

TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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APRIL - MAY 2004
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PARISH COUNCIL

6 Councillors attended the meeting on 24th February

Report

Police: For the first time in seven years no crimes were recorded in Tostock for this particular period. Speaking of the 120 recorded crimes during last year he went on to point out that there was a 63% detection rate, which was the best in the whole of Suffolk. To date there was a 3% drop in crime but the detection rate was 7%. Due to the additional workload, Pc Shepherd would now only be able to come along to parish council meetings on a quarterly basis. He was aware speed enforcement in the village was an issue – as in other parishes – but enforcement had to be carried out by Traffic Officers. Pc Shepherd also advised he was being considered for an award this year. He also hoped to attend the annual parish meeting in May.

Planning Applications

Applications received and approved by the parish council :-

- 41/04** **Land south of Reynolds House, Church Road.** Hipped roofs to 2
No.double garages instead of gables.
- 16/04** **Barn to rear of Ticehurst House.** Change of use and conversion of Barn to
B1 offices.

Approvals by Mid Suffolk

- 1520/03** **Land to South of Reynolds House, Church Road.** Addition of window to
en-suite in bedroom 1.

Rookery Farm

Letter received from David Ellis, Environment & Planning at Mid Suffolk District Council outlined the current situation and is copied as follows:-

“It appears from my postbag that there is still uncertainty in some parishes as to our intentions and actions in relation to the above.

MSDC Councillor Ray Melvin from Woolpit has suggested that I write to you to confirm the action that has been agreed at MSDC following advise from counsel and I am pleased to do so in this letter.

The strategy agreed by our Executive Committee in December, based on opinion of counsel was:

Being of the opinion that such action is expedient for the protection of the interests of the residents of the area, and pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972, Section.222, to [...]

1. Make application to the High Court seeking the committal of John Clarke for failing to comply with his undertaking to the High Court not to cause odour nuisance from Rookery Farm, Drinkstone.
2. Make application to the High Court for an injunction pursuant to Section 187B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to cease the use of the Rookery Farm premises for the purpose of industrial rendering and/or the deposit of processing of waste.

Actions are underway in relation to the above and:

3. I have instructed our solicitors to make the necessary applications subject to the evidence.
4. Officers have completed their legal statements and evidence bundles and have passed these to our solicitors.
5. Public statements have been taken from odour witnesses to provide necessary evidence in relation to public nuisance and these have also been passed to our solicitors for examination.

As you know Mr Clarke's agents have submitted a further application for a Lawful Development certificate (LDC/1/04), which we are in the process of dealing with. We will let you know the outcome as soon as possible.

I hope that you will inform your local residents through your parish newsletters and parish meetings that we are doing all that we can to bring matters under control and at the earliest possible opportunity

If there are any other points which I can address to clarify matters please do not hesitate to contact me."

Risk Assessment

Deferred until the next meeting

Children's Play area

Parishioners to be requested **not** to permit dogs in the play area..

Play Bus

Residents to be made aware that the weekly visit of the play bus to Tostock on a Friday lunchtime will revert back to a fortnightly visit in the near future

Date for your Diaries

25th May Annual Parish Meeting

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

There will be two **COFFEE MORNINGS** in April and May.

The first will be on **TUESDAY 6th APRIL** at 10.30am in the Village Hall.
The second will be on **TUESDAY 11th May** at 10.30am in the Village Hall.
WE WILL BE INCLUDING A RAFFLE AND OUR USUAL STALL AT EACH.

There will also be a **CONCERT on FRIDAY 28th MAY** in the **CHURCH** at 7.30pm by the **TUDOR ROSE SINGERS**.
Tickets will be £6. and will include wine and refreshments.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, TOSTOCK

CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL AND MAY 2004

<u>4 April</u>	11.15 a.m.	Palm Sunday Family Service
11 th	10.00 a.m.	Easter Day Family Communion
18 th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion [BCP]
25 th	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer [BCP]
<u>2nd May</u>	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Norton</u>
9 th	11.15 a.m.	Family Service
16 th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion [BCP]
23 rd	10.00 a.m.	Morning Praise
30 th	10.00 a.m.	Pentecost Songs of Praise

Holy Week will begin with the usual Palm Sunday Family Service. We meet at 11.00 a.m. at the Gardener's Arms Car Park to process to the church for the service at 11.15 a.m. On Good Friday there will be a morning service at 10.00 a.m. and we celebrate the joy of the resurrection of Jesus on Easter morning at 10.00 a.m. I hope you will be able to join us for some of these services. A warm welcome awaits you.

NEWS FROM THE TOWER OF ST. ANDREW'S

Well here we are already heading into spring and hopefully the coldest nights are behind us, we've certainly had some very cold practice nights just lately with our tea break being the best bit of the evening!

For the past couple of weeks we've been joined by two young men from Stowmarket, Carl who has been ringing a while and Alan who is new to ringing but already shows great promise under the ever watchful eye of our friend Elizabeth.

On Saturday 20th March we had our first visiting band of the year who came and rang a peal, and shortly we will have regular visits on Sunday afternoons from other visitors who wish to ring at Tostock. They are all people attempting their first quarter peals and will be led by Alan Moulton from Woolpit.

As many of you will already know Tostock Church lost a dear friend in March when Miss Mash died at the grand old age of 98 years. Miss Mash loved to hear the bells and often said she would like a go but couldn't make it up our stairs, on the day of her funeral we gathered in the tower and after the service we rang a short piece for Miss Mash, as our way of saying 'Goodbye'.

We also welcomed Lionel back in the tower after his enforced absence due to his broken ankle which is how much better.

We continue to meet on Monday evenings and we're always happy to see new faces, anyone over the age of 12 years will be made most welcome.

Toastock Past and Present Society

The Society will be participating in the SOCIETIES DAY at Mendlesham on March 27th, joining other history societies from Suffolk. On March 29th several of our members and friends will be setting forth on a four day visit to Brugge, which will be our third overseas visit.

The next monthly meeting will be on Monday, April 5th, at 8 pm, when Basil Abbott will be talking about his time as a Toastmaster. Later in the month on Tuesday, April 20th at 7.30, there will be the last of Clive Paine's lectures here this season on LOCAL HISTORY FROM 18c AND 19c NEWSPAPERS.

On May 10th we have the excellent speaker, Mark Mitchell talking about THE LOST CITY OF DUNWICH, which promises to be one of the highlights of our year's programme (8 pm).

On Wednesday evening, May 19th, we shall be visiting St Mary's Church in Bury St Edmunds, with Clive Paine. Details from secretary. Copies of our book *Toastock Past and Present*, priced @ £8.50 are still available from the secretary or local bookshops.

Friends of the Woolpit Health Centre

The Trustees thank all those who have contributed to the funds during the past year – individuals, organisations and those who have given donations in memory of a friend or relative who has died.

During 2003 purchases included a spirometer and ten nebulizers for the benefit of asthmatic patients, a 24 hour blood pressure monitor and printer, a defibrillator, a specialised stethoscope, a replacement wheelchair, a nappy changing unit and many other smaller items. Over £2,000 was spent on maintenance to keep all the existing equipment in working order so all your donations, both large and small, have helped in some way.

Our Co-op share number is 21505. Thank you to all those who use it. Last year this resulted in an additional £2,600 to the funds – an all time record!

Sue Eburne
Treasurer, Friends of the Woolpit Health Centre



T.W. GARDEN SERVICES AND LANDSCAPES

GRASS CUTTING, HEDGE TRIMMING,
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FENCING, PAVING, TURFING & SEEDING

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01359 272522 or mobile **07729 328701**

TOSTOCK GARDEN CLUB

During March we had a very good talk by Roger Harvey of Bradfield St. George on Hellebores. He had some spectacular slides and brought along a number of plants for sale

Also in March (if the weather was kind) we had the opportunity to visit three Spring gardens in the Village. We are most grateful to Messrs O'Reilly, Bucke and Inskip who "volunteered" to allow us to do this.

The next Club event will be a visit to Monksilver Nurseries at Cottenham, Cambs on Wednesday evening 26th May. We shall travel in members own cars and we should meet in the Village Hall carpark at around 6 p.m. Please make a note of this date and try and come along.

On Saturday &/or Sunday July 31st and August 1st we have been invited to attend Thompson & Morgans Trial Ground Open weekend at Poplar Lane Ipswich. We can see their new flower and vegetable varieties, their world famous "wall of flowers" plus slide shows and competitions etc. Entry and Parking will be free and the site is signposted by the AA from the A14.

On Saturday September 4th we shall hold the Tostock Annual Flower & Vegetable Show.

Then on October 5th at 7.30 pm. In the Village Hall we are having a return visit by Roger Tokely who was so well received when he spoke to us on Growing & Showing Vegetables. This time he will talk about the way that Thompson & Morgan produce their seeds as well as what is new for the year.

Details of other events will be given in due course. DO COME AND JOIN US WHENEVER YOU CAN. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Presentation of the Village of the Year Award to Tostock

Everyone is invited to a Cheese and Wine Reception at the Village Hall on Wednesday 21st April at 7.30pm. This will be our chance to celebrate our achievement and Charles Michell from Mid Suffolk will present the award.

The Village Hall AGM will follow the Reception, and we would like as many people as possible to stay on, and contribute to this important village facility.

For court bookings April to September please contact

APRIL	DIANE PLESTER	271652
MAY	ELIZABETH DUNN	270270
JUNE	HEATHER SPENCER	270395
JULY	MARY SIMPSON	271308
AUGUST	HELEN CARTER	231095
SEPTEMBER	MARGARET GROOMS	270688

MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE

Contact Elizabeth Dunn, Membership Secretary (270270), or Diane Plester, Secretary (271652). Fees are:-

- £25 Family Membership
- £12 Adults
- £6 Students
- £5 Children (under 16)
- Guest Court Fees of £2 for adults and £1 children

COURT MAINTENANCE

Working party to sweep court and weed court perimeter. All help greatly appreciated.

SATURDAY, 24 APRIL - 10 A.M.

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TOSTOCK BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on Wednesday, April 14th at 7.30 pm, at Bosmere, Perkins Way and the book we are reading is YEAR OF WONDERS by Geraldine Brooks. Any queries tel. 270395.

BACH & VIVALDI

A Summer Celebration

The Bury Bach Choir and Orchestra's next concert is a Summer Celebration to be held in St Edmundsbury Cathedral at 7.30 pm on Saturday 5 June.

In tune with the optimism of the season, the concert features jubilant music by Bach and by his contemporary Vivaldi.

Bach wrote two hundred magnificent cantatas and in this concert the choir will perform two of the most popular: *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* and *O Eternal Fire*.

The second half of the programme is devoted to Vivaldi's much-loved *Gloria*. This sunny, joyous work, full of catchy melodies and heady optimism, is perfect for a summer's evening.

Conducted by Philip Reed, with soloists Rachel Nichols, Louise Mott, Joseph Cornwell and Gavin Carr.

For tickets, costing £7 (side aisle) or £10 or £14 (reserved centre aisle), please ring Theatre Royal Box Office on 01284 769505.

The 2nd Annual

TOSTOCK EASTER EGG HUNT

"Rook scarers will be deployed!"

SATURDAY 10TH APRIL 2004

START: 10.30AM

ASSEMBLE: TOSTOCK VILLAGE GREEN

GREAT PRIZES

- Best Dressed Basket Competition
- Most Successful Hunter Prizes
- Prizes For All Entrants
- Egg Throwing Competition - "NEW FOR 2004"

ENTRY FEE PER COMPETITOR£2.00 (Young or Old)

Proceeds to go to St Andrew's Church, Tostock.
Organiser Mr Nic Parsons (01359 271117)