

TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2004

PARISH COUNCIL

7 Cllrs attended the July meeting.

Reports

Police: There had been only one recorded crime in Tostock in 2004.

D.Cllr: MSDC were experiencing staff shortages – particularly in the Planning Department. Litter on the A14 was causing problems and MSDC had sub-contracted SCC Highways to clear the rubbish.

Planning Applications

Application received and approved by the parish council :-

- 99/04 **Off Flatts Lane.** To erect / construct 1 No. two storey 4/5 bed dwelling with garage.
PC comment: Refuse for following reasons
- 1) outside settlement area
 - 2) No proper access – Perkins Way is not suitable and too narrow . Blind corner at the end of Perkins Way and width restriction for both Perkins Way and Flatts Lane..
 - 3) access across agricultural land
 - 4) previous application turned down and parish council do not consider alternative presented is suitable.

Approvals by Mid Suffolk

- 314/04 **1 The Bungalows, Church Road.** Single storey extension (to provide granny annexe) & detached garage.
- 430/04 **Gable End, Leys Road.** Erection of 2 dwellings (submission of reserved matters under permission OL/183/03

Rookery Farm – Waiting for Court date to be set

Risk Assessment - Completed - Clerk to retain.

The September meeting of the Parish Council was attended by 3 councillors and 1 villager.

Reports

Police: Crime in Tostock remains low. During the summer months, crime normally increases however there have only been 2 recorded crimes since 1st June and 12th September. (nuisance phonecalls & criminal damage caused to a building.

C.Cllr: SCC were required to submit a Transport Plan and at the same time – within the plan – they must show progress made against targets set. Spoke of increase in the number of people killed or injured on the roads – 442 (was 39) children 56 (was 28). From 2004 to 2005 SCC are going to decrease budget for local safety schemes and increase for Transport, Public Rights of Way & strategic cycle routes. Referred to major transport schemes in hand – A146, A1065, A12 major scheme Ipswich & Lowestoft for North Lowestoft.

SCC have looked at improving voter turnout having carried out trials of voting by post in Bury St Edmunds and Ipswich. However there was seen to be no significant increase in turn out so the commission is suggesting to the Government that postal voting is not valid as the public would like to have a choice.

Boundary commission made final recommendation of 75 councillors instead of 80. SCC election in 2005 will vote on the new boundaries..

SCC were implementing travel discount – the proposal was for youths 10 – 19 age group to obtain half price travel.

County Hall has been sold and is being turned into residential accommodation.

Planning Applications

Application received and approved by the parish council :-

1039/04 West Ridge, Norton Road: Change "Velux" Windows to dormer windows.

Application received and refused by the parish council :-

99/04 Off Flatts Lane. To erect/construct 1 No. two storey 4/5 bed dwelling with garage.

PC comment: 1) outside settlement area 2) no proper access – Perkins Way is not suitable and too narrow. Blind corner at the end. 3) access across agricultural land 4) previous application turned down and parish council do not consider alternative presented is suitable.

Planning application received:-

980/04 Land off A1088 & U5967, Elmswell: proposed gypsy caravan site for 18 families with two caravans per pitch, inc. ancillary works.

Due to the complete lack of detail on this application the eight councillors present at the Planning Meeting were unable to consider the application and commented as under:-

1. Insufficient information on the planning application, in particular the ancillary works, referred to, such as
 - Sewerage
 - Refuse collection
 - Road and pedestrian access

2. The Parish Council would like to quote Suffolk County Council (Coastal) Structure Plan, POLICY AP44

Residential Caravans

"Planning permission will not normally be granted for residential caravans or mobile homes on sites which would not receive planning permission for permanent residential development and, in any event, new sites will not be permitted in the Countryside. Planning permission may exceptionally be granted for residential caravans on sites which would be appropriate for permanent dwellings, where a genuine short term need has been identified. Any permission issued will be of a temporary nature and will not normally be renewed."

3.76 "There is no statutory duty on local authorities to provide accommodation for gypsies or other travellers."

3.78 (i) Need

"There is no evidence to suggest that a permanent gypsy site is required in this district and there is no permanent population of gypsies."

3. Suffolk County Council (Coastal) Structure Plan, POLICY AP45:-

Sites for Travellers

- (vii) "where there is no significant intrusion into the landscaped and, in this respect, they will not be permitted."
 - (c) "in flood plains"
4. Site access is extremely hazardous because of its location on a bridge and a dangerous blind bend. There is no pedestrian access for the site.
 5. The site is located in the countryside and is outside the settlement boundary.
 6. No information on the planning application as to the eventual use of these units.

Notification of intent:

TCA57/04 Front Garden boundary between Snapdragon & Hazelwood, The Green.

Bus Timetables

Changes advised in bus timetables / routes. No printed timetables yet at bus shelter.

Horses crossing the green

A reminder that horses should not be crossing the green

Date of next meeting

26th October 2004.

MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAT

With a break in Council meetings in August activities have tended to focus on continuing rather than new work. Inevitably, there has been on-going attention paid to the 'Proposed Gypsy Caravan Site' (application 980/04) on land off the A1088 by the flyover between the Norton road and Woolpit. There have been one or two queries, for example, about why enforcement notices have not been served. MSDC has, as you would expect, taken expert legal advice about the situation. It was judged that the best and most effective way forward, on the basis of that advice, was to progress the planning application at the earliest - while retaining the option of enforcement action should it be needed. Hope is that the application will be determined at the Planning Committee on October 11.

Otherwise, remaining phases of the 'TwinBin Scheme' have been agreed for the District taking us up to March 2007 when potential implementation of a third bin for 'compostables' could become a reality; a transport strategy is to be developed to enable MSDC to set out its priorities and identify local needs; and work is progressing to re-establish a tourism officer for the District following redundancies made last March.

Please contact us, your District Councillors, with any queries or views:

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e-mail: doug.reed@midsuffolk.gov.uk)

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, TOSTOCK

CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

<u>3rd October</u>	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Pakenham</u>
10 th	11.15 a.m.	Harvest Family Service
17 th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion [BCP]
24 th	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
31 st	10.00 a.m.	<i>Songs of Praise</i>
<u>7th November</u>	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Norton</u>
14 th	10.45 a.m.	Remembrance Sunday Service
21 st	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion [BCP]
28 th	10.00 a.m.	Morning Praise

On Sunday 10th October we have our Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service at the church and on Friday 15th October we shall have the opportunity to share together in the Harvest Supper at the Village Hall.

Please note that 14th November is Remembrance Sunday and the service will commence at 10.45 a.m.

We would be pleased to welcome you to these and any other of our services.

Ian Hooper
Rector

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The **HARVEST SUPPER** will again be held in the Village Hall on Friday 15th October at 7-30pm. It will be a two course meal.

FISH PIE followed by
CHOCOLATE ROULARD

RED/WHITE wine or FRUIT JUICE will also be available.

TICKETS - ADULTS £5.
CHILDREN under 10 £2. 50.

The **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** will be held on **SATURDAY 20th NOVEMBER** at 2.00pm in the Village Hall.

The stalls will include **BOOKS, CAKES, PRODUCE, PLANTS, TOYS, BRIC-A-BRAC** etc. as well as a **TOMBOLA STALL** and **RAFFLE**.

We would be most grateful to receive any contributions towards any of these stalls and would welcome your support on the day.

NEWS FROM THE TOWER OF ST. ANDREW'S

Its been a while since I've passed on any news from the tower, so now the summer's over and we're looking forward to the autumn and dare I say winter, I thought I'd bring you up to date with what's been happening.

Way back in July one of our most "treasured" ringers reached a milestone birthday, our dear Ann Gath celebrated her 70th birthday on the 4th and as there was no service that day, we met at mid-day and rang our own tribute to Ann, she and some members of her family (including the dogs), joined us after the ringing to wish Ann a happy birthday in our usual manner, by raising a glass of bubbly and presenting Ann with some flowers. We hope Ann will continue to ring with us for many years to come.

Over the summer we've had several visiting bands, some were revisiting others were making their first visit, included in these bands was a band of local ringers who chose our tower to ring a ¼ peal for a well known and respected ringer called Kenny Brown who rings regularly at Ixworth.

On Saturday 18th September Maurice Rose from Rougham led a band and rung a full peal. On Monday 27th September another band led by David Salter from Ipswich will attempt a peal, starting at approx 10.00am.

We continue to meet on Monday evenings for our practice night and over the last few weeks we've been joined by Julie Harrison who is at present doing well learning the basics of ringing under the watchful eye of our friend Elizabeth. If there is anyone else out there who would like to see what happens up in the tower please come along we don't bite and we're quite friendly!

Sue Marriott, Tower secretary.

Wostock Past and Present Society

The next monthly meeting on Monday October 4th at 8 p.m. will be a talk entitled *Andes, Amazon and Incas* by Derek Thornberry. Please note this is a change from the original programme.

On November 1st at 8 p.m., Peter Driver will be speaking about *Follies and Oddities in Suffolk*. All welcome to both meetings : Visitors - £1.



AN ENJOYABLE COFFEE MORNING WAS HELD AT ROOKWOOD ON FRIDAY 24th SEPTEMBER AND £383. WAS RAISED FOR THE MACMILLAN CANCER RELIEF APPEAL. GRATEFUL THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED, ATTENDED, OR HELPED IN ANY WAY.

TOSTOCK FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW 2004

Whilst the number of entries was down slightly this year the standard was as high as ever and a good crowd turned up in the afternoon to view the exhibits.

The childrens classes were very well received and there were some wonderfully original vegetable prints,vegetable vehicles and scarecrows.

Surprisingly there were so many entries in the 5-8,s classes that we divided that section into " older and younger" to enable more prizes to be given.

Next year it would be very good to see more younger persons entering for the George Taylor Plate. Whilst this is for under 25,s there must be many teenagers and even younger girls and boys who take an interest in looking after a patch of their own or in pot plants or cacti. Don't be shy. Try your luck next September.

The winners in the various sections were:-

PARISH COUNCIL CHALLENGE CUP.....SHARON MARKELL
RUNNER UP.....SIMON REYNOLDS
COWDELL CUP FOR HOMECRAFTS..... TESSA REYNOLDS
GEORGE TAYLOR PLATE (under25,s)..... WILLIAM HARRISON
FLORAL ART CUP.....SUE MARRIOTT
BEST PHOTO..TOSTOCKSCENE.....SHARON BURMAN
BEST PHOTO..FAMILY PETS.....LIZ HARCOTBE

CHILDRENS CLASSES

UNDER 5,s.....FREDDIE HOOD
5 -8,s YOUNGER.....JORDAN MARKELL
5 -8,s OLDERROBERT FAYERS
OVER 9,s.....ABIGAIL FAYERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL.

TOSTOCK GARDEN CLUB

This is to remind members and friends that on Tuesday October 5th we shall welcome Andrew Tokely of Thompson & Morgan who is to talk to us on how his firm produce their seeds and what is new for 2005.

He was very well received when he came to us before and speaks regularly on Radio Suffolk. PLEASE COME ALONG AND GIVE YOUR SUPPORT ,EVERYONE IS WELCOME. **7.30pm VILLAGE HALL**

TOSTOCK BOOK CLUB

The next meeting will be at Jasmine Cottage, on the Green, on Wednesday October 6th at 7.30 pm. The books to be discussed will be *John Clare*, a biography by Jonathan Bate, *The Amateur Marriage* by Anne Tyler and a book of the member's own choice. Any queries, tel. 270395 or 270337.

**WOOLPIT HEALTH CENTRE
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Quiz Night

Tostock Village Hall

8 pm

Wednesday 20th October

Teams of 4 people

Entry fee £2 per person

Proceeds to Charity

Teams can book in advance by

calling 01359 235253 or just

turn up on the night - everyone

welcome

BACH - CHRISTMAS ORATORIO

The Bury Bach Choir and Orchestra will perform Bach's **Christmas Oratorio** at St Edmundsbury Cathedral on Saturday 27 November. The concert starts at 7.30 p.m. and will finish around 9.50 p.m.

This splendidly festive occasion is the perfect way to start the Christmas season for everyone, including those who don't usually attend "classical" concerts. As the audience will discover, the words and music of the **Christmas Oratorio** depict the scenes of the Christmas story with an infectious joy and intensity. As one critic put it, "I can't imagine any person not responding to this masterpiece".

Conducted by Philip Reed, with soloists are Nicki Kennedy, Alison Kettlewell, Philip Salmon and Simon Neal. The concert sponsor is Barclays Bank.

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