# **TOSTOCK CHRONICLE**

# October/November 2020 361

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# Flower & Vegetable Show 2021!

This is what we have missed this year!

Faramir's mother Rachel supplied some information:-

"Faramir's onions weighed in at 1.945Kg and 1.825Kg, beating the last two years weights.

His longest Runner bean measured 39cm.

This year we have had lots of salad beetroots, runner beans, peas, greens, courgettes and multi colour

All thanks to Faramir's Green Fingers!!"



Well done Faramir. We are so sorry we had to cancel the show, and we look forward to your entry in the 2021 Flower & Vegetable Show. In fact we look forward to everyone joining in next year.

Barney Harrison & Sharon Markell

#### REOPENING OF OLD POST OFFICE FOR ONE DAY

On the 15<sup>th</sup> August our old Post Office was opened for the day in memory of Jean Wheeler and Reta Stevens. This was kindly done by Reta's nephew, Gary Stevens.

The Bury Free Press sent along their photographer for the opening and ran an article in the newspaper.

The opening was officially done by our Tostock Parish Council Chair, Pip Fletcher.

A good number of villagers went along to have a look and buy sweets and items.

A total of £450 was raised which Gary has donated to the Tostock Past and Present Society.

A lovely reminder of what life used to be like in Tostock.





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#### **COMMEMORATIONS**

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# REMEMBERANCE

of THE 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY of VJ DAY





# **TOSTOCK CALENDAR 2021**

I believe this will be the fifth year that a Tostock Calendar has been produced. Certainly 4 years since I have been involved. I would like to thank all of you who have supported and bought calendars over those years. Here is hoping that we can keep it going.

Next year's Tostock Calendar is being put together at this moment. I am planning to have them for sale at the start of December (possibly even mid-November).

Due to the uncertainty of having a Xmas Fayre this year I will accept advance orders. So, if you would like to order your calendar in advance please contact me either by e-mail, phone or even knock at the door or see Derrick Poole! This would give us a good idea as to how many calendars need to be printed.

Last year Derrick Poole, The Gardners and myself sold 100 calendars between us. It would be nice to think we could meet this figure again.

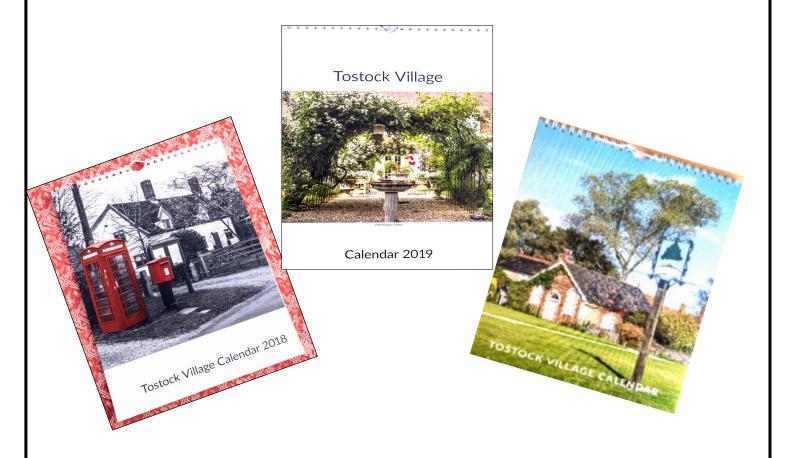
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# **CAKES, CARDS AND COFFEE MORNING**

At the beginning of Lockdown Jeanne O'Reilly asked several ladies in the village if we would be happy to bake a few buns, scones etc to be delivered to those people who usually attend the monthly coffee morning, and those who were shielding or felt too vulnerable to venture far from home. She also asked me if my grandchildren Teddy and Ava could make small cards to accompany the cakes. Throughout lockdown we continued to make cakes and cards and deliver them round the village.





In August, Lynn Jones suggested that with lockdown eased we could hold a socially distanced coffee morning on the green. This proved to be very popular, so another one was arranged for September again, it was another great success and Teddy and Ava were able to meet some of the people who had been receiving their little cards and letters.





Unbeknown to Jeanne,
Miriam Rose had nominated St. Andrew's Church
for an award from Radio Suffolk for going "Above and belong"
during lockdown, Jeanne was surprised and delighted to
receive the award in the form of a certificate which will be
framed and hung in The Village Hall for all to see.
Well done Jeanne for suggesting the cakes,
and well done Tostock for once again
showing what a wonderful caring place it is to live in.



# AN EXCERPT FROM THE 3<sup>RD</sup> ISSUE OF THE TOSTOCK CHRONICLE DATED OCTOBER 1955

**Graveyard Extension**. On 6<sup>th</sup> September the wall was finished. It looks extremely well.

Built into it is the Commemoration Stone (3ftx1ft, 6insx6ins) on which is enscribed 'This Churchyard wall was built by Tostock men who gave their services in 1955'.

The mason who supplied the stone intimated it was very heavy. Too heavy for the little Ford van which first went to fetch it.

Too heavy for Mr Aubrey Mulley's trailer. At last Mr Jewers brought it out in a 5-ton lorry. And there the stone lay, near the wall, a problem and a weighty one. It was thought to weigh a quarter of a ton. A crane or sheer legs seemed to be required. But no-one need have worried. Mr Ben Buckle and Mr Pat Everitt rolled up their sleeves, spat on their hands and lifted it gently into place.

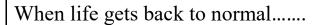
Before the wall was finished a bottle containing the signatures of those who built the wall was deposited inside it, near the stone. A small collection of coins was buried with it.

It would appear that they had a little celebration in the Gardeners Arms at 8 o'clock that evening.

Several speeches were made along with one or two rounds of drinks







could you run a regular **Tostock Toddler Group** in our lovely village hall?

The toys and equipment needed for the group are all ready and waiting to be played with again, along with mugs for parents and carers ready to be filled with a fresh cuppa! All that is needed is your enthusiasm and time.

For further information please contact Hannah on hanahgracejones@hotmail.com

# **Tostock Village Hall News**

The Village Hall's AGM, which had been postponed from April, took place as an external socially distanced meeting in early September and was followed by a meeting of the Committee. Many thanks to all who were able to attend, and an even bigger thanks to all that have given their time and dedication to help with this important local facility during the last eighteen months.

The Committee for the coming year remains mostly unchanged, as outlined below;

**TOSTOCK VILLAGE COMMITTEE 2020/21** 

**Chairperson** – Graham MacDowall **Vice Chairperson** – Rosemary Lister

Trustees – Graham MacDowall, Rosemary Lister, Bee Bauly & Huw John.

Treasurer: Martin Hayman

**Booking Secretary:** Doreen Buckle

Secretary: Hannah Jones/Sam Guirguis.

Committee: Rosemary Lister, Graham MacDowall, Bee Bauly, Sam Guirguis,

Huw John, Jo John, Gillian

MacDowall, Ron Perks, Karl Seely

Representatives: Pip Fletcher (Parish Council) Sarah Scully (Past & Present),

Diane Mathews & Vanessa Malcom (Art Show) Ian Friend (Football), Alan Jones (Fireworks)



### Tostock Village Hall hoping to open in October on a limited basis

The Trustees of the Village Hall are currently reviewing the latest Government guidance, but in principal it is hoped that the hall can be safely re-opened on a more limited/trial basis from early October.

Detailed risk assessments will be carried out to ensure that the hall is COVID-19 secure, and regular user groups will need to work closely together with the Committee regarding how and when they are able to use the hall.

Please note that the hall will remain <u>closed</u> for ad-hoc social bookings in line with current government guidelines which restrict social gatherings of more than six people.



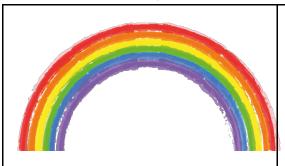
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Sadly, **Tostock Fireworks** will be unable to take place this year due to the Pandemic.

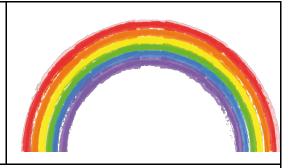
We will have to make November 2021 even more special.

HOLD THE DATE: The next **Tostock Art Show** is being planned to take place from Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

A reminder for Parents, Grandparents and Carers about the guidance notes for the outside playground. In particular, please ensure that you adhere to current guidance relating to the 'Rule of Six' when playing in this space, and in all of the hall's external play areas.



TOSTOCK PLAYGROUND



**Keep yourselves & others Covid-19 Secure** 

## IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS/CARERS/USERS

This Playground is NOT supervised, and equipment is NOT regularly cleaned.

### TOSTOCK PLAYGROUND GUIDELINES FOR USE

Please adhere to the 'Rule of 6' when using the play area.

**Social distancing** of **1-2m** MUST always be maintained at all times whilst using the playground.

Only one child is allowed on each piece of equipment at a time.

No eating or drinking in the playground at the current time.

<u>Parents/Carers</u>: You will need to **clean** the equipment before your child uses it. Use your hand sanitiser or wipes to clean your children's hands before and after use.

Remind your child to not touch their face. Remember to cough or sneeze into a tissue. Take tissues home or put them into the bins provided (use an arm if a tissue is not available).

Children's **clothes** should **be washed** when they get home.

<u>Families with clinically vulnerable members</u>: Do NOT use the equipment without first cleaning it.

Finally, please continue to look after yourselves and your families as we go through these uncertain times together.

# **St Andrew's Church Tostock**

(Benefice of Pakenham, Norton & Tostock with Great Ashfield, Hunston & Stowlangtoft)

> Rector: Revd Katherine Valentine Tel 01359 235095 Email:kavalentine677@qmail.com (new email!)



**Website**: for more details of all our churches - including Tostock - see the national Church of England website <a href="https://www.achurchnearyou.com">www.achurchnearyou.com</a>

Our benefice Church magazine is also available online at www.vcnews.org.uk

#### October - November 2020

Please find below the details of the services in the benefice for October. At present I am unable to confirm all service details for November, given the uncertainty of the situation around the corona virus. Please see local noticeboards nearer the time for service details, or look at the church magazine - website details above. Katherine.

#### **BENEFICE CHURCH SERVICES & OPENING TIMES**

Throughout October there will continue be one service each Sunday in the benefice at 10am, and with the addition of one midweek communion on a Wednesday, each service moving round the 4 churches that are open - see the details below. These will be short simple services, with all hygiene protocols in place, so we can enjoy worshipping together safely. Great Ashfield, Norton & Tostock will also be open for private prayer Sundays and Wednesdays 10am-4pm, and Pakenham Sundays only 10am-4pm.

#### **OCTOBER 2020 SERVICES**

SUNDAY	4th	10am	Family@Church - Harvest	Pakenham
WEDNESDAY	7th	10am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Pakenham
SUNDAY 1	11th	10am	Morning Worship	Norton
WEDNESDAY 1	14th	10am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tostock
SUNDAY 1	18th	10am	Morning Worship	<b>Great Ashfield</b>
WEDNESDAY	21st	10am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Norton
SUNDAY	25th	10am	Holy Communion	Tostock
WEDNESDAY 2	28th	10am	Holy Communion	Great Ashfield

# REMEMBERING LOVED ONES. SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1ST 2-4PM

At this time of year we would usually be holding Memorial Services in some of our churches, in order to light candles and remember our loved ones who have died. Given the unusual circumstances this year we will be doing this in a slightly different way.

Four of our churches - Great Ashfield, Norton, Pakenham and Tostock will be open for prayer on the 1st November, All Saint's Day.

You are all invited to come to these churches anytime between 2pm and 4pm to light a candle for someone you have loved who has died. Candles will be provided, and there will be a member of the clergy or an elder on hand to talk to you if you wish.

There will be no formal service, just this opportunity to come and quietly light a candle and to make your own prayers and thanksgivings. Families of all those for whom we have conducted a funeral in the last two years will receive a personal invitation to do this and a list of those local names we remember will be displayed in each church. There will also be space for anyone to add another name to the list.

You can come and light a candle for anyone you have loved who has died, whether recently or a long time ago, to make a point of remembering.

(This should not be confused with Remembrance Sunday, when we remember those who have died in war.)

#### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER.

It is hoped that we can have an Act of Remembrance either in church or at the flagpole on the village green, but arrangements for this are still uncertain at the moment. Please look out for local notices nearer the time.

#### SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.

As you enter our church buildings please use your own hand sanitisers if possible, but if not hand sanitisers for your use are available in the church. Please replace them afterwards.

It's important to respect other people's space by keeping a 1m plus distance and note that not all areas of the church may be accessible. Please follow distancing and safety notices inside each building, including the wearing of face coverings.

Church services are also still available for you to join in remotely via the Cathedral website: <a href="https://stedscathedral.org">https://stedscathedral.org</a>

or the Bishops are live streaming Daily Prayer and you can link to this via the Diocesan website: https://www.cofesuffolk.org/

Our benefice <u>You Tube Channel</u> is still running with a weekly reflection for you to watch and join in with. This will continue for those who still wish to/need to stay at home. If you go to

You Tube and search for Pakenham Benefice you should find the latest services, reflections and music that we have put up.

#### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

This will take place in church on Wednesday October 21st at 2.30pm in Church. All parishioners welcome.

#### **Church Magazine**

This is NOW BACK IN PRINT! Also available online at www.vcnews.org.uk

**Revd Katherine Valentine.** 

#### **TOSTOCK POORS ESTATE**

IF THERE ARE ANY OLDER RESIDENTS OF TOSTOCK (MUST HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS)
WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR THE CHRISTMAS CONTRIBUTION, COULD THEY PLEASE CONTACT:
SHARON MARKELL TEL: 01359 271190 FOR AN APPLICATION FORM.
ALL ENQUIRIES ARE TREATED WITH STRICT CONFIDENCE.
PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS NEED NOT APPLY

# **St Andrew's Church News**

Our second Coffee Morning on the Green was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> September with a large and distanced group of ladies and several brave men!

Once again were so fortunate with the weather that morning, the usual wonderful cakes were brought by our generous volunteers and everyone had a really sociable time – we even had a Raffle!

Now new restrictions are in place on numbers there may not be a **Coffee Morning** in October, but if things change, the date should be **13**<sup>th</sup> **Oct**.

Look out for the Notice Board on the Green.

Tostock hosted the Benefice Harvest Festival, held on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. Due to the weather the service was held within the church. A good-sized congregation attended all wearing masks and suitably distanced. There was an abundance of food and produce gifted by generous people and this will be shared among the Charities in Bury St. Edmunds, including the Bury Refuge which we normally support.

THANK YOU TOSTOCK FOR YOUR KIND GENEROSITY.

At the PCC Meeting held in the Church on 14<sup>th</sup> Sept, we remembered our dear Roger, and gave thanks for the many years of his work as our Treasurer, and the huge contribution he made to both Church and Village life.

We send our love to Rosemary and the family.

The Church AGM will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October, at 2.30pm, in Church. Please come along, and find out more about the work of the Church in Tostock.

The Floodlights are sponsored for October by Jean Le Fleming, in memory of Peter Le Fleming.

The Floodlights are sponsored in November by Terry Newbold, remembering Marian Mary Newbold, "A joy so beautiful".

### News from The Tower

It seems ages since we were able to ring our bells in Tostock, way back in March was the last time. Not being able to ring for Mothering Sunday or Easter for the first time in over 20 years was very strange, now with Churches open again and services returning we are able to ring for 15 minutes before a service. Our ringing chamber is quite small, so we can only ring three of our six bells - but it's a start!





We rang for the first time for the open air Pet Service held in August and rang again for the Harvest Service in September



This rather unflattering photo was taken by Jim of myself and Serena Steggles ringing before the Pet Service

Sue Marriot

#### **COUNTRY LIFE - D. POOLE NUMBER 35**

You either love them or loathe them, hero or villain, few animals divide the opinion like the Red Fox. This most successful of the worlds wild carnids has lived alongside people from time immemorial. Celebrated by some for its resourcefulness and lush pelt, reviled by others for plundering chicken runs and overturning bins, it has worked its way deep into Western culture.

Behind the folklore and tabloid headlines, however, lies a remarkable natural history success story.

Myself personally am 51 ½% against the Fox and 48 ½% with it. Reason being I am slightly against it is because I have sympathy for the chicken owners, as it must be devastating to find your complete brood dead on the floor, quite often or not the Fox will kill more than 1 at a time. The other reason at the age of 19 once I passed my test and got my first car – a Morris 1000, one of the first things I did was to follow the Suffolk Hunt around the local villages in the hope of my first sighting of a Fox, I have always admired them as a handsome looking creature, however I do understand they have to be kept under control therefore I am still in favour of Fox hunting.

Despite the fact the Hunting Act was passed after a free vote in the House of Commons November 2004 banning Fox hunting. For centuries, hunting with hounds was the main stay of British rural culture and was always a spectacle and colourful sight whenever they met on the village green or local pub. (it would be interesting to know when the last time was or if ever they met in Tostock on the green in front of The Gardeners)





Taken on the footpath coming away from Rectory Farm coming towards Wood Close

The Red Fox (vulpesvulpes) known in the U.K. simply as the Fox, is the most widespread and numerous of about 22 species around the world that bears the name Fox. It is found not only throughout the British Isles and mainland Europe, but also ranges east throughout Asia as far as Japan, west across North America to Alaska, and south to India, the Middle East and northern fringes of Africa. To the north the frozen Artic tundra provides a natural range limit, and the species is absent from many Artic Islands including Greenland although Climate change may already be helping it to surmount this barrier. Add to this natural range the Foxes successful colonisation of Australia, where it was introduced during the mid 1800's, and the total area over which it roams adds up to some 70 million square kilometres (more than 27 million square miles). This gives the Red Fox, after our own species the most extensive natural range of any land mammal on the planet, in other words our Fox an animal inseparable from the British notion of the British countryside, is a highly cosmopolitan species. Indeed, some scientist have proposed more than 48 sub-species around the globe. The key to this global success is the Foxes ability to get on in almost any habitat. It occurs in Forests, Mountains, Moorland, Grassland, Farmland, Urban areas and Desert fringes, ranging from sea level up to an altitude of 3,000 metres (9,845 feet, sometimes more). Its essential needs are food and denning sites. and Foxes tend to fair best in mixed landscapes those comprising, for example, a hotpotch of woodland, farmland and scrub where they find plenty of both. Graveyards offer plentiful refuges for the urban Red Foxes, they also thrive in open arid habitats. Aquatic habitats offer rich pickings for them. Foxes in mountainous regions tend to be larger than their lowland cousins. A dog with a cat delusion, whenever you find a fox you will not struggle to identify it. The largest of the Fox species, it is roughly the size of a large tall cat although its thick fur and leggier stature can make it appear bigger, as a result sizes are often exaggerated. In the U.K. males have an average head and body length of 67 – 72 cm (24 – 27 ins) typical weight 5.5 kg (12 lbs) A sleeping Fox curls its tail around its body - much like a cat. A Fox and a cat display similar body language, arching their backs as they negotiate a territorial Foxes are adapted to a wide range of habitats and can be found across all of Suffolk, most sightings will be of encounter. single animals and for many years it was believed that Foxes were largely solitary, coming together only to mate. We now know Foxes live in family groups and have a complex family life. Winter is perhaps the most complex time of all. With the turn of the year, they are at their most vocal as they defend territory (often physically) and begin mating in January. This is also the time when last years young move away from the family group to establish their own territories. Vixens will also be seeking out natal earths with the first cubs being born in March.

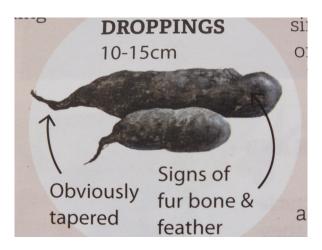
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Vixens only come into heat once a year and as she approaches peak fertility the dog fox will never be far away. As this time of year it is quite common to see a Vixen being closed followed by a male with the height of his tail indicative of increased excitement. Even if you don't see a Fox the chances are you'll hear one. Calling is an important method of communication for Foxes and some scientists have suggested there are at least 28 groups of Fox sound. Listen for the single or triple bark contact call of Vixens to wandering males. Both sexes will also use a blood chilling scream during the mating season — a short and explosive (scream) which is a male's warning to rivals, and a shriek that is used by both sexes, but especially by females to attract males. Due to the extra emphasis on territory during January, field edges which form boundaries can be well trodden, with lots of footprints, scat and tell-tale niff of urine. Their droppings are about the size of a domestic dog but are more obviously tapered and contain fur and bones. Footprints — the forefeet middle toes of a Fox are close together with the rear pads a greater distance from the front toes. Dog Foxes, their faces are generally larger than the Vixen, with a broader slightly domed head, the Vixen smaller more pointed.

Radar ears – a hunting Fox can hear a mouse from 100 feet away

View to kill – Foxes have binocular vision, which is incredibly sensitive to movement.





The Foxes eyes, like those of all predators, sit at the front of the skull. This allows it the binocular vision required for judging distance and seizing prey. Cubs are born with blue irises which change to amber after 4 to 5 weeks, once the fox is old enough to produce the yellow pigment (lipochrome). Hearing – given the limitations to its vision, the Fox needs back up from its other senses. It has excellent hearing and is especially sensitive to low frequency sounds, such as the rustling of prey in grass. Each ear can rotate 150 degrees in a single direction in order to help pin point the source of a sound, important not only for hunting but also for communication, in which sound is critical. Smell – also play a vital role. Especially in social behaviour when it comes to sniffing out other foxes and identifying territorial boundaries. Foxes are known to dig up carcases from below the soil or beneath deep snow and those work with them often marvel at their ability to distinguish between different humans – freezing at the scent of a stranger by smell alone. A Fox keeps it nose wet not only to help detect smells but also to help assess wind direction. Touch - A finally string to this sensory bow is a fine sense of touch. The long vibrissae (whiskers) on a Foxes muzzle are buried 3 times deeper in the skin than other hairs, and attach to special nerve cells that are extremely sensitive. When a Fox is manoeuvring in dense undergrowth or poor light, these whiskers help to build up a map of its surroundings, and when a prey item is too close for the eyes to focus, they help to direct its bite. The fur between the Fox's pads on the sole of its foot is also extremely sensitive to touch and probably helps it to navigate tricky surfaces such as a tree branches and loose scree. Rabits make up an important part of the Red Fox's diet in many regions. It spends about 1/3 of its walking hours searching for food. Voles such as short-tailed voles are the preferred prey of Foxes in many areas. Down in one gulp it takes a lot of small rodents to satisfy a hungry Fox. They may also capture birds as large as a swan, a fish makes a rare but welcome treat, or hedge-hogs armoury of spines provide a prickly challenge for a hungry Fox. A clutch of pheasant eggs is always a tasty treat, worms are a very important part of the Foxes diet and they like wrapping their jaws around an apple. Landfill sites provide rich pickings and any leftovers such as carrion crow will always scavenge.

Foxes and people – Ever since we have co-existed with this animal it has captivated mankind in a variety of ways, whether as inspiration, resource, quarry, adversary or even pet. Chiefly, we have admired the Foxes ability to evade our clutches, imbuing with human qualities, notably trickery, ingenuity and untrustworthiness which are reflected in a wealth of literature and folklore.

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Indeed, so deeply is the Red Fox embedded in the rural culture of the British Isles that the Fox Hunting ban in 2004 threatened to divide a nation. It is almost 30 years ago now, since it came about that one of life's privileges, especially whilst on our holidays, was to devolve to our son Tim the story of Roald Dahls's celebrated book 'The Fantastic Mr Fox' we had the story on a cassette tape and use to play the tape through to him over and over again. Nowadays it has now come about for us both to devolve the same procedure to our devoted twin grandchildren and pass it onto them. Some of us never seem to grow up but that's what a Fox can do to you.



Mr Freddie Fox with cutlery at his ready for the chicken hiding behind his legs



Taken at Mr and Mrs Villar's Paddock behind Wood Close



Taken down Norton Road behind railway line

Watching Foxes – catching sight of the fox is always thrilling. After all, we do not in the U.K. at least have a surfeit of genuine wild predators roaming our land. For those who live in towns, where Foxes are bolder and more habitated to people than they are in the countryside, the thrill comes along rather more often than those who live in rural areas. A Fox sighting is generally brief and unexpected. The animal may suddenly trot around a corner or across a road only to disappear by the time you have clocked what you are looking at. Your glimpse may be no more than a shadow in a car park, or a streak of russet at the back of a field. With time, experience and patience however, you can give yourself a better chance of finding foxes and watching them at your leisure. I have been fortunate to see and photograph them in all 4 corners of Tostock. Good luck to you all

P.S. Although we have had 2 Barn Owls present in the Owl boxes unfortunately they have not bred this year. Better luck next time



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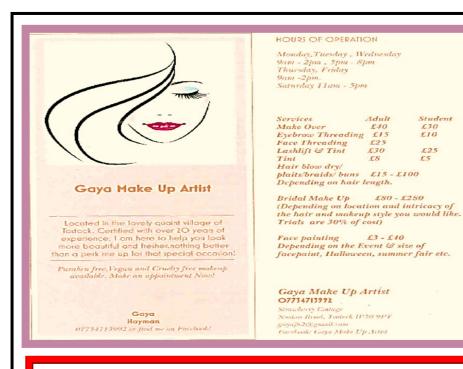
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