

# Tostock

## Chronicle

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### Tostock Art Show 2026 - 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2026

The 2026 Art Show will soon be upon us!

### Post box Toppers:-



### Coming Soon

**Parish Council Meeting** – Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July in the Village Hall

**Open Gardens and Childhood memories** – Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> June starting from the church

**Teddy Bears Picnic** – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July see advert back page

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### Regulars

**Past & Present** — Every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month from 7.30 pm in the village hall

**Coffee Mornings** — Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 10.30 am. In the village hall.

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

## Bowls Club news

We have come to the end of the 2025/26 Bury League Winter Season.

For several weeks we were in top spot until the last few games, losing to Stanningfield, finishing in second place. We managed to get into the semi-finals in the knock-out cup also against Stanningfield. Well done everyone.

We are hoping to arrange a few 'friendly' games to take us over the summer months. It will be a bit different this coming winter when the hall is being refurbished, date not yet known. It is encouraging that the standard of bowls has improved over this recent year.

Doreen Buckle

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### Next Edition

August / September

Please may we have your contributions on or before 15th July - thank you

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## TOSTOCK TENNIS CLUB WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

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## TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026

The meeting was attended by 6 Parish Councillors and 2 members of the public. Apologies had been received from Parish Cllrs Kearsley, Blundell and Smith and also from District Cllr Harry Richardson.

This is a **summary** of the meeting. All papers are on the Parish Council section of the Tostock-pc.gov.uk website

As this was the Annual Parish Council meeting there were several appointments to be made – the Chairman position was voted on and Cllr Jane Storey was again confirmed for the next year. No Vice-Chairman was appointed but other appointments were agreed. These can be found in the minutes of the meeting that are recorded on the village website.

It was noted that there are Parish Council elections in May 2027 and some councillors are already considering standing down. Anyone interested in standing for election next year is welcome to talk to any current councillor, or the clerk, about what the role entails.

A question was asked about a Neighbourhood plan. The Chairman replied that this had been discussed in a previous meeting, along with the suggestion for an Emergency Plan. With a new Unitary authority coming into place next May (2027) it was considered prudent to wait until then to see what changes may be considered when planning applications are made.

Next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm



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# Tostock Art Show 2026

28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2026

The 2026 Art Show will soon be upon us!

The church is booked and invitations to exhibit have been sent, so it's time to ensure this year's show is as successful as previous shows.

Last year, 82 artists contributed, 250 original pictures were displayed in the church, and a vast array of prints and greeting cards were on display in the marquee.



In the run-up to the show, during and after the show, many people contribute to the success of the annual art show; new volunteers are always welcome.

If you are new to the village, are happy to continue to be involved or would like to be involved for the first time this year, please just let one of us know.

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## CHURCH NEWS

Thanks to the kind people who contributed to the purchase of white lilies for Easter decorations in the Church, our flower arrangers did a wonderful job to create arrangements which filled the church with scent and colour for the Service of Family Communion led by Revd. John Parr from Bury St. Edmunds. Chocolate eggs were given out to the children who were very interested in the numbers of ladybirds in the church! There has even been a little bird nesting in a flower arrangement this Spring !

The next Coffee Morning is on Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in the Village Hall. If you haven't come to one of our mornings yet - do come along!

Members of the PCC recently met Terry Devlin whose Company will replace the Church windows To decide on the sort of clear glass to be used. We hope the first one will be done later this year. Then more funds will be needed. We now have permission from the Diocese to do the work.

Jeanne O'Reilly.

## Childhood Memories 14<sup>th</sup> June

As mentioned in the last Chronicle, we are organising an exhibition of Childhood Memories in The Church to run alongside The Open Gardens on 14<sup>th</sup> June. We need you to bring your treasured toys, games, books, photos etc or write a short piece about your childhood. Wherever or whenever you were a child, we'd love to hear from you and share your memories.

Please bring your exhibits to The Church on 13<sup>th</sup> June between 11.00am -3,00pm with a label on it telling us about it. We will display it in The Church. You can collect your exhibits after 5.00pm on Sunday. Or Monday if you prefer.

For further information you can contact me on 07988172164 or 01359270143 or email.  
[susan\\_m06@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susan_m06@hotmail.co.uk).

Thank you. We look forward to seeing you.

Sue Marriott.

## St Andrew's Church Tostock

Open daily for visitors and private prayer.

### JUNE - JULY 2026 CHURCH SERVICES

#### JUNE

##### **7<sup>th</sup> June 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Norton

10am Family@Church 3 IN ONE Pakenham

##### **14<sup>th</sup> June 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

##### **9.30am Holy Communion Tostock**

9.30am Morning Worship Great Ashfield

11am Family Communion Pakenham

##### **21<sup>st</sup> June 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) Pakenham

9.30am Morning Worship Norton

11am Family Communion Great Ashfield

##### **6pm Evening Prayer & Praise Tostock**

##### **28<sup>th</sup> June 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am TOAST Great Ashfield

9.30am Holy Communion Hunston

11am Family Communion Norton

##### **11am Morning Worship Tostock**

#### JULY

##### **5<sup>th</sup> July 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Norton

10am Family@Church - SAINTS Pakenham

##### **12<sup>th</sup> July 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

##### **9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) Tostock**

9.30am Morning Worship/Sea Sunday Great Ashfield

11am Family Communion Pakenham

##### **19<sup>th</sup> July 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) Pakenham

9.30am Morning Worship Norton

11am Family Communion Great Ashfield

##### **6pm Evening Prayer & Praise Tostock**

##### **26<sup>th</sup> July, 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am TOAST Great Ashfield

9.30am Holy Communion Hunston

##### **11am Morning Worship Tostock**

11am Family Communion Norton

##### **Services at Romney Cottage, The Green, Tostock**

Songs of Praise 15th June & 20th July at 10am

All are welcome to this informal worship where we sing and pray together for our village, and enjoy refreshments afterwards.

# Tostock Village Hall News – JUNE 2026



Our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** took place on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026 – this was an open meeting which anyone could attend to find out more about the work which is being done to maintain and improve the village hall and its outside area. At the AGM the Committee was also elected for the year ahead (as outlined below). We would like to say a **BIG THANKS** to the team of volunteers who have been involved in helping to run the Village Hall in the past year, as well as everyone who has supported the vital fundraising work that has taken place in 2025. This fundraising is critical to providing the money to maintain the hall for the here and now, as well as to make the hall into a more sustainable and better community space for the years ahead. The **next Village Hall Committee Meeting** will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

If you have any questions regarding the village hall and its surrounding areas, please do not hesitate to contact us via [tostockvillagehall@outlook.com](mailto:tostockvillagehall@outlook.com) For all **booking enquiries**, please email [tostocktvh@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tostocktvh@hotmail.co.uk)

## TOSTOCK VILLAGE HALL 2026/2027 COMMITTEE

<b>Chairperson</b>	Graham MacDowall	<b>Vice Chairperson</b>	Rosemary Lister
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<b>Secretaries</b>	Hannah Jones & Samantha Guirguis		
<b>Committee</b>	Gillian MacDowall, Karl Seely, Lizzie Gray & Di Grimes		
<b>Village Hall Club / Committee Representatives</b>	Roger Cross (Parish Council) Linda Stock (Art Show) Rosemary Lister & Sarah Scully (VH Tree Wardens)	Sarah Scully (Past & Present), Krystie Miles (Rainbow) Coral Hunt (Brownies)	Arthur Newitt (Bingo), Kath Lord (Craft Group) TBC (Tennis Club)

## Village Hall Improvement Project Update

The project team are currently working hard to analyse the quotes we have received for the improvement work to be carried out and to finalise which building contractor will be used for any work that we can fund. The scope of this work is still totally dependent on the grants that we are able to secure and we very much hope to have a clearer idea on this by July 2026.

**PLEASE NOTE: We would like to assure all of our regular community user groups, that we will be in touch as soon as we can to provide a clearer idea of the timescales involved with these works and accordingly the necessary indicative dates for needing to close that hall so that the work can be safely carried out.** If you have any questions regarding the Improvement project, please do not hesitate to contact us on [tostockvillagehall@outlook.co.uk](mailto:tostockvillagehall@outlook.co.uk)

**PLEASE SEE THE SEPARATE NOTICE** about this year's **TOSTOCK ART SHOW** which will be held over the August Bank Holiday Weekend: **29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2026**, with the **Opening Evening on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> August 2026.**



**If you haven't already joined the Tostock Village Lottery 100 Club sign up now for the next draw, which will be held in JUNE 2026**

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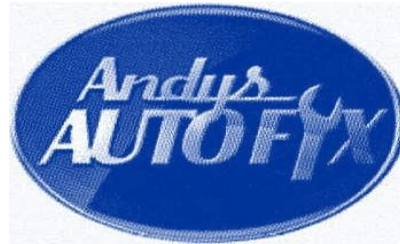
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