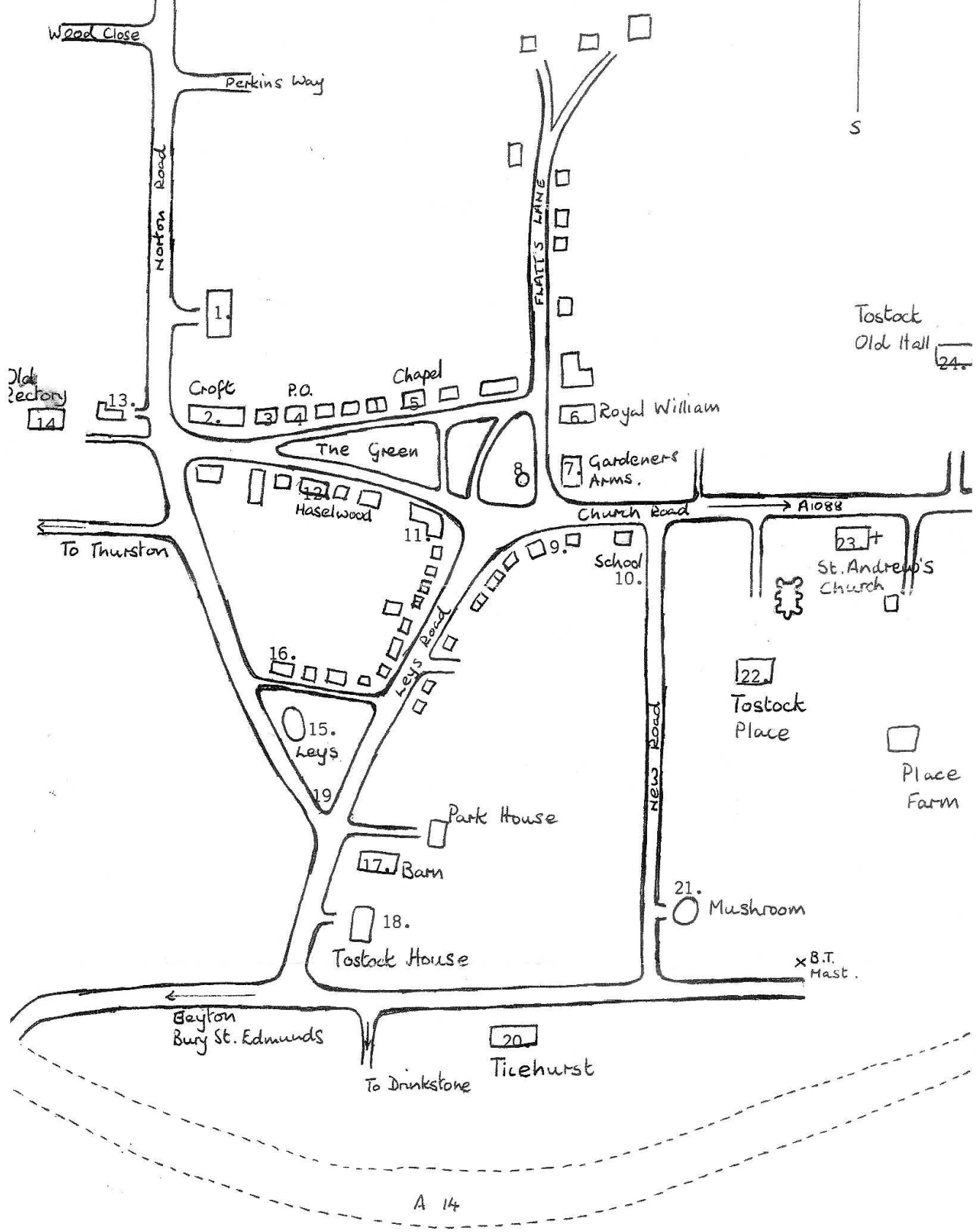


18. TOSTOCK HOUSE : Listed Grade II. : House on site since 16C. at least. Flint rubble with dressings of gault brick, encasing a timber-framed core. Orbell Ray, yarnmaker of Bury, bought house then called Gebon Baxters and land in 1760s. Son Rev. Orbell Ray inherited, friend of Arthur Young and was an innovative farmer, purchasing further tracts of land. Very fine gardens - Georgian canal or lake in grounds.



19. BEST KEPT VILLAGE SIGN : Best Kept Village Competition won 4 times in 1960's by Tostock. When competition ceased in 1996, Sign given to the Parish.

Sketch Map of Tostock



Tostock Past and Present Society



Our New Year commenced with the AGM. We were sorry to lose Derek Beales our treasurer who has stood down after many years of excellent work. Pip Fletcher was elected to take his place and the rest of the committee agreed to continue.

Anthony Scully - Chairman

Pauline Heywood - Minutes Sec

Pip Fletcher - Treasurer

Sarah Scully - Speaker's Sec

Gail Moyle

Walter Thompson

Keith Osborne

Paul Heywood

The AGM was followed by **Martyn Taylor** who gave us a very interesting account, backed up by slides, about *secret Bury St Edmunds*.

Our second meeting of the year was **Peter Davidson** who gave a very well received talk on *Barnardo's Foster Children* in Suffolk between 1890 and 1950.

Our next three meetings are as follows;

Tuesday April 3rd - **Peter Barnes** - "**The Royal Yacht from a sailor's point of view**" Peter served in the Engine Room Branch of the Royal Navy both in warships and also on the Britannia. During his time on the Britannia he saw 5 tours of duty. On one tour for 10 days he was minder to the Queen's 6 year old niece Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones.

Tuesday May 1st - **Elizabeth Norman** - "**From theatrical roots to becoming a voice over artist including BT Answer 1571 & BT Call Minder**"

Tuesday June 5th - **Chris Parfitt** - "**On the Trail of St Edmund**". Visits to East Anglian sites and churches associated with the famous local king, which helps us to trace life in his 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.

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



Tostock Carpet Bowls Club



We are well into the league games now with only two more to play. We have had a few good wins so far despite some of our members being ill. We got to the quarter finals of the Chairman's Plate which was held in March at Needham Market Community Centre but then we were knocked out!

April Fixtures

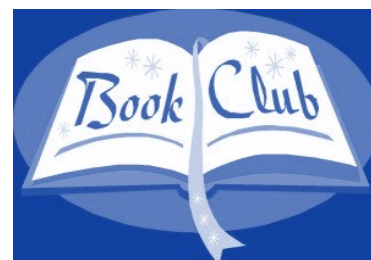
Monday 9 - home to Cockfield

Monday 16 - home to Brockley

League Finals Day this year is 13 May at the Skyliner Sports Centre.

Doreen Buckle

Tostock Bookgroup



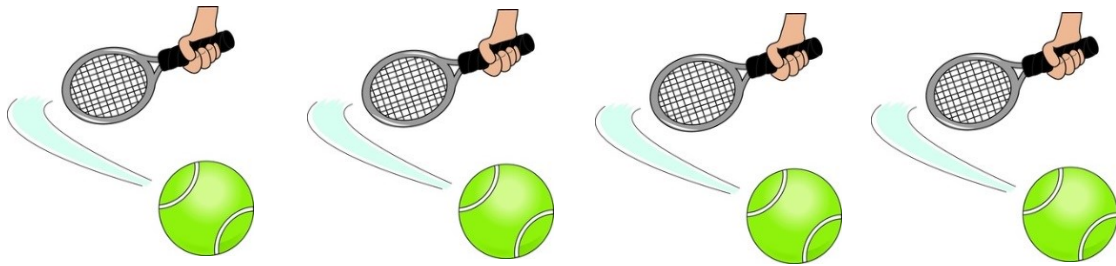
Our April meeting will be held on Wednesday the 25th by kind invitation of Gail Moyle. She lives at Romney Cottage on the Green. The book to read is *A Boy Made of Blocks* by Keith Stuart. I hope to have some library copies available in the usual way.

Janet Perks is our hostess on May 23rd, at Rookwood, New Road.

We will be discussing *Restoration* by Rose Tremain. There are not many library copies of this, but I will get what I can.

Julie Harrison

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TOSTOCK TENNIS CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 11 APRIL 2018

7.30 PM

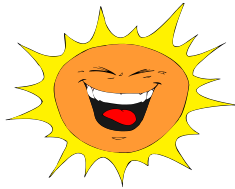
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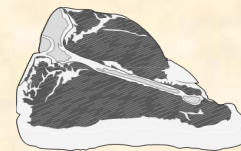
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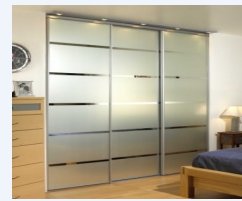
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Coffee morning
10.30 - 12 noon - Village Hall



Last **Tuesday** of the month
Bingo
2.30-4pm - Village Hall



Thursdays
Bowls
7.30pm - Village Hall



Last **Wednesday** of the month
Book Club
8pm

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 18th April
Annual *Parish Meeting
7.30pm - Village Hall



Wednesday 28th April
Parish Council Meeting
7.30pm - Village Hall



Wednesday 30th May
Annual Parish Council Meeting
7.30pm - Village Hall



Wednesday 30th May
Annual Village Hall Meeting
7.00pm - Village Hall



Wednesday 11th April
Annual Tennis Meeting
7.30pm - Village Hall

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