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February - March 2018

TOSTOCK SAYS.....

**KEEP
CALM
AND
CEILIDH ON**

Saturday, 24th March 2018 7.30pm

in Tostock Village Hall

Ceilidh with Live Band

Homemade Cold Buffet

Tickets – Hannah 01359 272633 or Rosemary 270179

£12 Adults **£6** Children (under 12 years)

Tostock Parish Councillors

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District Councils

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Police

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Health

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111

West Suffolk Hospital

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Police

Non-emergency

101

Travel

Bus: 01449 766323

www.travel-galloway.com

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Samaritans

01284 75000

Drugs Hotline

0800253253

Crime Stoppers

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01284 724545

Events coming up to look forward to...

Tostock Art Show

This will take place on the usual third weekend in June with a difference



Friday, 15 June 2018, *Preview Event*

Saturday, 16 June 2018

Sunday, 17 June 2018

Open Gardens



Between 11 and 5

On Sunday, 17 June 2018



A great range of gardens in Tostock.

For all that are interested in how people have planted their plot and what plants grow well.

Join us for an enjoyable night with good music,

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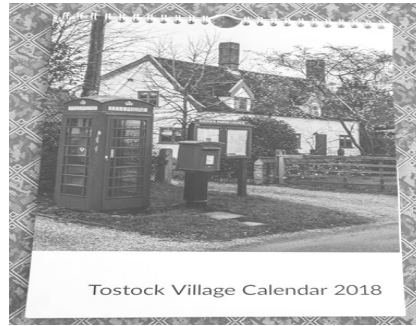
SAT, 24TH MARCH 2018

good dancing & good company.

At the village Hall



Tostock Village 2018 Calendar.



We have sold all of the Village Calendars and I would like to put an entry into the forthcoming Chronicle:

'It is with great pleasure to be able to say that we have sold all of the 75 Tostock Village Calendars 2018 that were printed. This raised a total profit of **£165** which has been shared between St Andrews Church and the Tostock Village Hall. Thanks to everybody who purchased calendars for their support .

The pictures were supplied by **Derek Poole, Andy Nott** and myself. So thanks to them both.

A special thanks to **Derek Poole** and **Steve** from the Gardners, who helped me with sales.

We will be producing a calendar for 2019, which I hope will be available from late November 2018. '

Kind regards

Jim Langlois



Charity Coffee Morning

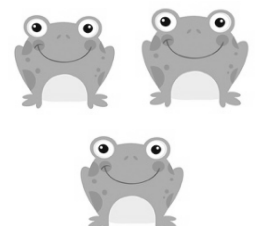


On **Tuesday December 12th** at **10:30 am** in the Village Hall
In aid of the *refugee Rohingya children* seeking safety in **Bangladesh**.

£216 was raised **Thanks** to the generosity of everyone who attended .

Tostock's Toad Racing Night

on Saturday, 20th January definitely succeeded in brightening up January - tickets sold out & it was lovely to see so many families having fun racing wooden toads! Thank you to all who came and also to those who helped.



Parish Council News

Telephone Box - The telephone box on The Green is to be repainted and the beading on several windows replaced. We do not have a date for this work yet, but no doubt when the weather improves the work will go ahead. Thanks to councillor Blundell for organising this.

Tracks across The Green and The Leys - These tracks are to be resurfaced. The pot holed areas will be filled and the tracks made level, then finished with fresh shingle. This work is scheduled for the beginning of April.

First Aid Training - the council is pleased to fund the training for six first aiders. This training took place initially to support the firework display, but we now have first aiders available for other village events.

Budget/Precept - The council has set a budget/precept for 2018/19 of £8285.00. This is an increase on the previous years budget. The council felt that now we had spent or committed a significant amount from our reserves it was time to set a budget that reflected the financial commitments of the Parish Council. So for example we have increased the budget for upkeep of the greens and trees, repairs and maintenance, dog bin emptying and added a sum to allow us to conform with new data protection regulations.

The future commitments from the reserves include Village Gateways, resurfacing of the tracks, new bench outside The Croft, refurbishing the telephone box, servicing the grass cutter, a grant to support publicity for the art show and two new dog bins. This amounts to £15,123.00. Future projects may include providing a source of power to The Green (and possibly The Leys) for events and provision of speed control measures. This would leave a reserve of about £12,000.00, a reserve about equivalent to the precept would seem reasonable.

Notice

Urgent attention

There is a Deadline

We have an opportunity to *propose* a name for the Norton Road development. Unfortunately it is very short notice, but two names have been put forward:

Simon Reynolds: i.e. Reynolds Way/Close/Street etc.

John Pamment: i.e. Pamment Way/Close/Street etc.

Simon Reynolds

Lived in the village for over forty years, was a service to the community, including the formation of The Garden Club then onto the flower & Vegetable show, caretaker and on the committee of the Village Hall, stage manager for T.O.A.D.S. (Tostock Operatic and Dramatic Society,) cutting the grass on the playing field and much more.

John Pamment

Born and buried in Tostock, one of four siblings to Reg and Beatie, the Pamment family have a long history in Tostock. Reg (with his gardening) John was a hugely talented builder and craftsman, he has worked on many properties in the village including St Andrews Church (with the help of his brother and son) renovating the belfry, installing a kitchen and vestry, font cover and gate.

If you are interested and would like to support either name please get in touch:

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Phone: 01359 271727

Text: 079191160436

ALL VOTES MUST BE IN BY 8TH FEBRUARY

Jean & Reta would like to say a very big

THANK YOU

to friends and neighbours for all their concern
and help during the difficult time they have been
through these past few months. Thank You is only
a small gesture but sincerely meant and appreciated.

MR & MRS WILLIAMS

A few residents may remember Mr & Mrs Williams who kept “the top shop” in leys road for many years.

They retired to Harleston in Norfolk. Mr Williams died several years ago but Mrs Williams (Maud) continued to live in their bungalow with help from neighbours and friends. About three months ago she had a fall, broke her hip and was cared for in a nursing home. Sadly she passed away on 14th January aged **103** and is buried in Harleston Churchyard.



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.

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| 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
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Calling all Tostock Gardeners!



Tostock will be holding its Open Gardens on June 17th 2018 as part of the annual art show weekend.

If you have opened your garden to the public before or are interested in opening for a first time then we would love to hear from you.

The Open Gardens is a chance for people to see our Gardens do not have to be large or grand, most people are just If you would like to open your garden then the main requirement is that you need to be able to welcome people and answer any questions people may have between

11 and 5 on the 17th June.

For further information or to confirm your interest then please contact:

Gail Moyle 270787

or

Jeanne O'Reilly 270337

Tostock Village Hall News - February & March 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.

Saturday, 10th March 2018 -
1pm PLAYGROUND & VILLAGE
HALL



Many hands make light work!
Please come and help if you
can to tidy and clean up the
playground/playing fields
and the village hall.

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£12 Adults / £6 Children (under 12 years)



Tostock Village Fete
The Village hopes to hold a Fete
this Spring.
PROVISIONAL DATE:
Saturday 12th May 2018.
More information in the next
Chronicle.



Table Tennis Table is installed and in use!

Grab your bats and ball & enjoy using the table.



***Notes from the Tostock Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 13th December 2017**

Present: Cllrs R Perks (Chairman), J. Kearsley, D. Blundell, S. Mansell, C. Debenham and County Councillor J Storey together with 5 residents and Mrs S Brown Temporary Clerk

Apologies: Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk), Cllr P. Fletcher, Cllr B. Alexander and District Cllr Levants

County Councillor J. Storey Report: Cllr Storey attended her report included: the Scrutiny Committee had looked at the budget proposals for 2018/19 with a proposal to increase Council Tax by 1.99% which equates to £1.14 a week for a Band D property. A Cabinet meeting had taken place on 5th December which included agreement to start home to school transportation consultation. A Council meeting on 7th December with all motions passed. Winter gritting; Tostock is not on a gritting route apart from the bus route through the village. A map of the gritting routes can be found on the SCC website: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/check-which-roads-are-gritted/>

District Councillor S. Mansell Report: Cllr Mansell attended a copy of the report had been circulated covering the proposed merger of Mid Suffolk and Babergh Councils; the New Leisure Strategy; Budget 2018/19; Community Led Planning and Councilor Question Time. Cllr Mansell commended Cllr Storey for arranging a meeting with Highway Officers at Rougham which she had found very informative. Cllr Mansell believed they were trying to set up a similar meeting for Parish Councils.

Temporary Clerk Appointment and Contract: Council discussed the temporary appointment of Mrs S Brown as temporary clerk. Cllr Perks proposed employing the temporary clerk, S. Brown on an hourly basis seconded by Cllr Kearsley all in agreement.

Grant to Art Show/Open Gardens for publicity: Council discussed Cllr Mansell proposed in principal a grant of up to £250 for publicity material to allow for x2 further banners as it was felt banners could be re-used each year and with the posters would encourage more visitors to the event seconded by Cllr Kearsley all in agreement.

Grass cutting of Churchyard (costs currently £760 invoices submitted to Clerk): Council noted the cost and had been approved in the list of cheques to be signed.

Planning

Norton Road Update: Cllr Mansell update Council on information received from SCC Highways. Council discussed it was agreed a letter to be sent to be sent to Highways Officer at SCC asking for clarification of the drainage arrangements, clerk to draft and send to Councillors in the first instance.

Consider requesting owners to clear ditches along Norton Road: Council discussed and all in agreement for the temp. Clerk to write to SCC Highways to ascertain whether SCC is the landowners.

Public Participation: Representatives from the Art Show/Open Garden group presented their plan to promote the event with costs for advertising including posters, leaflets and banners. The organisers advised they will ensure an amount from the 2018 Art Show event profits are set aside to allow publicity materials to be purchased for the following year. A number of questions were asked with responses received including: the Art Show had seen a steady reduction in visitors over recent years so it was felt there was a need to improve promotion, will get further quotes for printing costs to ensure the best price is received, considering adding a preview evening on the Friday, will look at banking facility. A resident advised they had made a number of telephone calls to MSDC Planning Department in regards a planning development as to when the dropping of the kerb would take place and what building conditions were in place. Cllr Mansell advised the planning decision notice has the conditions and this can be found on the planning portal on the MSDC website. A resident advised Highways owned the ditches on Norton Road.

Christmas Tree on The Green (to consider suggestion from Parishioner): Council discussed and agreed they had no objection to this but need to look into costs and was therefore too late for this year. Cllr Perks proposed to consider a Christmas tree on The Green for next year, seconded by Cllr Kearsley all in agreement.

Wednesday, 17th January 2018 at 7.30pm.



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 FEBRUARY - MARCH 2018

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

FEBRUARY

- 4th BENEFICE SERVICE** 9.30am -for 10am family@church at Pakenham- Light for the world
- 11th** 9.30am Holy Communion
- 14th ASH WEDNESDAY** **10am Holy Communion at Norton**
- 7pm Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at Pakenham**
- 25th** 11am Morning Prayer

MARCH

- 4th BENEFICE SERVICE** 9.30am for 10am family@church at Pakenham - Lent - Using our hands
- 11th MOTHERING SUNDAY** 9.30am Family Communion with posies for all the mums/grandmas!
- 25th PALM SUNDAY** 11am Morning Prayer

SIX
CHURCHES
UNDER ONE ROOF

family@church

9.30am for 10am - St Mary's Pakenham
4th February Candlemas - Light for the World
4th March Lent - using our hands

Breakfasty 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!

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ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY marks the beginning of the season of **LENT** which is the time when we recall Jesus' 40 days of Jesus' temptation in the desert, and we are encouraged to use that time for prayer and reflection on how we might follow him more faithfully in our daily lives, as we prepare for the joy of Easter.

It is a solemn season of prayer and fasting, and so starts with services on Ash Wednesday to help focus our minds on the days ahead. Ash Wednesday is traditionally observed as a special day in the church and all Church members are encouraged to attend a service.

Just to remind you that the church is open everyday, so please feel free to come and spend a few quiet moments there, and use the prayer station just inside the door.

MOTHERING SUNDAY 11TH MARCH

FAMILY COMMUNION 9.30AM

Families of all shapes and sizes are invited to this special service in which we give thanks for our mothers and grandmothers, or anyone who has given us a mother's care. All can receive a blessing and traditional posies will be given to all mums and grandmas. All welcome.

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CONFIRMATION 2018

This year the Confirmation will be at the Cathedral on 6th May

Anyone wishing to be confirmed please get in touch with me as soon as possible so we can arrange the necessary preparation. If you are thinking about confirmation, but not sure what is involved, or would just like a chat about it please contact me. Katherine.

IXWORTH DEANERY LENT COURSE 2018

"BROKEN"

This year's Lent course looks at some episodes of this BBC series about Father Michael Kerrigan, a Catholic priest presiding over a congregation struggling to reconcile its beliefs with the challenges of life in contemporary Britain.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS - 21ST FEB-21ST MARCH

The Martin Room - St Mary's Church Pakenham 7.30pm-9pm.

Refreshments provided. Everyone Welcome.

ADVANCE NOTICE - NEW SERVICE IN APRIL!

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Starting on April 15th at 6pm there will be a new Sunday evening service on the 3rd Sunday of every month. It will be called Evening Prayer & Praise, and will be an opportunity for singing favourite hymns together and bringing our prayers and concerns to God. There will be a box located just inside the church door in which you can put any names or subjects for prayer, and these will be read out at the next Evening Prayer and Praise each month.

St Andrew's Church News



Our Christmas celebrations all went very well, although it all seems a long while ago now ! We began with the Charity Coffee Morning on Dec .14th when £216 was raised in aid of the Rohingya Refugee Children, thanks to the generosity of everyone who attended .

On Dec. 14th the Church resounded with the amazing music of the Salvation Army Band from Norton , and we all sang our favourite carols .Thanks to Gail for organizing the event.

Thanks have been received from the Bury Refuge for all the gifts and presents for the children and mothers, which were brought to our Carol Service. Thanks to everyone who kindly contributed . Sadly, Annie, who has attended many of our Carol Services, was unable to attend due to illness. She has also now retired as manager of the Refuge , but next year we hope to welcome Heather, the new manager.

On Advent Sunday , the annual Posada began ,with Mary ,Joseph and the donkey (this year he was named Derek by a family who looked after him) setting out on their journey around the Village.

They had many adventures and enjoyed staying with their kind families, beginning with Teddy at "The Wayletts " and ending with Lucia at "Holly Tree Cottage " , who brought them to Church in time for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve .

The first Coffee Morning of 2018 has already taken place , although it was a very cold morning, A good number attended, with an amazing raffle, which contained a lot of Christmas chocolates The next will be on Tuesday February 13th, at 10:30 am. at the Village Hall .

The PCC is planning to start an informal evening Service on the third Sunday of the month, probably in April. Details will follow later .

It is very sad to report the deaths of two long-time residents of Tostock .

Mr. Harold Bennett of New Road passed away on Jan.10th , aged 93 . He was born in Gedding , but had lived in Tostock for much of his life .He was well- known as a very keen gardener ,and had helped on maintenance work in the Churchyard . We send love and sympathy to Jill and family at The Gardners . The funeral will take place on Monday Jan. 29th at 1 pm, at St. Andrew's Church .

Mr. Ken Pettit passed away on Monday Jan.15th, aged 89 , at "The Martins" in Bury St. Edmunds. Ken and Mary have lived at the Croft since they left Rectory Farm several years ago, and have recently celebrated their 66th Wedding Anniversary . It was always a pleasure to meet Ken on his afternoon walks , he loved being out in the countryside and enjoyed meeting people (and dogs) ! We send our love and sympathy to Mary and family . The funeral will take place on Tuesday Feb.6th at 11am . in Church .

There are no sponsors for the floodlights this month , if you would like to contribute , the cost is £5 per week or £20 for a month .

NOTES ON PLACES AND POINTS OF INTEREST IN TOSTOCK

VILLAGE HALL & THE GREEN

1. TOSTOCK VILLAGE HALL : built in 1974 at a cost of £16,000. Believed to be site of Windmill on land belonging to Sibton Abbey.
2. CROFT BUNGALOWS : Council sheltered accommodation. built 1969 by local builders. Design highly commended. Opposite site of Workhouse.--Rebuilt after fire in 1771. Originally 3 terraced rows of houses with yard between.
3. OAK COTTAGE : 1677 Listed Building S.C.P. cartouche. Rough cast panels on upper front walls.
4. TOSTOCK POST OFFICE : early 17C. Definitely a shop in 19C. Became P.O. in 1904. Post Office was previously at Romney Cottage - further along Green.
5. CHAPEL HOUSE : built in 1856 - a converted Methodist chapel and adjoining house -



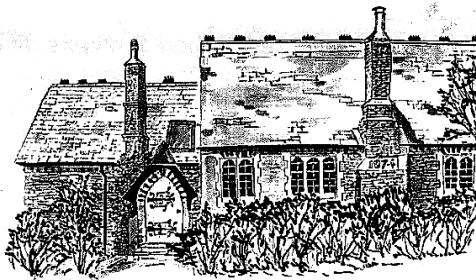
Ceased to be a place of worship in 1982. Purchased by a London architect, Mr. Doug Patterson and converted over a period of 4 years. In 1989 won conversion award - Crown Country Home of Year. Work carried out by local builders - Pamment family. Recent addition of conservatory.

Earliest members of the chapel include David Rosier, a tailor who lived in Beech House on opposite side of Green. Members bought bricks to help with cost of building Chapel.

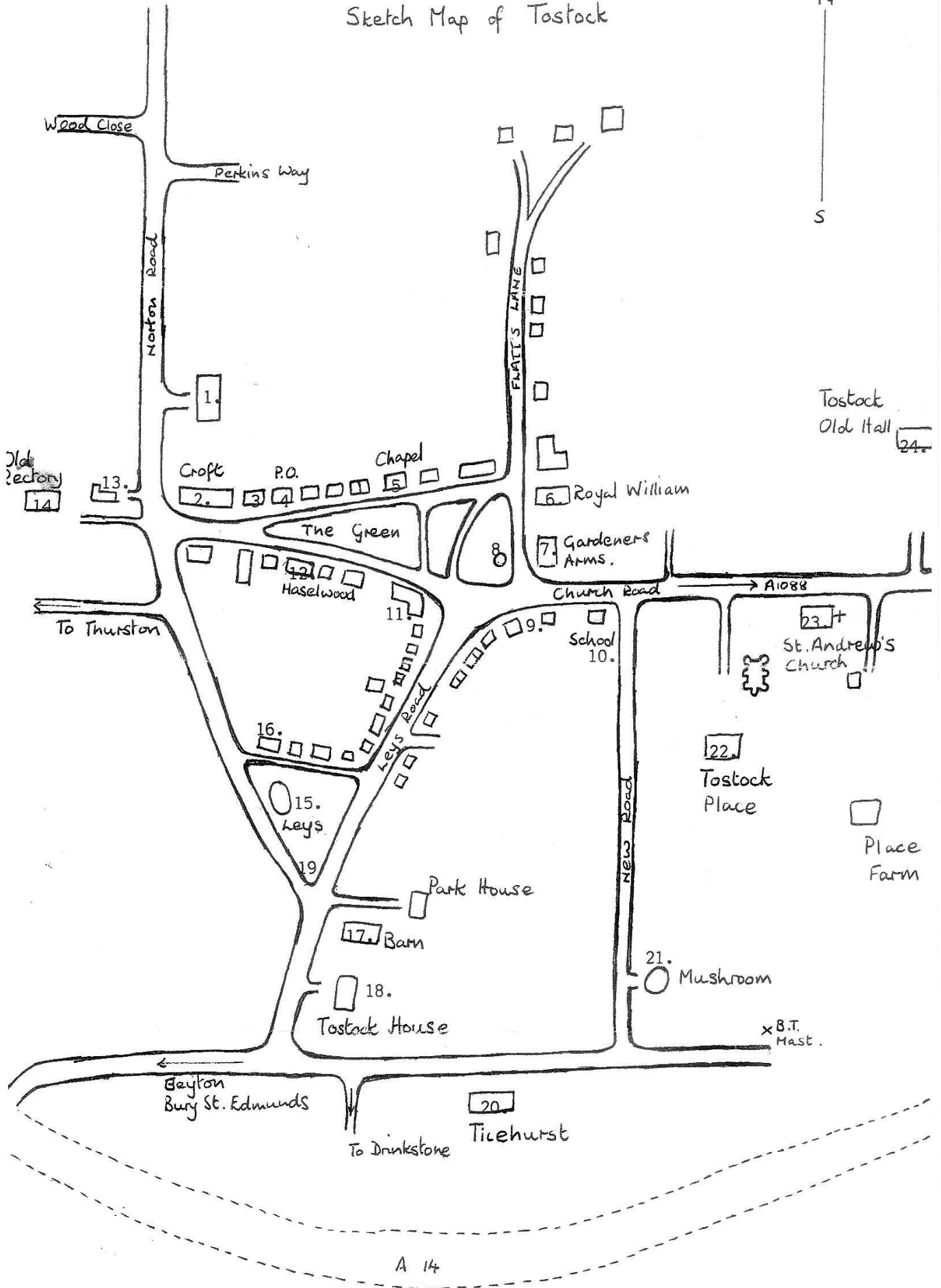
6. ROYAL WILLIAM COTTAGE : originally King William public house. date c.1700. Last landlord Robert Gardiner - Crimea Veteran. Understood to have been trading as an inn until early this century. Brew house next door - Gable Cottage. Thomas Flatt innkeeper in 1841, hence FLATTS LANE.
7. GARDENERS ARMS public house : c.1600, core of late 14C. in parlour cell on right. Probable open hall until 1600. 17C. open fireplace with re-used limestone, possibly from Bury Abbey. Listed Grade II. Unusual pub. sign with biblical text.
8. CHESTNUT TREE on Green planted to commemorate Silver Jubilee of George V, in 1935.
9. FLAG-POLE erected in August 1995 to celebrate 50 years of peace since 1945.



10. OLD SCHOOL - built in 1874 on land given by Rector, Rev. Tuck. Ceased as a school in 1945. There were originally 2 classes - 62 children. Rector provided the discipline, daily visits. No school house, frequent changes of staff. School enlarged in 1913 for 80 children. After 1945, school used as a village hall until new hall built in 1974, then building converted to a private residence. Note fine wrought-iron work on front door, carried out by Mr. Bert Huffey, who lived opposite school for many years.
11. CROSSINGS : originally 17C. farmhouse (now 2 dwellings). Listed Grade II, formerly called Coopers Farm. Thatching family of Clarkes lived here late 19C.



Sketch Map of Tostock



Its always sad when someone passes away especially when they live in your neighbourhood, such was the case of **David Plester** – he was a great guy and will be sorely missed. Our condolences and sympathy goes to Diane. Some of you may remember that David won first prize class 55 at last years Tostock show in any other craft item with a fantastic piece of furniture, which in fact made me most envious of. He told me that he had just joined a woodwork joinery group at Bacton. He also said he liked to go on rambles around Tostock.

So perhaps as a tribute to him we can organise **an Annual ramble in his memory** – starting and ending at the pub of which I am sure he would have approved of, providing there is sufficient interest, any gender or age,

please contact me if interested on (01359 270 197)

With the RSPB's big garden bird watch now over and the breeding season is now upon us I want to try and persuade and encourage as many households as possible to put up nest boxes in your gardens, if we can erect 2 boxes per garden that would be a total of over 200 boxes, each having a brood on average of 5 chicks that would be a total of a 1,000 new fledgings hatching off throughout Tostock. My main objective is not just to put up boxes but for you all to enjoy seeing the various birds around your garden and to have cameras installed inside the boxes in which you can relay back to your television or computer monitors to see what actually goes on inside each box, see them build their nest, lay their eggs or even watch the little chicks emerge from the shells and develop before fledging. Here are some example pictures I took inside my boxes -

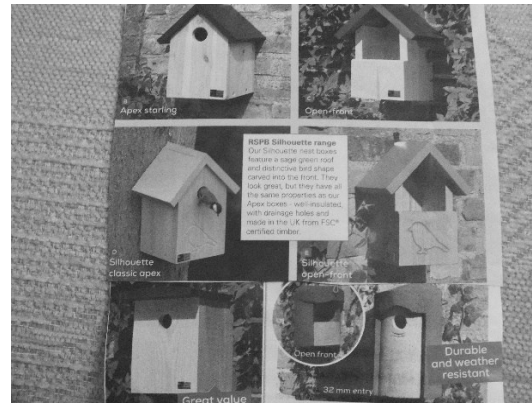
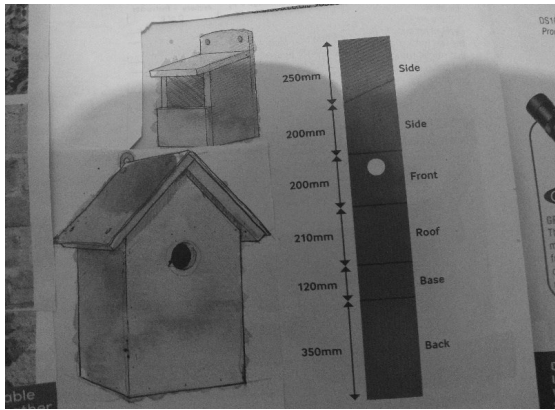


You can if you wish buy readymade boxes with cameras already fitted plus there is range of trail cameras to buy at most good garden centres these days or to buy online. The one I recommend is Garden Nature sales@gardennature.co.uk TEL. 01255 429931. Here is a photo of my 3 cameras the smallest camera is the internal one inside the box and relays back to your television or computer.



My second main objective is to get the young generation to make some of these nest boxes. Almost for free by cutting up old wooden pallets or looking around for oddments of wood lying around. Once made checking your neighbourhood if there is someone less able or elderly that you could make it for and put it up for them so that they can also enjoy birds in their garden – don't forget to make a couple for yourself for your garden. Here is how to make the simplest of boxes—

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An alternative to buying nest boxes is to make your own which is a lot easier than you may think. All you would need is a 1330 mm (4ft 4inch) long plank of wood, at least 15 mm thick, a saw, nails, a hammer and a drill to make a couple of drainage holes in the base and a larger 1 hole in the front panel. You can follow this simple plan from the BTO. Different species require different hole sizes. The following hole diameters are recommended – Blue Tits and Coal Tits 25 mm, Great Tits 28 mm, House Sparrows 32 mm. The top plate can be hinged with some disused inner tube or part of an old welly to allow access to clean the nest box each winter and check to see if it is occupied.

Siting tips – put the nest box at a height of between of about 3 meters up to 6 meters, ideally it should be facing north through east to south east. Avoiding prevailing winds and strong sunlight, open front boxes should be hidden from view.

Here are 20 of the most likely birds you will get in your garden.

No.1 Woodpigeon – big plump, grey and pink abundant pigeon with obvious white wing flashes and neck band

No.2 Collared Dove – small, delicate, sandy buff dove with thin black neck collar, broad white outer tail band

No.3 Great Spotted Woodpecker – Starling sized black and white Woodpecker with a red lower belly and under tail it has a clipped kick call

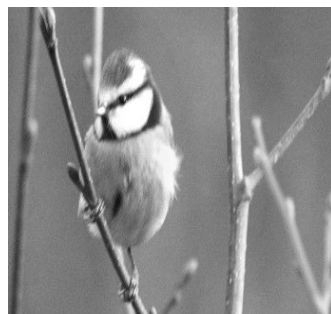
No.4 House Sparrow – the House Sparrow prefers to feed and breed near to people, eating scraps as well as their natural food of seeds and insects. The male is brown and black streaks above and grey underneath with a black eye stripe

No.5 Wren – tiny, angry sounding streaky brown bird with a short cocked tail, very common in woodland, more heard than seen

No.6 Blue tit – a colourful mix of blue, yellow, white and green. Its white face with black eye stripe and blue cap makes it easily recognisable

No.7 Blackbird – ubiquitous and abundant chunky thrush. Males are black all over, orange/yellow bill and eye ring females brown with some spotting

No.8 Greenfinch – found mostly in parks and gardens. The male has unmarked olive green upper parts, with yellow in the wings and tail. They are known to squabble with other birds at the bird table. They eat insects and seeds, particularly black sunflower seeds



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No.9 Song Thrush – smaller and browner than the similar Mistle Thrush, with smaller more distinct spotting. The sexes are identical, it eats snails smashing them against a stone with a flick of the head and attracted to the garden by eating worms

No.10 Goldfinch – this highly coloured bird has a red face and yellow wing patch. Male and female are identical. They increasingly frequent visitors to british gardens in winter and like to eat niger seeds. Long fine beaks allow them to extract seeds from otherwise inaccessible thistles and teasles

No.11 Black Cap – usually summer visitors from Africa. Black Caps are increasingly now seen found in winter. Greyish underneath, and grey/brown above. The male can be identified by its black cap. In the garden it eats berries, and at the feeder it particularly likes suet cake

No.12 Green Woodpecker – as big as a Mistle Thrush Green Woodpeckers spend much time on grass probing for ants. In flight yellow rump obvious. Yaffling call



No. 13 Pied Wagtail - familiar car park and field bird. Black and white or grey black and white without yellow on underparts, long waggy tail

No. 14 Grey Wagtail – despite name this is a very yellow bird, grey on top, lemon yellow underneath, very long tail often near water, will come into your garden if you have a pond or stream

No. 15 Redwing – slightly smaller than the song thrush with bold face pattern including bright eyebrow, underwings and flanks a red ochre, is a winter visitor, loves shrubs with berries

No. 16 Jay – another distinctive bird about 13 ½" long with a conspicuous black tail, white/beige rump, a black and blue speculum (patch on the wing)

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No.17 Great Tit – green and yellow with a glossy black head and white cheeks. The male has a wider stripe of black on its chest. It has a distinctive 2 syllable song written as tea-cher, tea-cher and can be aggressive at the bird table, fighting off smaller birds. It eats nuts and seeds, sunflower hearts and kitchen scraps

No.18 Long-tailed Tit - easily recognisable from their distinct pink, black and white colouring and their tails which are longer than their bodies. These noisy birds remain in family groups of about 20. In the garden they like to eat suet cake and fat balls, and from the peanut feeders

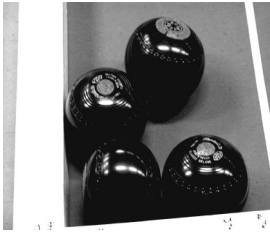
No.19 Dunnock – Dunnocks are shy solitary birds, often seen on the ground close to bushes. They are a warm brown colour above with blue/grey underparts, distinctive orange legs. They flick their wings frequently. Frequent garden visitors. They are often bullied away by Robins

No.20 Robin - Britains best loved garden bird, so distinctive with its orange face and breast and brown body and grey underparts 1 extra bird The Chaffinch – Is the u.k's second most common breeding bird. It will use feeders but prefers to look for spilt seed on the ground. The male has a blue/grey head, pink/orange underparts and a green rump. The female has a grey/green upper parts, and buff under parts. It is easier to see in flight, revealing a flash of white on the wings

I have photographed almost all of these birds in and around Tostock, and at least 75% of them in my own garden, at least 25% of the birds in this list will take to nest boxes, others will nest in bushes and hedges or shrubs in your garden – so good luck and please let me know the results and any photos that you may capture

I would be most interested





Tostock Carpet Bowls Club



We are well into the league games now, have managed to get some points on most of the games that have been played. We played in the Bury League Knock-out Cup against Brockley during December and January when we were equal in winning games in both legs but sadly lost out on the shots. Well done team.

February Fixtures:

Thursday 8 - away to Stanningfield

Tuesday 20 - away to Hargrave

Wednesday 7 March -

Chairman's Plate at Needham Market. Will not know who we will be drawn against til that evening.

March Fixtures:

Monday 5 - home to Withersfield

Monday 12 - home to Ashley

Monday 19 - home to Whelnetham

Doreen Buckle
Secretary

Tostock Bookgroup



Fifteen members were at the January meeting, when we had a Lucky Dip of books. These will be the subject of our discussion on the 28th February, when we meet at Reynolds House.

The book to read for the **March** meeting is **Magpie Murders** by Anthony Horowitz.

I hope to have a number of library copies, but it is widely available in bookshops, and I have seen it on supermarket shelves.

For any further information about the bookgroup, please contact the coordinator,

Julie Harrison, tel. 270247, or email harrisoj69@hotmail.com

Tostock Past and Present Society



Our Christmas event was a celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the Society. The Tostock Archives were on display and we had an excellent talk from Mark Mitchels on Christmas Miscellany. Members and friends then enjoyed a shared supper.

We now look forward to 2018 and the programme for the first 3 meetings is set out below. The annual membership fee for 2018 will remain at £12 and non-members are very welcome at £3 per meeting.

Our new year commences on Tuesday Feb 6th at 7.30pm, with our AGM followed by a talk by **Martyn Taylor - Secret Bury St Edmunds** - Martyn is a popular local history enthusiast who regularly contributes to the Bury Free Press. His talk will be based round his recent book which lifts the lid on the secrets of Bury St Edmunds. Some of his up to now untold gems, shed new light on familiar landmarks in the town.

Tuesday March 6th - **Peter Davidson - "Ups and Downs: Barnardo's Foster Children in Suffolk 1890 - 1950"** Peter is Chairman of Wickham Skeith History Group and has thoroughly researched this topic. It is a little known fact that during this period thousands of children were boarded out with families in rural East Anglia. The talk will explore the stories of these children.

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.

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 c

ontact Anthony Scully 01359 270482 email a.rod.scully@gmail.com

Reporting a problem to the County or District Council

Both Suffolk County Council and Mid Suffolk District Council provide online reporting facilities that anyone can use to report a problem. The Parish Council encourages anyone spotting a problem to use this online reporting facility. It is not too difficult to use!

Suffolk County Council deal with the following problems:

- ◆ Debris, weeds or mud on the road
- ◆ Empty salt grit bin
- ◆ Flooding
- ◆ Drain-manhole cover
- ◆ Grass cutting
- ◆ Missing or damaged barriers or guardrails
- ◆ Blocked drain
- ◆ Obscured, missing or damaged sign
- ◆ **Pothole**
- ◆ Pavement defect
- ◆ Public right of way
- ◆ Public transport problem
- ◆ Traffic signal or pedestrian crossing
- ◆ Tree or hedge affecting the highway

Go directly to the Highways Reporting Tool, highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/ to report any of the above.

Mid Suffolk District Council deal with the following problems:

- ◆ A grounds maintenance issue
- ◆ Debris, weeds or mud on the road
- ◆ Street Litter and Dog Waste
- ◆ Dead Animals
- ◆ Graffiti
- ◆ Fly - tipping
- ◆ Noise Nuisance
- ◆ Street Cleansing
- ◆ Abandoned Vehicles

Report any of the above problems to Mid Suffolk District Council at <http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/report/>

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funding a special event

Any Community Groups Can Apply. Last year's awards were:

- 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

Apply to **one of your District Councillors for the full details.**

Sarah Mansel 01359 245247 sarah.mansel@midsuffolk.gov.uk John Levantis 01359 240708
john.levantis@midsuffolk.gov.uk

Please get in touch if you need advice. **Deadline 16th February 2018**

Tostock Village Hall Committee



Can you be our new Chair?

We are a friendly and sociable Committee who meet four times a year to discuss and agree matters relating to the village hall and play areas, as well as general village fundraising events.

Our current Chair will stand down in April. The role involves chairing our meetings and being involved in current and future fundraising.

This is a great opportunity to be involved with an active Committee and give something back to our Community. No previous experience necessary, just fresh ideas and some of your time.

Contact Hannah on 272633 for more information
hannahgracejones@hotmail.com

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 2 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 OR contact one of the parish councillors.**

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Volunteers to deliver Tostock Chronicles to properties in Flatts Lane and Norton Road areas.

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News from Thurston Community College

Proposed cuts to free school bus provision by Suffolk County Council could remove the choice of parents in many of our catchment villages to send their children to Thurston Community College. Suffolk County Council is proposing to stop providing free bus transport to Thurston Community College to residents that live nearer to another school, even though Thurston will remain the catchment school for all the children in these villages.

This means that children who wish to continue attending their catchment school will have to pay £960 a year for a school bus or find some other way to get to school. We feel this is a huge burden for our families and will mean that a choice of school will only be available to those who can afford it.

We hope all residents will respond to the Suffolk County Council consultation to oppose the proposed changes.

Even if you do not have school-age children, this will affect your community.

Suffolk County Council is consulting on three options:

1. Change to "nearest school only" wholesale in September 2019 (all students in all year groups would no longer qualify for free transport to Thurston Community College if they live closer to a different secondary school).
2. Change to "nearest school only" incrementally, from September 2019 (same as above, but existing students would continue to receive free transport while new students, including siblings, do not).
3. Make no changes to the school travel policy, but make savings from other Suffolk County Council budgets.

Thurston Community College will continue to oppose options 1 and 2 which we have shown will not make savings but will result in additional costs elsewhere.

Option 3 is the only way to ensure that children in your village will all have the choice to attend Thurston Community College and its Sixth Form.

We urge all local people to make their views known to Suffolk County Council by responding to the consultation by 28 February 2018. The questionnaire can be completed online here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5to16HtoS>

Full information about the consultation is available here: www.suffolk.gov.uk/schooltravel

If you want to know more about our campaign against the proposed changes, please visit the College website:

<http://www.thurstoncollege.org/Information/Home-to-School-Transport/>

NOTICE

A14 J47A-49 Haughley – carriageway repairs

I am writing to provide you with details about repairs to the concrete carriageway we are carrying out on the A14 between junctions 47a and 49 near Haughley on behalf of Highways England. This scheme forms part of a wider package of works to deliver essential maintenance and improvements on A12, A11, A14 and A120 in Essex and Suffolk.

This work will take place on both east and westbound carriageways and will involve concrete bay replacement, localised concrete repairs, crack sealing, along with road marking renewal and new reflective studs.

Work will begin on **12 February 2018** and we plan to be finished by **4 March 2018**.

We will be working overnight between **Monday and Friday 8pm – 6am**.

Traffic restrictions

To complete this work safely and minimise disruption to the travelling public, the A14 carriageway will be closed between junctions 47a and 49. Clearly-signed diversion routes will be in place:

Eastbound from J47a via the old A14 and Tot Hill to J49

Westbound from J49 via Tot Hill, then Stowmarket Road, Elmswell Road, Wetherden Road, Cross Street, and Church Road to J47

Our programme of works is weather dependant and may be subject to change.

Find out more and contact us

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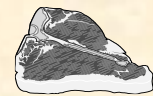
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Dates to Remember



Tuesdays* Toddlers
9.45 – 11.30am - Village Hall
*Except 2nd Tuesday of the month



Wednesday 13th
Parish Council meeting
7.30pm - Village Hall



Every 2nd **Tuesday** of the month
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

Deadlines

COMMUNITY GRANTS
16th February 2018

STREET NAMING
8th February 2018

Dates to look forward to:

Saturday, 10th March 2018
1pm PLAYGROUND & VILLAGE HALL

TOSTOCK CEILIDH

Art Show

SAT, 24TH MARCH 2018

June 15th, (preview), 16th & 17th
Fri/Sat/Sun

Tostock Village Fete

Open Gardens

The Village hopes to hold a Fete this Spring.
PROVISIONAL DATE: Saturday 12th May 2018

Sunday June 17th

NEXT ISSUE: For the months of **April/May 2018** Entries for the next chronicle **must** reach **Jean Wheeler** at the Old Post Office OR **email:** shirley.nice@btinternet.com **Before** **22nd MARCH 2018**