

TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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APRIL - MAY 2005

PARISH COUNCIL

6 Councillors attended the February meeting.

REPORTS

Police: To date there have been no reported crimes in Tostock and the police are not aware of any other issues in the village at the present time.

D.Cllr Reed: No further development on Rookery Farm. No appeal or re-application of planning in respect of the gypsy site - matter currently on hold. D.Cllr Reed agreed to again take up the problem of fly-tipping in the village with Mid Suffolk District Council. Council tax has been set at 4.5%.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning applications received and **approved** by the Parish Council:

- 0211/05** **Kings Acre, Leys Road.** Erection of garden shed (single storey construction of wood and tile roof.
- OL/140/03** **Morland, Flatts Lane.** Erection of detached garage, conversion of garage to sun room in variation of Condition 3 of planning permission.
- 0361/05** **Bramble Croft, Norton Road.** Detached house with garage/car port (Previous approval Ref.955/03 dated 2.10.2003)
- 0532/05** **Crosswinds, Flatts Lane.** Remove two ornamental Cherry trees
- 0295/05** **The Granary, New Road.** Single storey extension for garden room and study.

Applications approved by Mid Suffolk District Council:

- 1555/04** **Wayside, Norton Road.** Single storey bedroom extension.
- 1217/04** **Highmoor House, Norton Road.** 1st floor side extension to house and extension to garage with new pitched roof.
- 1524/04** **1 Norton Road.** Extension to rear of dwelling and demolition of out-building.
- 1238/04** **Gable End, Leys Road.** Double garage, en-suite to existing bedroom in attic space, sunroom/conservatory, downstairs toilet and wooden shed.

The Parish Council is inviting the new Head of Planning - MSDC – to hopefully come along to the Annual Parish Meeting/Annual Parish Council Meeting in May to discuss planning issues/changes.

FINANCE

5 cheques were drawn

TOURIST MAP

The Council has agreed to proceed with a tourist map on the green instead of the originally proposed seat. An artist has now been appointed to draw up a suitable map.

PHOTOCOPIER

The new copier was ordered and has now been installed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

12th April 2005.

Annual Parish Meeting/Annual Parish Council Meeting – 10th May 2005.

TOSTOCK VILLAGE HALL – AGM

TUESDAY 5TH APRIL 2005 AT 8pm

The village hall is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year and all members of the village are invited to the Annual General Meeting. This is an opportunity for everyone to see how important the hall and the adjacent facilities are in providing a venue for many village activities, and to contribute their own ideas to improving the facility for the next 30 years. These are some of the clubs and activities making use of the hall.

Gardening
Brownies
Carpet Bowls
Tennis Club

Rainbow Group
Dancing
Pilates
Basket Ball

Yoga
Past and Present
Football

Please come along and support your village

Dear Friends,

Both my wife and self would like to thank all the friends and neighbours of Tostock that have given such a warm welcome to us. We have lived close by for many years, but the warmth of welcome makes us feel that we have always been here in the village. Long may such spirit exist.

Again Many Many Thanks,

Jessie and Albert Welham.

6 The Croft, Tostock.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, TOSTOCK

CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL AND MAY 2005

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------|--|
| <u>3 April</u> | 10.00 | Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Pakenham</u> |
| 10 th | 11.15 a.m. | Family Service |
| 17 th | 10.00 a.m. | Holy Communion [BCP] |
| 24 th | 10.00 a.m. | Morning Prayer [BCP] |
| <u>1st May</u> | 10.00 a.m. | Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Norton</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 Praise |
| 29 th | 10.00 a.m. | Morning Prayer [BCP] |

Ian Hooper
Rector

The P.C.C. would like to thank Dr. Sheena Waikins for sponsoring the Church floodlights during the winter in memory of her Mother, and also to Mrs. Kit Harding who sponsored the lights during the month of March in memory of her husband Peter.

CHURCH KNEELERS.

Janet and Gail were delighted to see so many friends turn up at our 'gathering' in February. It was particularly good to see so many of you on what was a very cold evening. This was an opportunity to exchange ideas and to share with everyone the progress of the project.

We now have seven completed kneelers in the church and another thirteen which are in the making.

If there is anyone out there who has any kneeler patterns we would be very grateful for some new ones.

Should you require more information please contact:
Gail on 01359 270787
or Janet on 01359 271606

TOSTOCK GARDEN CLUB

A fair sprinkling of members enjoyed a talk by an old friend M.r.Gayton of Santon Downham on "Weird and Wonderful" plants and freaks of nature. We hope to make another visit to his large and unusual garden ,perhaps next year.

On Tuesday evening, 19th April we are invited to visit the Spring Garden of Mr and Mrs Massey at The Island House, Lower Road, Lavenham. Travelling in as few cars as possible members are asked to meet in the Village Hall carpark at 6.20p.m.. They have kindly offered to sustain us with tea or coffee.

Rattlesden Garden Club have invited us to join them on their coach trip to Leonardslee Lakes and Gardens in West Sussex on Sunday 15th May. Leaving Woolpit at approx 9.a.m the cost will be £17 including entrance. Those wishing to join this very worthwhile trip are asked to contact David or Jacky Livingston(270252) or Jennifer Moore(01449 736634)

We hope to arrange a Club visit to a local nursery one evening in June and details will be given later.

On July 16th at the Village Fete The Club has agreed to have a stall selling plants etc and all our members are asked to help by agreeing to man the stall for some of the time and ,perhaps more importantly, providing plants for sale. It is hoped that each member will bring along about ten items for sale on the day and it is not too early to start working on this now.

TOSTOCK FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW

Our next show will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 3rd September and we hope that this will be as successful and as well supported as ever.

WILL PARENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT WE INTEND TO HAVE A NEW CHILDRENS CLASS (DIFFERENT AGES) FOR GROWING SUNFLOWERS FROM SEED. These will be judged on the day for size and height and SEEDS ARE AVAILABLE FREE from Simon Reynolds of Perkins Way.

Contact him now on 270675.

Tostock Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on Wednesday, April 27th at 7.30 p.m. at Julie Harrison's, 4 Perkins Way. The book to be discussed will be *Cloud Atlas* by David Mitchell. Please note change of date. Any queries, please telephone 270395 or 270337.

TOSTOCK'S BIG WEEKEND, JULY 16TH & 17TH

A very successful meeting was held on March 2nd at the Village Hall to discuss the proposed Fete. It was encouraging to see so many people showing an interest, and especially good to see so many new faces amongst the old regulars! Many thanks for turning out on such an awful evening.

The purpose of the fund-raising weekend is to raise money for the cupboard-kitchen and water supply to St. Andrew's Church. The Church architect has designed the project and an approximate estimate of £15000 has been made! We hope to receive some grants towards the costs, but we have to make an effort ourselves.

There will be activities on both days. On Saturday in Church will be The Flower Festival, and Scarecrows, with light refreshments being served. At The Village Hall, Tostock's Past and Present Society will have the Village Survey on exhibition.

On The Green will be the Fete itself, with stalls, competitions and teas, children's sports and fancy dress. The Gardener's Arms will be open throughout the day. A Treasure hunt will take place and there will be a Giant Raffle.

So far we have offers of a Book Stall, Plant Stall, Cakes, Bric-a-Brac and Toys. Any contributions to these will be gratefully received, as will offers of help!

On Sunday 17th, the Flower Festival and Scarecrows will continue in Church and we hope to have a "mini-ring" of bells for people to try.

On the Playing Field a Sports Afternoon will be organized for Rounders, Basketball and Mini-football. Bring your friends and make up teams, also bring a picnic!

The Past and Present Society Exhibition will be open at The Village Hall.

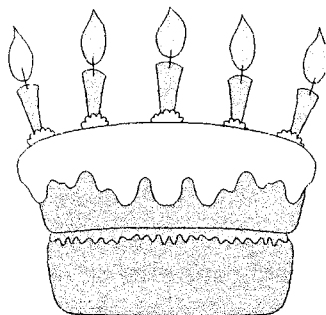
With so many activities going on, we plan to produce a Programme of Events, to be sold at the weekend. Would any local Businesses care to advertise or sponsor the cost of the programme?

Further details will be put in the next Chronicle, but please put the date in your diaries and on your calendars! [If for any reason you can't come on the 2 days, donations (in an envelope) will be most welcome!]

As we have already mentioned we are planning to have Scarecrows and flowers in the Church. We're not expecting the 1200 scarecrows they had at Barton Mills' Scarecrow Festival last year but we do hope to have more than 12! So we need you all to make a scarecrow, if you want to use it to advertise your business, club or society you're involved with we don't mind. It would also be nice for families to enter. Remember, they're scarecrows so they don't have to be works of art!

We will need to know how many scarecrows we will be accommodating, so by the time of the next Chronicle (May-June) I hope your scarecrows will be well under way. Details of when and where to bring your scarecrows will be in that issue.

If you are interested in helping in any way, you can contact Jeanne O'Reilly on 270337
Or Sue Marriott on 270143.



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EXERCISE CLASSES

Body Conditioning classes will restart at
Rattlesden Village Hall on
Monday 18th April - 27th June from 7 - 8 p.m.

and at
Bradfield St George Village Hall on Tuesday 19th April - 28th June
from 6.30 - 7.30 p.m.

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.

If you are interested in joining the course please telephone 01449 736 010

There will be no classes on 2nd/3rd May or 30th/31st May

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CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

There will be a **COFFEE MORNING** on **TUESDAY 12th APRIL** at **10.30am** in the **VILLAGE HALL**.

Another **COFFEE MORNING** on **TUESDAY 10th MAY** at **10.30am** in the **VILLAGE HALL**.

There will be our usual Raffle and Stalls at each.

There will also be another **CONCERT** in the Church of **FRIDAY 27th MAY** at **7.30pm** by the **TUDOR ROSE SINGERS**.

*Tickets will be £6. and will include **WINE and REFRESHMENTS**.*

CAYMAN ISLANDS

The Pine Retirement Home and the Nadine Andreas Chiklcrens Home, recovering from the devastation of Hurrican Ivan in Grand Cayman, will share the proceeds of £575.00 from the recent social event at the home of Barry & Eileen Jagger, Greenlees, Flatts Lane.

Sincere thanks to all who assisted, contributed, or attended the event. Very special thanks to the Quatuor Yimbila Singers, whose lively performance provided so much enjoyment. Generous donations for the raffle enabled 30 prizes to be drawn. Any winners who were not present when the draw took place, later in the evening, have now received their prizes.

For those curious to know how much was in the jar of money Kate Newstead (£9.82) and Tony Croft (£9.84) share the prize nearest to the correct total of £9.83.

If Hurrican Ivan was 'the worst of times' this was
'the best of times.

Car Washing
Dog Walking
Babysitting
Lawn mowing

To raise money for a World Challenge trip to India I am willing to do any of the above.

Call William Harrison, on 01359 270247

TOSTOCK TENNIS CLUB

TENNIS COMMITTEE FOR 2005/06

| | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|--------|
| Mary Simpson | Chairman | 271308 |
| Elizabeth Dunn | Treasurer/Membership Secretary | 270270 |
| Diane Plester | Secretary | 271652 |

SUBS FOR THIS YEAR ARE NOW DUE

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|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | FAMILY MEMBERSHIP | £25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ADULTS | £12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | STUDENTS | £6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CHILDREN (UNDER 16) | £5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GUEST FEES PER GAME | £2 ADULTS/£1 CHILDREN |

PAYMENT PLEASE TO
ELIZABETH DUNN, BRAMBLEWICK COTTAGE

BOOKING ROTA - APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2004

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|-----------|-----------------|--------|
| APRIL | DIANE PLESTER | 271652 |
| MAY | ELIZABETH DUNN | 270270 |
| JUNE | HEATHER SPENCER | 270395 |
| JULY | DENISE CROFT | 270066 |
| AUGUST | MARY SIMPSON | 271308 |
| SEPTEMBER | MARGARET GROOMS | 270688 |

Tostock Past and Present Society

Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday April 4th at 8 pm when the Rev'd Michael Stone will make a return visit to talk about a *Farm Ledger dated 1840 of the Shrubland Hall Estate*. This is a fascinating first hand account of activities & work on a Suffolk estate 165 years ago.

There are two more talks by Clive Paine in April, as follows at 7.30 pm :
Tues. April 12th : *Law & Order in Suffolk in the early Victorian period*
Tues. April 26th : *Arthur Young of Bradfield Combust*, the famous writer on Agriculture in the British Isles in the late 18C and early 19C, corresponding with many farmers, including King George III and our own resident, the Rev'd Orbell Ray, who lived and farmed at Tostock House in this period.

To conclude Clive Paine's lectures, there will be visit to Hessett church on Wednesday, 18th May at 7 p.m. (please note change of date).

The monthly meeting on Monday, May 9th at 8 pm will be a talk entitled *Teatime Treats (teapots and tea)* by Jonathan Dutton.

All welcome to the above meetings, please contact H Spencer, tel.270395 with any queries.

Tostock Neighbourhood Watch.

Jon Walker271609..... NortonRd.
Stephen Fayers..... 271010..... Norton Rd.
Jean Wheeler.....270278..... The Green.
Corrinne Jull.....270670..... The Green.
Barry Jagger.....270613..... Flatts Lane.
Peter Dean.....270511..... New Road.
Ken Bucke.....270591.....Leys Rd Area.

Elmswell Police Station.....01359 240211.

The above list are residents who volunteered to be a Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator for their respective area under the leadership of Jon Walker the village co-ordinaror.

As can be seen Church Road still has no representative and he is seeking for one or better still two residents in Church Road to come forward.

A co-ordinator does not 'spy' or watch' he neighbours but is there as a point of contact in the event of any unusual or suspicious happenings, and also to inform residents of any 'alert' messages from the police.

Anyone interested in undertaking this simple task please contact Jon Walker 271609 for any further information.

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