

TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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PARISH COUNCIL

8 Councillors attended the meeting on 13th January along with District Councillor Carol Milward.

Report

D.Cllr. Carol Milward provided information on Community Achievement Awards which was to be sent out shortly by Mid Suffolk.. Mid Suffolk District Council were currently reviewing all areas of their operation to make financial savings which would unfortunately incur staff cuts. Because of this the Leisure Services sector would probably be put out to public/private partnership in the hope of saving money. Car parking charges were to be increased considerably. Consultation was taking place with parish councils for those villages affected most by this. The Workshop at Thurston had been well attended.

Finance

The precept for 2004/5 was set at £3,770.

Easement fund

The parish council agreed that they would pay the balance needed by the Village Hall for their replacement windows.

The parish council was also willing to consider applications from any other organisation in the village seeking financial assistance for their project.

Risk Assessment

The parish council has formed a Working Party consisting of Cllrs Buckle, Mrs Malcom & Mrs Dunn to undertake the Risk assessment and it was agreed they would report back at the next meeting.

Planning Applications

Applications received and approved by the parish council :-

- 1443/03 Rectory Farm, Tostock. Erection of 8 Timberclad stables under asphalt roof on existing concrete
- 1520/03 Land south of Reynolds House, Church Road. Addition of window to ensuite in bedroom 1 (re-submission following 746/03)
- OL/183/03 Gable End, Leys Road. Severence of garden and erection of 2 dwellings.

Tree Preservation Order 313 2003 – Tostock House, Tostock.. Single mature Pine Tree on the frontage. To lapse 14 days after 18th November .

Approvals by Mid Suffolk

- 1128/03 2 New Road. 2 Storey rear extension and front porch.
- 1244/03 Land south of Pineacre, Norton Road. Erection of four bedroom dwelling with garage.

- LB236/03 Crispin Cottage, The Green. Replace garage roof with "Country Clad" galvanised metal roof and replace garage doors with new doors of same type and specification.
- 1443/03 Rectory Farm, Tostock. Erection of Timberclad stables under Asphalt roof on existing concrete pad.
- 1219/03 Old Hall Farm, Church Road. Conversion of redundant building to residential dwelling.

Parking of Cars on the Green.

Cars are being parked on the green near the Village sign and the parish council wishes to make it clear that there should be no regular parking of cars on the green and around the "Best Village" sign

Minutes of Parish Council

Once approved and signed these will appear on the Website.

Date of next meeting

24th February 2004.

MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAT

Mid Suffolk District Council's Executive Committee, at its meeting on December 17, unanimously resolved to pursue further legal action with regard to Rookery Farm, Drinkstone. Environmental Health Officers had established a body of evidence about nuisance odours, under varying weather conditions, and the Head of Environment and Planning had received a volume of complaints from local residents. The Council is applying to the High Court to deal with the unlawful use of the Rookery Farm site for industrial rendering and waste processing. The Executive Committee also resolved to restore the application made in 2000, to commit the owner for his failure to comply with his undertaking to the High Court not to cause odour nuisance from the farm after May 31 2000. The action now being taken seeks "... a permanent solution to this long-running problem."

Elsewhere, further to the financial problems affecting MSDC, decisions about how to deal with budgetary shortfalls have still to be confirmed though one particularly controversial matter remains the proposal by the Conservative-led Council to substantially raise car-parking charges and to change the Bury Street car park in Stowmarket to a long-stay facility. Both Carol Milward and myself have opposed this and consultation with surrounding villages is now going to be undertaken. Tostock Parish Council should be invited to contribute so your views would be very welcome either to members of that Council or, of course, to Carol and myself.

If you need to contact us then please do not hesitate:

Carol Milward, 38 Pretyman Avenue, Bacton IP14 4NY (Tel.: 01449 781810;
e-mail: carol.milward@midsuffolk.gov.uk);

or myself

Doug Reed, Second Thoughts, Church Road, Elmswell IP30 9DY (Tel.: 241009;
e-mail: doug.reed@midsuffolk.gov.uk)

TOSTOCK BOOK CLUB

The first meeting of the Book Club will be at Stone Cottage on Tuesday 24th February at 7.30 pm by kind invitation of Mrs Gail Moyle. The book chosen for reading prior to the meeting is THE GIRL WITH THE PEARL EAR-RING by Tracy Chevalier. If you are interested, please contact either Jeanne O'Reilly 270337, or Heather Spencer 270395, for further details.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, TOSTOCK

CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2004

<u>1st February</u>	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Norton</u>
	6.30 p.m.	Open Door – Informal Service at <u>Pakenham</u>
8 th	11.15 a.m.	Family Service
15 th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion [BCP]
22 nd	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer [BCP]
29 th	10.00 a.m.	Songs of Praise
<u>7th March</u>	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at Tostock
	6.30 p.m.	Open Door – Informal Service at Pakenham.
14 th	11.15 a.m.	Holy Communion [BCP]
21 st	11.15 a.m.	Mothering Sunday Family Service
29 th	10.00 a.m.	Morning Praise

As you will see on 29th February there will be a Songs of Praise and because Mothering Sunday is on the 21st March, we will be having our Family Service on that Sunday and the Holy Communion Service will be on 14th March.

A Lent Group will meet in Tostock at Roger & Rosemary Lister's in March following a five week course entitled "Tough Talk for Lent" on the hard sayings of Jesus. All welcome. For further details please see the Church notices sheet or ring 01359 230287.

Ian Hooper
Rector

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The total amount of money raised for St. Andrews Church during the year 2003 was £1,657.

We would like to thank everyone who helped and supported us during the year to achieve this splendid amount.

The first event for 2004 will be a **COFFEE MORNING** on **TUESDAY 9th MARCH** at **10-30AM** in the **VILLAGE HALL**. There will be our usual stall and raffle.

We hope to see all our old friends there and it would be very nice to see a few new faces.

Tostock Past and Present Society

Our next meeting will be the A.G.M. on Monday, February 2nd at 8 pm, when reports will be given by our Chairman and Treasurer, and election of a Committee will take place. This will be followed by a talk by Heather Bentley on *A Day in the Life of a Lady Vet*.

New members are always most welcome.

A further series of lectures by Clive Paine have been booked, beginning with *Tostock in Medieval and Tudor Times* on Tuesday, February 10th and *Pilgrimages in Suffolk* on Tues. February 17th, both at 7.30 pm. There is an additional fee payable for Clive's talks.

The monthly meeting on Monday March 1st at 8 pm is entitled *The History of Transport, Wheels of Ipswich*, a talk given by Brian Dyes.

There are two further talks by Clive Paine in March, as follows :

Tues. March 9th : 7.30 : The Reign of Henry VIII in Suffolk

Tues. March 23rd : 7.30 : Civil War in Suffolk 1642-8.

On Saturday, March 27th, our Society will be manning a stand at the Suffolk Local History Council's SOCIETIES DAY at Mendlesham Community Centre. This is open to the public in the afternoon.

On March 29th, a party of members and friends will be setting forth to Brugge for a 4-day visit to this lovely city, with Angus Travel of Needham Market. This will be our third foray abroad.

It is not too late to join us, if you are interested, please contact the secretary, H Spencer tel.270395 for further details.

One way and another quite a busy month!

Sales of our reprinted book *Tostock Past and Present* have been going well and are still available priced @ £8.50, at Bosmere, Perkins Way, Tostock, Ottakars Bookshop in Bury, East Anglian Life Museum and other outlets.

TOSTOCK TENNIS CLUB **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the tennis club will be held on

**THURSDAY, 25 MARCH AT 7.30 PM IN THE
VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE ROOM**

For all court bookings through to the end of April ring, or e-mail

Diane Plester

01359 271652/diplester@aol.com

BUNTING

Bunting purchased by the tennis club for the Golden Jubilee celebrations is available for any village hall function.

Contact Elizabeth Dunn 01359 207270

GARDENERS ARMS

By the time you read this David and Sue hope to have the NON SMOKING AREA open for lunchtime and evening meals every day. A new menu will be on offer plus a large selection on the 'SPECIALS BOARDS' as well as many FRESH FISH options. A childrens menu will also be available. A TRADITIONAL 'SUNDAY ROAST' will be introduced.

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MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY
IN THE MONTH.

THERE ARE LIVELY DISCUSSIONS ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS,
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BEETHOVEN & BRAHMS

The Bury Bach Choir and Orchestra's next concert will be in St Edmundsbury Cathedral at 7.30 pm on Saturday 20 March.

Featuring a powerful mixture of choral and orchestral classics from the twin giants of German nineteenth-century music, this will be a captivating and entertaining evening.

The concert includes Beethoven's grandest overture for his opera *Fidelio*, followed by Brahms's glorious and beautiful *Song of Destiny*. The major work is Beethoven's powerfully moving *C major Mass*.

Conducted by Philip Reed, with soloists Maureen Brathwaite, Elizabeth Sikora, Nicholas Ransley and Simon Neal.

For tickets, costing £7 (side aisle) or £10 or £14 (reserved centre aisle), please ring Theatre Royal Box Office on 01284 769505 or talk to Mike Heywood, King's Acre, Leys Road (270101)

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