

TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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FEBRUARY - MARCH 2006

PARISH COUNCIL

D.Cllrs Reed & Mrs Milward were unable to attend due to a prior commitment in Ipswich but their report advised that MSDC's Northern Area Planning Control Committee was likely to consider the application for the gypsy caravan site on January 9th. The Planning Control Manager – Heather Morgan – was leaving MSDC and the Executive had agreed to place the matter of planning with consultants for the time being. With regard to Rookery Farm, most of the complaints were from Woolpit and there was likely to be a half day hearing with Justice Newman on January 16th/17th when Mr Clarke intended to apply to amend his defence. MSDC would be attempting to have the injunction finalised.

Police: Pc Green was part of the Constabulary Search Team and had been called away. For the period 31st October to 30th November 3 crimes had taken place in Tostock. Pc Green is now camera trained to undertake speeding enforcement – and can check areas that may cause concern to residents re speeding vehicles. The new scheme – Police Direct - is proving very successful. The scheme enables the local community to be kept up to date with incidents in the area. It is a free service and once the individual has subscribed to the system they can receive messages either by telephone, mobile phone or e-mail.

FOOTPATH MAP

MSDC are progressing the grant application and once agreed work will continue in producing the map.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application 2471/05 Tostock Parish Council: Tostock Leys & Pond Area. Notice of intent to a) remove one Cappodocian Maple & one Weeping Willow b) Remove one Oak

The following Planning application was granted by MSDC:

1808/05 The Footings, Church Road. Two storey extension and alterations to create pitched roof. Single storey extension to create study

FINANCE - 6 cheques were drawn.

CHESTNUT TREE ON GREEN

A map of the Green and The Leys is on the Notice Board and it indicates the best possible location for the replacement tree. Would villagers like to let the Parish Council have their comments on the proposal by the March meeting. Thank you

VILLAGE OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Parish Council will be receiving 2 plaques in respect of the Awards and one will be handed over to the Village Hall Management Committee to be put up in the foyer/entrance hall

Val Coe – MSDC – is coming to the Annual Parish Meeting on 23rd May to present the plaques.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 24th January 2006

PARISH COUNCIL continued

Dear Friends,

Following the Parish Council Meeting on the 13th December I am writing to give a brief outline of our discussions regarding the Chestnut tree. Having taken into account the possibility that the infection would spread to another Chestnut tree the Parish Council are looking into the possibility of planting another native species further along the Green towards Norton Road. We are obtaining a plan of the drains, which will go on the notice board. We are actively seeking parishioners' opinions before any decision is made. Please contact any member of the Parish Council, or myself on the number below, if you have anything you want to say regarding either the species of tree or where it should be planted.

Horse Riders. There have been complaints about people riding on the footpaths, please keep to the roadways and bridlepaths.

Cars Parking on Green Likewise several parishioners have complained that cars are being parked on the green and the triangle opposite the village sign. Please try to avoid this as it both damages the grass and it cuts down the visibility on the road.

Vanessa Malcom (01359 271272)

MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAT

Once again it's that time of year when finances are to the fore. Following controversial decisions on car park charges in 2005 it's at least pleasing to report that repeated lobbying has resulted in no changes being made for 2006. On the downside, it means those imposed at Needham Market Lake remain in place - despite a 15% reduction in visitors and, as a result, a substantial shortfall in income against projected figures. We had hoped that, faced with such a situation, common sense would prevail and duly proposed their removal. However, our efforts in this respect failed.

The Council's Environment Policy Panel has approved a Transport Strategy for the District. This is good news and will influence the County Council's "Local Transport Plan 2006-2011". A vital element we ensured was included was that it respond positively and specifically to key local issues identified by parish councils.

The same Policy Panel also received an update on the production of the Local Development Framework. This is an essential document required by the Government which will, in due course, lead to decisions being taken on village settlement boundaries, i.e. will they stay the same, or be extended to allow for more building? The matter will be the subject of public consultation but not now until at least mid-2007.

Finally, we hope you took the opportunity to visit the recent exhibition, held in Haughley, about the proposed improvements to the A14 (Haughley New Street to Stowmarket). Work is scheduled to start in the summer of next year. If you didn't and would like details then please contact:
Roger Hawkins, Project Leader, Heron House, 49-53 Goldington Road, Bedford MK40 3LL
(e-mail: a14haughleynewstreetstowmarket@highways.gsi.gov.uk).

Do you have an issue affecting MSDC with which you need help? Please contact myself:
Doug Reed, Second Thoughts, Church Road, Elmswell IP30 9DY (Tel.: 241009;
e-mail: doug.reed@midsuffolk.gov.uk)

or

Carol Milward, 32 Pretyman Avenue, Bacton IP14 4NY (Tel.: 01449 781810;
e-mail: carol.milward@midsuffolk.gov.uk).

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, TOSTOCK

CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2006

<u>5th February</u>	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Norton</u>
12 th	11.15 a.m.	Family Service & Baptism
19 th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion [BCP]
26 th	10.00 a.m.	Morning Praise
<u>5th March</u>	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Tostock</u>
12 th	11.15 a.m.	Family Service
19 th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion [BCP]
26 th	10.00 a.m.	<i>Mothering Sunday – All Age Service</i>

A Lent Group will meet in Tostock at Roger & Rosemary Lister's commencing on Wednesday, 8th March at 7.30 p.m. for five weeks. It will follow a course entitled "Where is God?" which will consider where we see God in particular situations such as when we seek happiness, when we face suffering, when we make decisions, when we contemplate death and when we try to make sense of life. All welcome. For further details please see the Church notices sheet or ring 01359 230287.

Sunday, 26th March is Mothering Sunday and there will be a special Mothering Sunday All Age Service at 10.00 a.m.

We do hope you will be able to join us at some of these services and meetings. A warm welcome awaits you.

Ian Hooper
Rector

ST.ANDREWS CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Happy New Year to all!

At a recent planning meeting, the committee were sad to receive the news that Jackie Livingston (our chairman of 10 years) and Mary Pettit have decided they would like to retire from actively organising events in the parish. However our relief was great when they both agreed to help whenever possible. We are all very grateful to them both for all they have contributed to the social life of the village and the funds raised for the church.

Our year's programme has been planned, including our usual coffee mornings, summer tea party, harvest supper and Christmas bazaar... watch this space for details of events. Dates to put in your diaries now are:-

Tues 14th Feb: Valentines Coffee Morning 10.30am

Tues 7th Mar: Coffee Morning 10.30am

Tues 11th Apr: Easter Coffee Morning 10.30am

Tues 9th May: Christian Aid Hunger Lunch 12.30

All at the Village Hall

Everybody, young or old, will receive a warm welcome at all events....See you there!

Julie Harrison 270247

Tostock Past and Present Society

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, **February 6th at 8 pm**, with the usual reports and election of officers. This will be followed by a talk on **The Hidden Treasures of Bury St Edmunds** by Sarah Frizwell, who spoke to us previously on Bury's new Cathedral Tower.

Clive Paine has been booked for three talks, on **Tuesday evenings at 7.30 pm** as follows : **Feb. 14th : Tostock in the 18th century**

Mar. 14th : From Gildhall to Village Hall

Apr. 11th : Riot and Conflict between Bury Abbey and Town

Fee payable - £4 per lecture (£3 for members)

The March meeting on **Monday 6th at 8 pm** will be a talk by Stuart Bowell, entitled **The Secret of Seats, an introduction to medieval church carving.**

Please note subs have been increased to **£8 p.p.** or **£15** for a couple. **Visitors £2.** All welcome. Any queries, please contact the secretary, H Spencer tel.270395.

Tostock Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on Tuesday evening, 21st February at 7.30 pm at 4 Perkins Way.

The book to be discussed will be *44 Scotland Street* by Alexander McCall Smith and if time allows, *Small Island* by Andrea Levy.

Copies of these books will be obtained from the local Library.

Any queries, please telephone 270395.

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CANCER RESEARCH UK

I would like to say thank all those who gave to the annual Cancer Research collection before Christmas. A total of £120.43 was raised.

Thank you also to Mrs P Borley, Mrs J Livingston and Mrs J O'Reilly for their help with the collection.

Doreen Buckle

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

November 2005

Many thanks for your very kind support again this year.
A total of £385.78 was raised from the various collections in the village.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the collectors: -
Liz Duvall, Mark & Corrine Jull, Jane Sherwood, Mick and Heather Spencer , Pippa Swallow, Stan ,Jackie and Catrin at the Gardeners Arms

Richard Duvall
Honorary Local Organiser

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A

BARN DANCE

WILL BE HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON

FRIDAY 24th MARCH COMMENCING AT 7-30pm

tickets £8.00

**Further information will be on Parish Notice Board
or phone Rosemary Lister 01359 270179**

Norton Pre-school has sessions available for children from two to five years of age

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 - Lunch club available for those aged three and over
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Cruse Bereavement Care, West Suffolk Branch, is offering a training course suitable for anyone interested in helping people who have been bereaved, including potential Cruse Visitors. The course will be run in Bury St Edmunds on ten Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 9.30pm starting on 25th January 2006.

For further information about the contents of the course and costs please call 01449 720401 and leave a contact name and number or send the same information to the Branch Treasurer at - p.brasier@tiscali.co.uk

Sheltered Housing In Mid Suffolk

Mid Suffolk District Council has 24 sheltered housing schemes throughout the district designed for people over 60 who are able to live independently but would like benefits of a daily visit from a warden and an alarm to summon help in an emergency.

Some schemes are made up of flats, others are small groups of bungalows. Most have a communal lounge and laundry and some have a guest room for visitors. There are also social activities which residents can join in with if they wish.

Sheltered accommodation is open to owner occupiers as well as to people living in rented accommodation and to people who are currently living in other parts of the country. Many of our current residents have moved to this area to be nearer their sons or daughters.

If you would like to apply for sheltered housing or to find out more information please telephone 01449 727347 or 01449 727490



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

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APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

Your Community Police Officer, PC Richard Shepherd, has decided to return to work as a response officer but I am pleased to say that PC 409 Mark Green has volunteered to step into his shoes, with immediate effect.

PC Green is an experienced Police Officer, having been in the Force for 15 years, and has been based at Elmswell Police Station for a few months. He is looking forward to his new role and will undoubtedly be in touch with you once he has familiarised himself with the beat.

Haydn's Harmoniemesse

The **Bury Bach Choir and Orchestra** will perform Haydn's *Harmoniemesse* at St Edmundsbury Cathedral on Saturday 18 March, conducted by Philip Reed. The concert starts at 7.30 p.m. and finishes around 9.20 p.m.

This concert features the music of Franz Joseph Haydn, friend of Mozart and teacher of Beethoven. The major work is Haydn's magnificent final mass, unquestionably one of his supreme achievements.

The *Harmoniemesse* contains some of the most uplifting and heart-stoppingly beautiful music ever composed. Serene contemplation contrasts with moments of jaw-dropping splendour and the fusion of vocal, operatic and symphonic music is masterly. The climaxes are truly thrilling, blazing with brass, and you're left in absolutely no doubt as to Haydn's true greatness.

The concert opens with Mozart's overture to *The Marriage of Figaro*, followed by *A Song of the Lord, thy Keeper* a piece by the choir's newly elected President, well-known composer and conductor Peter Aston, and then Haydn's *Te Deum in C*.

The soloists are Rachel Nicholls (soprano), Anne Mason (mezzo-soprano), Richard Edgar-Wilson (tenor) and Gavin Carr (baritone).

For tickets, costing £7 (side aisle) or £10 or £14 (reserved centre aisle), please ring Theatre Royal Box Office on 01284 769505. Early booking is recommended for the top price seats.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A REMINDER TO ALL RESIDENTS TO BE VIGILANT AND TO KEEP DOORS, WINDOWS, GARAGES, SHEDS AND CARS LOCKED. MOST THIEVES ARE OPPORTUNISTS SO DON'T GIVE THEM A CHANCE.

A CO-ORDINATOR IS STILL REQUIRED FOR THE CHURCH ROAD AND NORTON ROAD AREAS. THIS DOES NOT MEAN YOU 'SPY' ON YOUR NEIGHBOURS BUT ARE A CONTACT SHOULD ANY INCIDENT OCCUR.

IF YOU FEEL YOU WOULD LIKE FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT THE VILLAGE CO-OPRINATOR - JON WALKER - 271602.