

TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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FEBRUARY - MARCH 2005

PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications received and refused by the parish council :-

JL630/04

The Barns, Park Farm: Conversion, renovation and change of use to form three residential dwellings and ancillary works.

PC comment: In response to the last application the Parish Council was unable to consider the application since there were too many unknown factors and in no way did the Council approve that application. The same applied to this revised application – particularly with regard to the “Employment area.” Please advise more details and why should this be considered a private residence when there is such a large employment area.

Because no application had yet been received by the Clerk, the meeting was not able to fully consider the application. However having taken note of parishioner’s comments in the Public Forum, councillors were in agreement that the Clerk should contact MSDC advising them that their previous reasons for refusing a planning application for this site still applied and further comment would follow when the application was received.

1418/04

Land off Flatts Lane. Change of use from agricultural to periodic accommodation facility for showmen, their families and equipment.

PC comment: 1) Lane not suitable for heavy goods vehicles in respect of weight and the small width of the Lane. 2) The small width of Flatts Lane prevented the Wheelie Bin cart from coming down so the same would apply for HGV’s 3) Overload of sewage system..

Applications approved by MSDC:

TCA/74/04

Garden of Gable, Leys Road: a) Canopy reduce three Birch trees by 40% and re-shap b) remove one Horse Chestnut and one Sycamore c) Canopy reduce one Ash by 40% d) Canopy reduce one Sycamore by 20%

FINANCE

5cheques were drawn

A £4000 Precept for 2005/2006 was agreed.

The Clerk’s hours were increased from 10 to 12 hours a month to allow for her additional responsibilities and the salary was increased to £8 an hour w.e.f. 1st December.

TOURIST MAP

Awaiting for quotes on the artwork and map. Local artists to be approached to assist in sketches. The completed map would feature focal points – The Gardeners Arms with Chestnut tree, the Church and The Leys.

6 Cllrs attended the January meeting.

REPORTS

D. Cllr Mrs Milward:

Community Achievement Award scheme: Parish Councils were being asked to nominate people whose voluntary community work deserved recognition.

Planning: Provided information about the Northern Planning meeting and went on to advise of the change in staff at Mid Suffolk District Council offices. The backlog of applications was being cleared. D Cllr Mrs Milward was happy to assist the Parish Council with any queries they might have on planning applications.

Charges: MSDC was considering introducing parking charges at Needham Lake. Currently under discussion.

Licensing: MSDC had become a Licensing Authority. Training was being provided and she would report back to the Parish Council at the next meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications received and **approved** by the parish council :-

1524/04 **1 Norton Road.** Extension to rear of dwelling and demolition of outbuilding
1555/04 **Wayside, Norton Road.** Single storey bedroom extension

Applications received and **refused** by the parish council:-

1418/04 **Land off Flatts Lane.** Change of use from agricultural to periodic accommodation facility for showmen, their families and equipment

- 1) Lane was not suitable for heavy goods vehicles in respect of weight the small width of the Lane.
- 2) The small width of Flatts Lane prevented the Wheelie Bin cart from coming down so the same would apply for HGV's
- 3) Overload of sewage system.
- 4) Two residential applications have already been refused along this part of Flatts Lane

1412/04 **Tostock Place, Church Road.** Erection of 3No. garage buildings.
PC Comment was to **approve** Building A but **refuse** Buildings B & C on the grounds that they were inappropriately large for the purpose of garaging. If Buildings B & C were of the same size as Building A the parish council would have no objection. The Parish Council would also like to see them nearer the relevant dwellings.

Applications approved by MSDC:

LB/130/04 **The Barns, Park Farm, The Green.** Conversion, renovation & change of use to form two residential dwellings, one Class B1 business unit and ancillary works.

630/04 **The Barns, Park Farm, The Green.** Conversion, renovation & change of use to form two residential dwellings, one Class B1 business unit and ancillary works

Applications refused by MSDC:

OL/162/04 **2 New Road, Tostock.** Erection of one and a half storey detached dwelling with associated garage to rear.

Appeal lodged by Ms K Temple-Nidd w.e.f. 29th December 2004.

FINANCE

2 cheques were drawn

MILLENIUM SEAT

This item will be on the February Agenda. Since the village already has a seat under the Horse Chestnut it has been suggested the village may prefer to have a "Tourist Map" on the Green instead.

TOURIST MAP

Two artists have been approached and agreed to help. Quotations received for producing/printing the map for the board.

PHOTOCOPIER

Sadly its days are numbered and the Clerk is to provide the next Parish Council Meeting with costings for either renting or buying a replacement.

VILLAGE WEEKEND 16TH and 17TH JULY.

JUST TO REMIND EVERY ONE, THAT AS YOU READ THIS
TOSTOCK'S BIG WEEKEND IS BEING PLANNED!

WE ARE PLANNING TO HAVE SCARECROWS AND
FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH, STALLS ON THE GREEN, THE
PAST AND PRESENT SOCIETY IN THE VILLAGE HALL AND
LOTS MORE. SO WE WILL NEED YOU!

ANYONE WHO FEELS THEY WOULD LIKE TO HELP CAN
CONTACT ME, SUE MARROITT ON 01359 270143 OR
JEANNE O'REILLY ON 01359 270337.

THANK YOU.

Tostock Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on Wednesday, 2nd February at 7.30 p.m. at Bosmere, Perkins Way. The books to be discussed will be The Colour by Rose Tremain and Where There's a Will by John Mortimer. Any queries, tel. 270395 or 270337.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, TOSTOCK

CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2005

<u>6th February</u>	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Norton</u>
13 th	11.15 a.m.	Family Service
20 th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion [BCP]
27 th	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer [BCP]
<u>6th March</u>	10.00 a.m.	Mothering Sunday Family Service
13 th	11.15 a.m.	Morning Praise
20 th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion [BCP]
27 th	10.00 a.m.	Easter Day Family Communion

A Lent Group will meet in Tostock at Roger & Rosemary Lister's commencing on Wednesday, 16th February at 7.30 p.m. for five weeks. It will follow a course entitled "Better Together?" which will consider relationships. All welcome. For further details please see the Church notices sheet or ring 01359 230287.

Sunday, 6th March is Mothering Sunday and there will be a special Family Service at 10.00 a.m.

There will be a Devotional Service on Good Friday morning at 10.00 a.m. and we then celebrate the joy of the Resurrection two days later on Easter Day at a Family Communion Service also at 10.00 a.m. We do hope you will be able to join us at some of these services. A warm welcome awaits you.



Alpha ----- *A course exploring the meaning of life.....*

The Alpha course is a 15-session practical introduction to the Christian faith designed for:

- non-churchgoers
- those interested in the Christian faith
- regular church-goers who would like to brush-up on their faith

It is intended to start this course during the week beginning 11th April for one evening per week over about 13 weeks including one day away for three of the sessions.

More details will be given later but if you are interested please have a word with either The Revd Ian Hooper (01359 230287) or The Revd James Longe (01284 386209).

Tostock Past and Present Society

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Monday, 7th February at 8 p.m when there will be the usual reports, plans for the year and election of officers. This will be followed by a talk on *Suffolk Punch Horses* by Chris Miller.

Later in the month on Tuesday, 15th February at 7.30 p.m., Clive Paine will be back in Tostock for the thirteenth year, to give another series of lectures. The first should have special appeal to some Tostock residents as it is entitled *Tostock in the 17th and 18th centuries*. His next lecture on Tuesday, 1st March will be on *Castles in Suffolk*.

The monthly meeting on Monday, 7th March at 8 p.m. will be a return visit by Ashley Cooper, the well-known local author, talking about *300 Years of Countryside History*. Clive Paine's third lecture on Tuesday, 15th March will be on *Suffolk and the Gunpowder Plot*. All welcome to the above meetings, Visitors £1 for monthly meetings, £3 for Clive Paine lectures (£2.50 for members). Subs. remain at a very reasonable £6 per person.

Members were saddened to hear of the death of Reg Sulman on 31st December. Reg was one of our founder members when the Society was formed in 1987 and he was our Chairman for some years. Reg also contributed a chapter on 'Non-conformity in Tostock' in our book *Tostock Past and Present* published in 2000. He will be greatly missed at our meetings, in which he took an active interest even during his long illness. We send our sympathy to Eileen and her family.

TOSTOCK GARDEN CLUB

Snowdrops and Aconites are already in bloom, bulbs are bursting forth and Gardeners are consulting their seed catalogues so Spring is well on its way at last. We seem to have had enough rain to see us through the next few months and it would be wonderful to have a really dry and sunny spell.

Anyway this is the time when we can be optimistic about our future gardening efforts and we hope that all our members and their friends will come along to the Village Hall on Tuesday 8th February at 7.30 p.m to talk about our programme for the coming year. If you have been to our AGMs before you will know that these are light hearted affairs where hopefully everyone joins in and we round off the evening with a glass or two and some nibbles.

So please make a note of the date and do your best to be there.

Also on Tuesday March 22nd at 7.30 p.m in the Village Hall we have booked our old friend Mr. Gayton of Santon Downham who will give an illustrated talk on "Weird and Wonderful Plants".

We hope to see you there too. Everyone is always welcome to these or any of our events.

NEWS FROM THE TOWER OF ST. ANDREW'S TOSTOCK.

Christmas and New Year may already seem a dim and distant memory and we may all be looking forward to spring cleaning and summer holidays, but I thought I'd bring you up to date with the "goings on" of The Ringers over the Christmas period.

We kicked off with our now annual Christmas party, which this year was a little bit special as it marked our 5th Anniversary. We thought it would be nice to invite some of our old bell ringing friends back to join, us along with those who help us out during the year. Our special guest was Tony Baines, he is the man who put the bells into the tower for us in the first place and who we still turn to for help some times, along with Tony we also invited his wife Betty a well known ringer in this area and also a special friend to Tostock's Tower.

Over the Christmas period we rang for several services and managed to get enough ringers for all the extra ringing. A big thank you to all the ringers who gave up their time at this very busy period and made the ringing fun.

New Years Eve found us slightly depleted in number but we still had enough ringers to ring out the old year and ring in the new. (Any one setting their clock by my twelve chimes at mid night is now in Tostock time and not GMT!). After the ringing we enjoyed a glass of the bubbly stuff, before Andrew chimed our service bell in memory of all those who had lost their lives in the Asian disaster. We then made our way up to Ann Gaths house where we enjoyed another glass or two and some nibbles before going home.

We continue to meet on Monday evenings at 7.30pm and I'm pleased to say that Julie has returned to us after her Christmas break, to continue her learning, so if there is anyone else out there who would like to learn please come along its always easier to learn with another beginner, its only one and a half hours on a Monday night and then half an hour on Sunday morning once you can ring! Anyone over 12yrs can have a go, children do need to accompanied by an adult the 1st time and you will need to be filled in a consent form. Don't be shy, we really don't bite and you might just surprise yourself.

Sue Marriott, Tower secretary, 01359 270143.

**CHURCH KNEELER GATHERING at
GAILS, STONE COTTAGE, TOSTOCK,
22nd FEBRUARY at 7.30p.m.**

**IF YOU HAVE MADE, ARE MAKING, OR
WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A TAPESTRY
CHURCH KNEELER, PLEASE JOIN US FOR
INFORMATION, ENCOURAGEMENT AND
A GLASS OF WINE.**

**R.S.P.V. GAIL 01359 270787
or JANET 01359 271609**

**R.S.P.V. NOR ESSENTIAL BUT WE WOULD
HATE TO RUN OUT OF WINE !!**

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The total amount of money raised for St.Andrews Church during the year 2004 was £2,115.88.

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

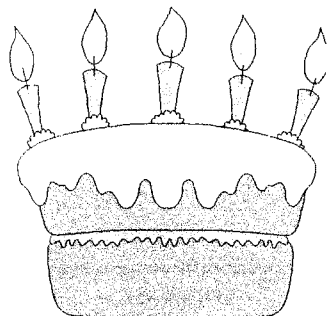
the first event for 2005 will be a COFFEE MORNING on Tuesday 8th March at 10.30am in the Village Hall.

There will be our usual stall and raffle.

It would be nice to see some new faces this year as well as all our faithful friends that we know we can rely on every time.

VILLAGE HALL KEYHOLDER

Please note - the new holders of the key are Mr.& Mrs.G.Reeve
Highmoor House, Norton Road, Tostock.



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EXERCISE CLASSES

Body Conditioning classes are being held at
Rattlesden Baptist Chapel
Mondays @ 7 - 8 p.m. Course ends 14th March

Also at Bradfield St George Village Hall,
Tuesdays @ 6.30 - 7.30 p.m. Course ends 15th March

The classes, to music are for all levels of ability and incorporate Pilates technique and other exercises to mobilise, tone, strengthen and stretch the different muscle groups.

For further details please ring 01449 736 010

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A big thank you to all who supported the Village Quiz on 20 October.
Donations for team entry fees and refreshments amounted to £80.10.
This was passed onto St Nicholas' Hospice.
Next year's quiz will be set by 'The Place People'; make sure to enter a team!

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