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What a busy time for our little village. In June we had the Wheelbarrow Gardens and Craft (see page 12) and the Vintage Cars on the Green (see page 14). In July we had Archive Day (see page 13).

August seems a bit quiet but then September turns into a bumper month for things to do around Tostock.

We have the ever popular Art Show starting on the 2nd (Preview night on the 1st). The Quiz Night on the 15th is in a new format. Another Cars on the Green on 17th September, and a Macmillan coffee morning on the 29th.

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Coming Soon

Art Show 2nd and 3rd of September
(*see back page*)

Quiz Night Friday 15th September at 7.30 in the Village Hall. Tickets are £10. (*see page 3*)

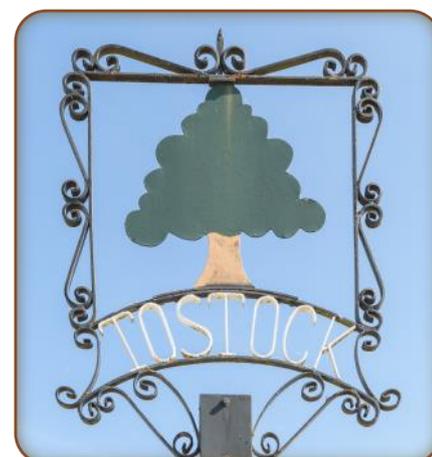
Cars on the Green Sunday 17th September at 12 noon.

Macmillan Coffee Morning 29th September
(*see page 5*)

STEM Day Saturday 21st October 2023

Fireworks NOT coming soon, it's been cancelled
(*see page 16*)

*If you want to write an
article for the
Chronicle, just let me
know.*



Regulars

Coffee Mornings — Every 2nd Tuesday of the month from 10.30 am. In the village hall or on the Green.

Past & Present — Every 1st Tuesday of the month from 7.30 pm in the village hall

Bingo — Every last Tuesday of the month from 2.00 pm in the village hall

Tostock Art Show

See poster on back page for all the details.

The Art Show is a great weekend. A chance to enjoy artworks from talented local artists, stock up on greeting cards and chill out with family and friends over tea and homemade treats. There is lots to do building up to and during the Show.

We can never have too many helpers so if you are interested in lending a hand please get in touch. If you have helped in the past Vanessa and I will be in touch. Everyone is welcome to come along to Friday night's, Preview Evening.

Visitor donations help us provide soft drinks, wine and tasty canapés making this a very popular event.

Diane Mathews: 07764 872900
Vanessa Malcom: 07912 419936
Email: tostockartshow@gmail.com



... New Locals

There were six owl eggs in the box at Woodend Green Cottage and just these two fluffy babies hatched. Pure delight to watch as they were ringed and weighed. They had big fat tummies; Mum and Dad owl have done a grand job. They should be fledged in about three weeks.



Rosemary Lister

Mobile Library

The mobile library will be in Tostock on **August 11th** and **September 6th** at the following times -

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Tickets are
strictly limited,
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disappointment!

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Tostock Past & Present Society

We enjoyed a very good meeting in June when Pip Fletcher gave a talk on her family connections to the Von Trapp's. It was enlightening to discover the true story and compare it to the film of the Sound of Music.

On July 8th the Tostock Archives were on display and elsewhere in the Chronicle there is a separate write up. We look forward to our September meeting when Clive Stevens will be returning. Clive was very well received on his previous visit last year.



The Future

Unfortunately the Society is facing a difficult financial situation. Our financial forecast shows a deficit by the end of 2024 of over £200.

Put simply the membership will need to make some difficult decisions at the November AGM.

Already in 2023 we have increased our membership fee by 50% and to survive we would need to increase our membership by one third. At the present time the committee does not feel this is viable. If we look at the other members of the Suffolk History Society it seems that quite a few societies are struggling with some showing no programme going forward.

Maybe after 36 years we have to accept that the Society in its current format is no longer viable.

For further information please get in touch.

Anthony Scully (Chairman) email a.r.scully@btinternet.com

Speakers for Tostock Past & Present Society 2023 (7:30 pm in the Village Hall)

September 5th- Clive Stevens *The Friendly Invasion - Part 2*

October 3rd - The Samaritans

November 7th - AGM + Helen Simmons *The Battle of Fornham: 17th October 1173*

This meeting will be followed by the AGM

December 5th – Jim Langlois & Anthony Scully *Tostock Archives*

Tostock Carpet Bowls Club

Tostock have a few friendly fixtures arranged which will take us up to October when the Bury League games start.

August

Thursday 10 – Cockfield – home

Thursday 17 – Horringer – home – 2pm

September

Monday 11 – Hitcham – away

Thursday 21 – Hitcham – home

All games are a 7.30pm start unless otherwise stated.

We would welcome a few more Tostock residents to our Club sessions – our Club started in the 1980's – some clubs have unfortunately folded due in part to covid, so if you haven't tried carpet bowls please come along – give Keith or myself and ring – 270364 or

Doreen Buckle

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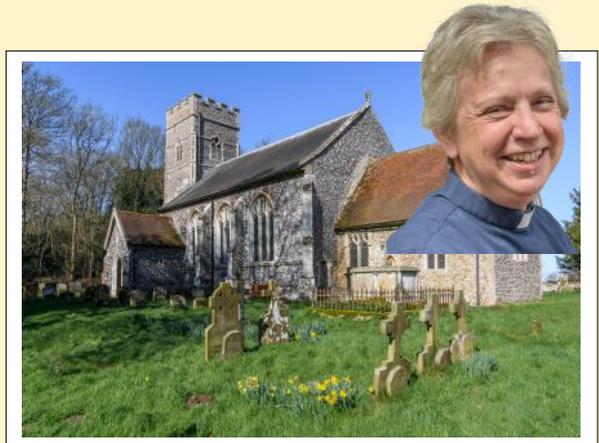
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ANNUAL OUTDOOR PET SERVICE SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST, 11AM at ST ANDREW'S

Everyone is welcome to come to this special service when we give thanks for all animals, and especially our pets. All types of pets welcome - large and small. The service is informal - but it would be wonderful to see all your special animal companions, and each one will receive a blessing as we give thanks to God for all the joy, comfort and fun they bring us. We will be outside in the churchyard so there is plenty of room - please bring your own chairs.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

St Andrew's Tostock 24th September 11am. All welcome to come and join in this traditional annual thanksgiving to God for all his gifts to us in creation and pray for farmers and home and abroad. As we give thanks for all those who produce the food on our plates we pray for those who have a daily struggle to find or grow enough to eat to provide for their families. Please bring gifts of non-perishable foods and these will be donated to the Women's Aid centre.

CONFIRMATION

There will be a Deanery Confirmation on Sunday 15th October at Stanton when Bishop Mike, Bishop of Dunwich will be coming. If anyone is interested in being confirmed, when you can affirm your baptismal vows for yourself - and you are never too old! - please contact Revd Katherine on the number or email above as soon as possible.



Our monthly Coffee Mornings are getting bigger and better, but so far we have had only one on the Green, due to the weather. The next date is Tuesday, August 8th at 10:30 am when we shall hope to be on the Green again. The Church Council would like to thank everyone who came in July, when £107 was raised for Church funds and also to thank everyone who makes the delicious cakes, sausage rolls and cheese scones! If you haven't tried them yet, do come and join us on August 8th.

On Sunday August 27th the annual Pet Service will be held in the Church Yard at 11am, (if wet, in Church). All four-legged friends are very welcome, to come for a blessing and a treat! We have had chickens and guinea pigs too, so all pets are welcome, just bring your owners along.

Advance Notice – the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust is holding the annual Bike Ride on Saturday September 9th. It would be wonderful if more people could ride to raise funds for St. Andrew's Church. The Sponsorship forms will be on the table at the back of the Church – please take one and get as many sponsors as possible and ride to visit lots of churches, or as many as you can manage, every one helps!

Jeanne O'Reilly

St Andrew's Church Tostock

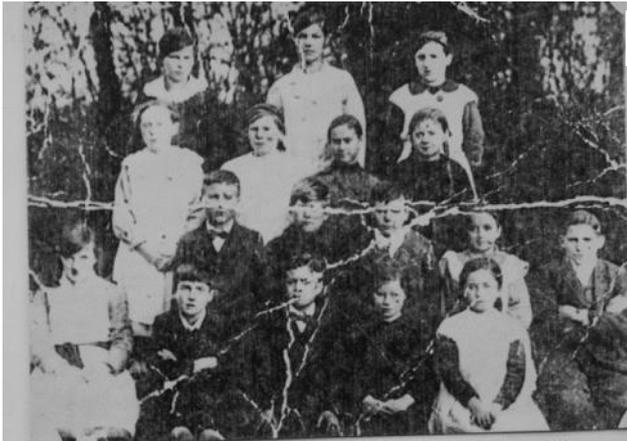
AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2023 CHURCH SERVICES

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

AUGUST 6TH 9TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
8am 10am	Holy Communion (BCP) Family@Church HOLIDAYS	Norton Pakenham
AUGUST 13TH 10TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
9.30am 9.30am 11am 6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship Holy Communion Evensong	Tostock Great Ashfield Pakenham Norton
AUGUST 20TH 11TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
9.30am 11am 11am 6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Family Communion Morning Worship Evensong	Pakenham Great Ashfield Norton Tostock
AUGUST 27TH 12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
9.30am 9.30am 11am 11am	TOAST Family Communion Morning Worship PET SERVICE	Great Ashfield Norton Hunston Tostock
SEPTEMBER 3RD 13TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
8am 10am	Holy Communion Family@Church BACK TO SCHOOL	Norton Pakenham
SEPTEMBER 10TH 14TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
9.30am 10.30am 11am 6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) HARVEST FESTIVAL Family Communion Evensong	Tostock Great Ashfield Pakenham Norton
SEPTEMBER 17TH 15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
9.30am 11am 11am 3pm 6pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Family Communion HARVEST FESTIVAL HARVEST FESTIVAL Evening Prayer & Praise	Pakenham Great Ashfield Norton Stowlangtoft Tostock
SEPTEMBER 24TH 16TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
9.30am 9.30am 11am 11am	TOAST Family Communion HARVEST FESTIVAL HARVEST FESTIVAL	Great Ashfield Norton Hunston Tostock

Services at Romney Cottage, The Green, Tostock.

All are welcome to this informal worship where we sing and pray together for our village, and enjoy refreshments afterwards. Usually on the third Monday morning of the month at 10:00 am.



1916

Back Row : IVY MULLEY : RENEE BUCKLE : ROSE OLLINGTON
 3rd Row : WINNIE POOL : MAY BORLEY : DORIS CLARK : GLADYS PLEASANCE
 2nd Row : TED EVERITT : EDWIN MULLEY : BILL SCOTCHMER : RITA STURMAN:F. JORDAN
 Front Row : GLADYS STURMAN : AUBREY MULLEY : WALLY BARNES : CATHY MULLEY : BEVIL BUTTERFIELD



1919

Class A at Tostock school as photographed in 1919. It shows: back row, Willie Randall, Brian Mulley, Mollie Mulley, Cissie Wignal, Dennis Murton; middle row, Ket Jordan, Willie Ong, Vera Friend, Olive Everitt, Bobby Everitt, Vera Austin; bottom row, Joan Mulley, Leila Mulley, Jimmy Finch, Betty Randall, Nancy Wignal and teacher Miss Knock. This picture has been loaned to us by Mr L. Murton, of 127 York Road, Bury.

Some photos from the Archives



1928

BURY FREE PRESS, Thursday, April 15, 1928

Tostock School in 1928. Back row, A. Austin, G. Everitt, T. Phillips, D. Mulley, M. Phillips, P. Friend, L. Randall, B. Randall, P. Sturman, R. Everitt, E. Everitt; middle row, I. Sturman, M. Murton, D. Murton, P. Borley, V. Allington, M. Barnes, G. Pamment, C. Phillips, L. Durrant; front, S. Jackson, G. Phillips, R. Friend, E. Everitt, P. Everitt, A. Barnes, J. Pamment, G. Allington. This picture has been loaned to us by Mrs M. Nunn, of Norwich, who is fourth in the back row.

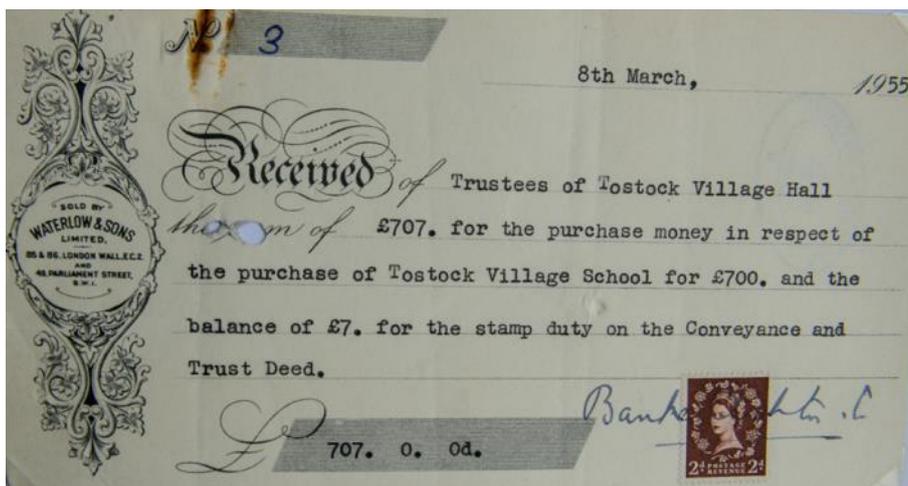
Tostock Church School

Christmas Party 1949



During the 1940's additional accommodation had to be found, especially when Mrs Marsh arrived with school children from London. The house on the corner of The Leys and The Green, known as Green End, was originally a Reading Room or Day Room for the village. This was taken over as a classroom. The school was also used for social events especially on Friday evenings. Whist drives and dances were held to raise money for a Welcome Home Fund for returning servicemen.

It remained a school until 1945 and due to the problem in finding teachers the authorities decided to close it. The children then had to go to school at Elmswell by bus.



It was at this point the residents of Tostock started to raise money to buy the school and use it as a village hall. A receipt is held within the archives which identifies the purchase of the Tostock Village School from the Ministry of Education for the sum £700 in 1955.

The third part of the story will cover the school as the Village Hall and then its transformation into a private home.

Jim Langlois
To Be Continued..

Tostock STEM Day

Saturday 21st October 2023 in the Village Hall 1pm to 4pm

I have no exhibition planned this year but will be running a Tostock STEM day on Sat 21st October in the Village Hall - like the last one in 2019 - for 6 to 12 year olds. Free of charge.

Some ideas for activities:

- All about Magnets
- Water experiments
- Make a balloon powered car
- Bubbles
- Coin battery
- Renewable Energy
- Make a snake firework
- Water rockets
- Understanding how door locks work

If you have children / or know of children who would like to take part please let me know.

As always we will be asking for adult help!

Thanks

John Parnum

STEM Ambassador

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Wheelbarrow Gardens and Crafts

Firstly, I want to thank everyone who attended **The Craft and Wheelbarrow** event at The Church on 18th June. I think everyone enjoyed it and thankfully the weather was kind to us. It was a real village / community event.

I especially want to thank all those who took the time to plant their barrows and transport them to The Church, it was quite a stunning display. Thanks also to the wonderful display of crafts in The Church, who knew we had such talent in Tostock. These things never just happen on their own I have so many thanks to send. Rosemary Lister for organising The Tea Tent, Jon and Janet Walker for providing the famous Tostock Fudge and Chutney, Sharon and Evan Markell for all their help with the plant stall and organising the parking. "The Marquee Men" who put up and took down the marquee. Liz Dunn, who did a wonderful job with the book stall and raffle. All the ladies who made cakes etc and helped out with the teas. Gail Moyle for her support over the whole event and anyone else I



have forgotten; it just goes to show what a small village can do and to top it all off we make a grand total of £584.17 towards Church funds. Thank you all once again.

We're hoping that the very popular Open Gardens will return next summer, with a different theme in The Church.



Our next event will be the annual Art Show, I hope you will all be able to support this event.



**Sue
Marriott**



Tostock Archive Day

On the 8th July the Tostock Past and Present Society held a Tostock Archives Open Day at the Village Hall. For the past year work had been carried out on the archives to make them more accessible and easier to read. This has created in excess of 30 binders plus scrap books. There is a wealth of historic information dating back to the 1800's to the present day covering all aspects of village life and houses.



The open day was well attended by over 60 people. Not only villagers but visitors who had links to family who were either born in Tostock or moved to it. Of special mention is the Mulley family and relatives of Jean Wheeler (our last post mistress). It was wonderful to see the enjoyment on people's faces as they delved into the archives, especially when seeing pictures of relatives from years ago or indeed

themselves. I certainly enjoyed talking to everyone and gained more information.

For those who were unable to attend, we will endeavour to have another open day. Please come and have a look even if you have just moved to the village as you will at least be able to see the history on the house you are living in and help to update the records. It must be remembered that the archives are not only for the past but for the present day and future. Today's news is tomorrow's history.

This is a good opportunity to give a call out for any documentation, pictures, or stories that you consider would be good to have in the archives please contact us. If you do not want to separate with the originals then we can arrange for them to be copied.



On the 5th December commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall we will be showing converted slides taken within the village from mid-1960's to the 1990's. Should be an interesting evening for all.

THIS IS YOUR HISTORY

Jim Langlois and Anthony Scully
jimlanglois@btinternet.com a.r.scully@btinternet.com

Vintage Cars on the Green



The village was treated to a large display of vintage cars on the evening of the 22nd June, and as usual arranged by Steve Gardner, landlord of the Gardners pub. Steve also had an outside bar for the evening with a barbecue which was well attended.

This must have been the largest display of vintage cars to date on the Green. The cars were parked from outside of the pub all the way down to the Crofts. There was a large turnout to view these vintage cars so making it a fun evening. The following photos are just a small sample of the cars on display.

Congratulations to Steve for organising the event.



Jim Langlois

Tostock Village Hall News



The Village Hall's most recent Committee Meeting took place on 3rd July 2023 - many thanks to all who were able to attend. The Committee was pleased to welcome David Blundell as our new Parish Council Representative and we look forward to building close working relationships with Tostock Parish Council.

Our next Committee Meeting will take place on Monday, 9th October 2023. If you have any matters relating to the village hall or its playing fields that you would like to be discussed at our meetings, please email tostockvillagehall@outlook.com.

For all booking enquiries, please email tostocktvh@hotmail.co.uk

New to the village or wanting to get fully up to speed on the Village Hall Improvement Project?

We want to make sure that everyone is able to continue to have their say and be involved with the Village Hall Improvement Project.

As many of you may recall, in 2021 we carried out an extensive **village wide survey** to understand your views on the improvements needed to enhance the Village Hall. If you are new to the village and would like to complete this questionnaire, please email us on tostockvillagehall@outlook.com and we can send you a copy of the questionnaire to complete. This information continues to remain vital to the future decisions that will need to be made on how we shape improvements to the hall.

Additionally, in 2022 we held a **village information session** in the hall where everyone was invited to see displays of the initial ideas and plans for the future improvement of the hall, as well as meet with the Architect and the Village Hall Committee's team who have been involved in the project. If you were not able to attend this session, you can see all of the information which was presented via www.affectcommunity.org. This includes your chance to outline views on which of the design concepts you prefer.

What is the latest update? The primary focus of the current phase of the improvement project is centred around identifying and applying for potential sources of funding. This is a long and uncertain process and it will probably not be until early next year before we are clearer on the money that may be available to fund the project.

In order to progress several of the grant applications we need to have planning permission in place so we will be making a planning application in the next few months. We will publish details of this application once it is finalised but clearly our ability to complete the work is entirely dependent on the amount of funding that we can secure. We will continue to keep you posted.

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Tostock Village Hall News (cont..)

Tostock Art Show

The 43rd **Tostock Art Show** will be held over the weekend of **2nd – 3rd September 2023**, with the popular Preview Evening taking place on Friday, **1st September 2023**.

See back page for further information.



The **Jubilee Trees** in the village hall's playing fields are starting to look very established in their new home. Many thanks to all of the people who helped plant these trees earlier in the year and who are ensuring that they have regular water during the Summer months.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Tostock Fireworks is to take a break in 2023 - a decision has been made to not hold this year's village fireworks event, with the break allowing for a considered review of the organising of the evening. The team of volunteers, who run this popular family and village event, very much intend for Tostock Fireworks to return in the coming years.

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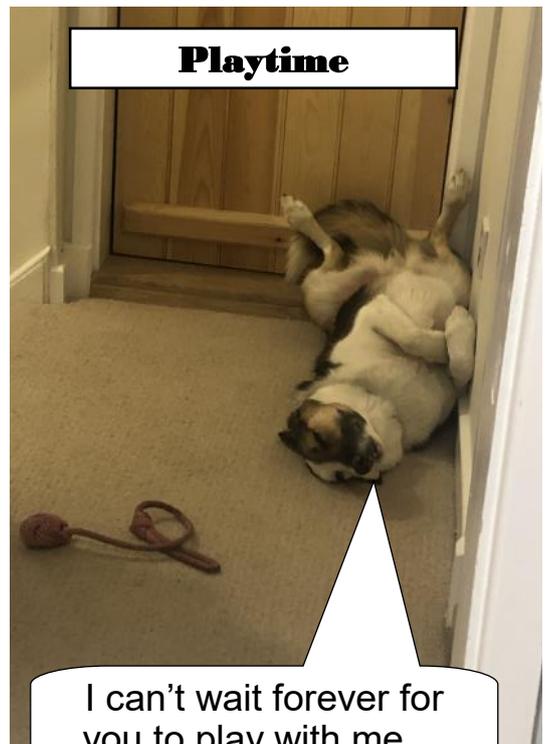
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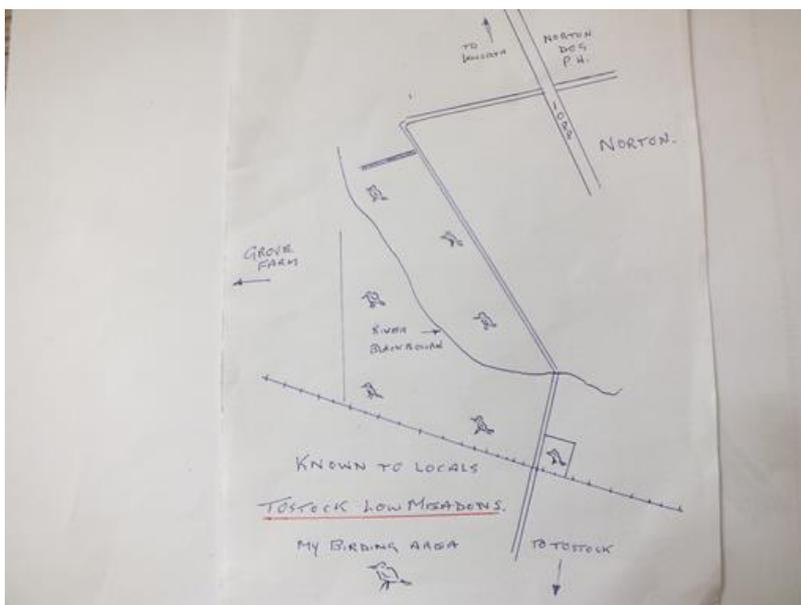
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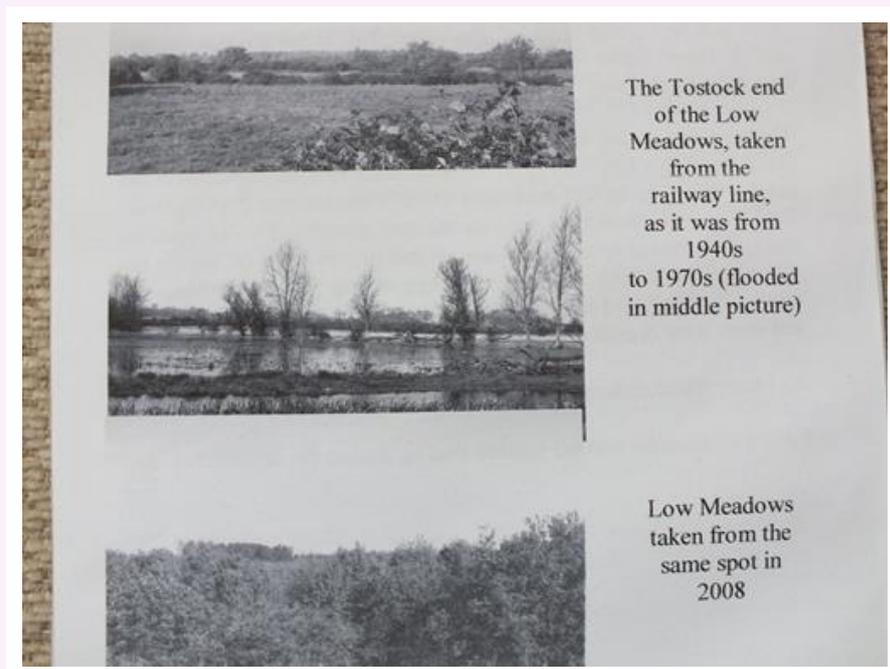
I can't wait forever for
you to play with me ...

A Mr Bob Copping has sent down some material with the intentions of it being published in one of my Countrylife editions, hoping it will get through to me, in which case it certainly has. My thanks very much to Doreen Buckle who has passed it on. If some of you are old enough you may remember Bob who lived in Tostock in his early years, 1933 – 1949. Interest wise, Bob and myself are very much alike (two of a kind), we are both into birding and wildlife, both very conscientious. Although he is a little older than me, on all accounts, he seems to be a little bit of a “rumon” as they say in Suffolk or a rascal, and a scallywag. His favourite hunting ground being the Tostock Low Meadows, whereas mine was the Sicklesmere Low Meadows I spent as a youngster. The Tostock Low Meadows Bob refers to was called Grove Farm and is nowadays The Blackbourn Nature Reserve owned by Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

Here is Bob’s plan of the area he calls Low Meadows and some pictures.



Teal



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CountryLife

Bob, my school days 1939-1948 moved to Stowmarket 1949. Started work and 2 years National Service. During the spring/summer months I used to spend a lot of time bird nesting, covering local haunts of the naturalist The Rev. Julian Tuck. He died the year I was born 1933. He had a large collection of birds eggs (six cabinets) and also many stuffed birds, all of which are now housed in the Ipswich Museum. My favourite was an extensive marsh we call Tostock Low Meadows. It was, in fact, in Norton, the railway line being the borderline. This marsh was easily reached from our house using the footpaths. There were very few gateways leading to individual fields on this marsh. Small dykes, which led from the main river, were often the only way from field to field, and sometimes a fallen tree would act as a bridge. Invariably I would be alone, losing all track of time not having the luxury of a watch. Mother often said (don't be late for dinner 12.30). When I did eventually get home, most times it would be slightly dried having been kept warm in the oven next to the fire. I always enjoyed my food, as they were hungry times. During the winter months, with the river so congested with vegetation, these marshes often flooded. When the harsh frosts came they froze over and the village children would go sliding on the many acres of ice, not having to worry of falling in as it was always about 1ft thick.



Snipe

The bird nesting, the sliding over the ice and lovely smell of the smoke from the steam trains drifting over these marshes will always be unforgettable.

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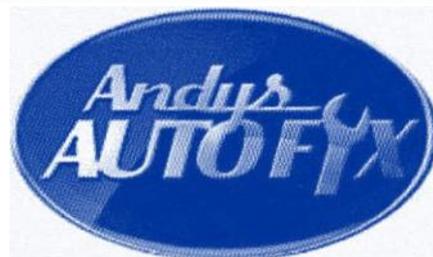
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Early days breeding birds down the Low Meadows were Snipe, Lapwings, plus a good selection of other birds. Made regular visits again late 1960's to mid 1970's, nesting newcomers, Red Shank, Teal, Coot and Little Grebe but no Snipe. April/May 1970 heard call of Little Grebe, found nest in a dyke a distance from the river, bred successfully. Winter 1970 estimated count 300 Teal on shallow flooded marsh. 1971 the following breeding season found nest of Teal with 9 eggs (one of the most difficult nests to find). Return visit found nest/eggs destroyed by light grazing cattle. 1971 a pair of Red Shanks present all season, mating observed, no nest found, probably come to the same fate as the Teal. April/May 1971 two pairs of Canada Geese attempted to breed for the first time, one nest at the Norton end on the riverbank, second nest Tostock end amongst dead branches of a fallen tree. Both sets of incubated eggs were taken by mindless persons, birds not seen again. Most years early spring, shallow flooding. Mallard ducks nested in Pollarded tree hollows, one nest contained 22 eggs, the result of two females to one male. Only Tawny Owls were found in similar trees. 1971 one solitary white front goose. A Kingfisher nested in large roots of a fallen tree, very unusual place. Reed Buntings very



Little Grebe



Red Shank

common. No Nightingales heard throughout. River dredged in the mid 70's. Dykes dried up and birds decreased. Later fishing lakes were made and a tree planting project started. Here are some of my photographs of birds that Bob saw in the early 60's and 70's.

I've already mentioned that Bob was a little bit of a "rumon" and he wrote a book called "The Tostock Scalliwag" (2008) Here are two of his tales he sent me from the book. Goose eggs. The boy I stopped from getting a further hiding for some reason pelting me with stones. He was on the School corner and I was in New Road and he was near his house in Church Road. Not being as good at stone throwing as myself, I avoided getting hit. I told him to stop, which didn't seem to register at all, telling him that if I threw a stone at him I would hit him. I was so provoked I threw my first stone, which hit him in the face breaking the left lens of his glasses. With that he hurried indoors. I thought (I'm in for a lot of bother) and I must admit I was worried of the outcome. Nothing materialised that day. The next day during school dinner break, playing in the playground, along came the boy's mother. A short little woman approached the paled wooden fence and beckoned to me, I went to her a bit sheepish like. She said "Bobby, I want to whisper something" so, head on one side, I leaned towards her and at that moment she hit me on the side of my head with a rotten goose egg saying (that's for breaking my boy's glasses). I had to go home and get cleaned up, as the smell and mess were dreadful. I thought I got off lightly considering. As I have stated before, I mostly hit my target when I threw stones. I don't suppose he told his mother that he started the stone throwing.



Yellow Hammer



Reed Bunting



Turtle Dove



Nightingale

Cont..

CountryLife

Bob's second yarn – Raining Frogs. One day I went to a farm at Norton where they were carting corn from the field, I was only there for the rides, I think. Anyhow, we had just arrived back in the field with an empty wagon a large black storm cloud came along. It started to pelt down so we all made shelter in the farm. The storm soon passed over and we made our way back to the wagon. All around the wagon and the wagon floor which was at least 4 or 5 feet from the ground, were thousands of tiny frogs, country folk call them "freshers". I asked the old farm workers where the frogs had come from and they said they came with the storm, and to them didn't seem unusual. When I left school I wanted to be a farm worker but father had better things in mind so a carpenter and joiner I became. Well done Bob I hope you will be satisfied, and many thanks for the material you sent down to me. You will be pleased to know right up to this present day hardly a day go by when I don't go down to the Blackbourn Nature Reserve so I thought I would conclude with some of my photographs showing the present day hot spots of birds and mammals that I can almost guarantee I will see down there throughout the year starting in January right through until December whenever I go there.



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Grass Snake



Fox

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