

TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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JUNE - JULY 2004

PARISH COUNCIL

13 villagers attended the Annual Parish Meeting on 25th May and annual reports were given by your County & District councillor, the police and local village organisations. All the Reports provided by local organisations will be collated into bound copies which will be available at the next Parish Council meeting. The Financial and Annual Report was presented by the Chairman of your Parish Council and the meeting was then open for public debate or queries by villagers.

Villagers were given the opportunity to choose what type of Jubilee seat they would prefer – wood or galvanised metal. Although galvanised metal may be more weather proof and vandal proof the general consensus of opinion was that wood was preferable and that a good quality hard wood would probably be as durable as metal and it was decided to investigate further before the final decision was made. Various design options displayed in catalogues were then circulated and discussed.

Concern was expressed over the lack of information on the follow up of activating the micro-chipping of the wheelie bins introduced in the village.

The state of the road opposite the bus station; churning up of an area of land at the junction of The Leys Road and corner of The Green were pointed out and agreed to be dealt with. Following a query on the frequency of cuts for The Leys (twice a year) the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

After a ten minute break the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was convened with 6 councillors present.

Cllr Livingston was elected Chairman and Cllr Mrs Malcom as the Vice Chairman.

Appointment of Officers & representative to outside bodies were agreed as:-

Village Hall	Cllrs Livingston & Mrs D Plester
Footpaths	Cllr Mrs Malcom
Tree Officer	Cllr Mrs Parsons
Poors Charity Est.	Cllrs Buckle & Livingston
External/Internal auditors	Heelis & Lodge

Report

Police: Although unable to attend due to staff shortages, a report was submitted by Pc Shepherd. Inspector Jon Brighton (Sector Commander) was promoted and moved to Bury St Edmunds with Inspector Blazeby taking over this Sector. Crime figures have increased by around 200 compared with last year although good results were achieved with Dwelling burglaries down to 164. Detection rate was up by nearly 6% and good team work by uniform and CID resulted in arrests and conviction of a number of proliferant and persistent offenders.

County Cllr: The move by SCC to Endeavour House was proving to be a new concept in working with open plan and staff/councillors sharing computers and desks in a very modern building. The previous year's performance and the budget for the forthcoming year was touched on briefly coupled with detailed information on cost cutting producing an acceptable percentage increase in the overall budget for the new financial year. Transport around villages, the newly proposed University of Suffolk, Boundary Commission results, the need for more housing and the new ten year partnership between BT/SCC & MSDC venture all featured in the County Councillor's report.

Referring to the problem of HGV's using New Road as a "rat run" the C.Cllr suggested the parish council wrote to her formally and the matter would then be pursued by her with SCC as a matter of some urgency.

District Cllr: MSDC had sustained financial losses during the past year and this had unfortunately resulted in cut backs and rationalisation of staff. The Leisure Services sector was under consideration for a private funding package with the Council managing the Services. The existence of a Corporate Grant was mentioned and organisations were encouraged to tap in to this for anything required for the community since there was money available..

Community Achievement awards highlighted the work of dedicated people and MSDC held an awards presentation day to acknowledge and recognise the work carried out.

The Strategic Partnership between MSDC/BT and SCC was touched on briefly and the D.Cllr was fully supportive of the one stop shop which would enable the public quicker and easier access to the services required.

Housing was a big issue since the Government directive was to create an increased number of houses to meet public requirement.

Planning Applications

Application received and approved by the parish council :-

430/04 **Gable End, Leys Road:** Erection of 2 dwellings (submission of reserved matters under Permission of OL/183/03)

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 – Nothing to report

Risk Assessment - Not yet completed.

Armstrong Wood – Cllr Buxton is now the Warden for the Woods

Cars parked on the Green

There are problems cutting the grass on the green due to cars being parked there and the Parish Council would appreciate villagers' co-operation in not using this area for parking.

Horses crossing the green

A reminder that horses should not be crossing the green

Date of next meeting

27th July 2004.

MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAT

Further to a much-publicised challenge by ASDA, concerning proposed car park charge increases at the Meadow Centre in Stowmarket the Conservative-led administration at the District Council has had to back down. Reduced rates are out for consultation and, hopefully, should be put into effect about the time this newsletter is published. Myself and Carol, together with other Lib Dem councillors, had strongly opposed the whole range of recent car park increases and already extracted some concessions. The latest reduction is further good news - especially if you use Stowmarket for shopping.

On the litter front we have been working hard, in response to complaints, to generate some action - not least on the A14. As a result, MSDC 'Hit Squads' have been out to tidy up verges. Regrettably, there is no single solution to this 'Forth Bridge' type situation and repeated action is going to be needed.

MSDC has just agreed its 'Corporate Plan 2004-2009'. Not the most riveting of documents but it's nonetheless a vital one since it sets out the Council's intentions for the next few years. Both individual residents and the Parish Council can use it to good effect - to push the District Council for action in particular areas, like planning, or to hold MSDC to account for what it does or doesn't do. Speaking of which, the Council is to undergo a Comprehensive Performance Assessment - in effect, an audit which looks at how the Council is run and how well it delivers its services. The Parish Council will be asked to provide feedback through a questionnaire as part of the process; and residents will also have the opportunity to comment, probably through the MSDC Web site and a telephone 'hot line'. We'll advertise the number as soon as we have it.

Please contact us if you have any problems with MSDC:.

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or myself

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Tostock Past and Present Society

Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday, June 7th at 8 pm, with John Read's talk on the history of the Manufacture of Soap.

On Wednesday June 30th, a day visit to Cressing Temple Barns, near Braintree has been arranged. We will be taken round by a guide to look at these magnificent medieval barns, with the connection with the Knights Templar. Full details from the secretary, tel. 270395.

There is no meeting in July but an evening visit to Drinkstone Mills on Monday, July 19th with our hosts Mr and Mrs Hayward, who will tell us about the latest development and plans at the Mills.

All welcome at above, but please let the secretary know if you are interested in the two visits.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, TOSTOCK

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE AND JULY 2004

<u>6th June</u>	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at Tostock
13 th	11.15 a.m.	Family Service
20 th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion [BCP]
^h 27 th	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer [BCP]
<u>4th July</u>	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Pakenham</u>
11 th	11.15 a.m.	Family Service
18 th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion [BCP]
25 th	10.00 a.m.	Morning Praise

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We shall once again be providing refreshments for the ART SHOW on
SATURDAY 19th JUNE 11-00am to 5-00pm
SUNDAY 20th JUNE 2-00pm to 5-00pm
There will also be a PLANT STALL.

There will be AFTERNOON TEA on WEDNESDAY 14th JULY at
MEADOW HOUSE, FLATTS LANE from 3-00pm until 5-00pm
If wet this will be held in the Village Hall.

PROCEEDS FOR ST. ANDREWS CHURCH

**WE HOPE TO SEE MANY OF YOU - BOTH YOUNG AND OLD
AT BOTH THESE EVENTS**

POORS ESTATE CHARITY

**DUE TO RESIGNATION A NEW TRUSTEE IS NEEDED FOR THE CHARITY
WHICH ADMINISTERS THE ALLOTMENTS. THIS NEEDS TO BE A RESIDENT
IN THE VILLAGE — AND WE ONLY MEET TWICE A YEAR!
IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT JEANNE O'REILLY 270337**

TOSTOCK BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on THURSDAY 15th JULY at
7-30pm at Rookwood, New Road. The two books we will be discussing are
'THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT'
by MARK HADDON and 'THE BOOKSELLER OF KABUL' by ASNE
SEIRERSTAD.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The recent House to House collection in Flatts Lane in aid of SCOPE raised the sum of £ 40. A very big 'THANK YOU' to everyone.

Edna Buxton

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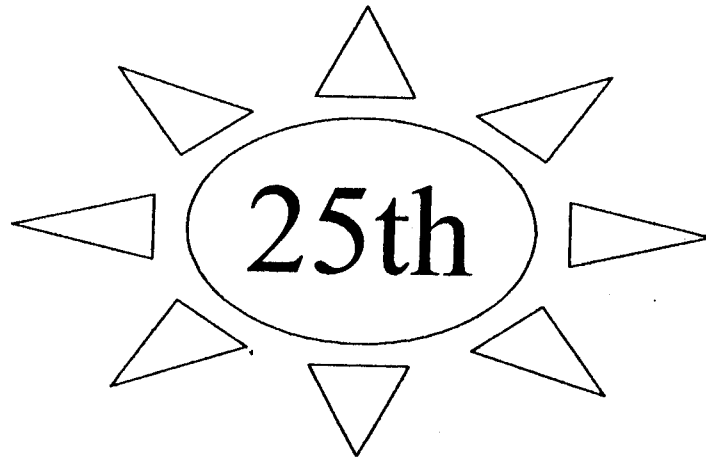
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ART EXHIBITION

St Andrew's
Church, Tostock

Sat 19th June 11am-9pm

Sun 20th June 11am-9pm

Mon 21st June 11am-5pm

Refreshments available Saturday and Sunday

In order to celebrate 25 years of "Art in Tostock", you are invited to join us for a glass of wine on Saturday 19th June from 8p.m. in the Church.

INFORMATION SHEET TOSTOCK JUNE 2004

www.tostock.suffolk.gov.uk
PLEASE KEEP FOR REFERENCE

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