

# TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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APRIL - MAY 2006

## PARISH COUNCIL

8 Councillors attended the February Meeting

### REPORTS

**C.Cllr. Mrs Storey** - SCC were currently going through the budgets for the next financial year. Savings of approximately £24m had to be made due to reduced Government funding. Directories had been asked to make a 10% saving in their budgets. Work by Scrutiny Committees was outlined which gave people the opportunity to look at decisions made and for alternative suggestions to be received. Web site covering this and NHS/Voluntary organisations is available for anyone to look at to see what budget savings had been proposed. Cabinet & full Council had now met to determine the Council Tax and an increase of 4.5% agreed i.e. 82p for Band D property.

**D.Cllr Reed** - Council Tax and budgets were currently being agreed. MSDC finances were in a strong position. There had been a review of "open space" and "green space" and a report produced covering Norton /Tostock and Elmswell. Further details would be provided by him. The Locality Budget was to remain available.

**Police:** No reported crimes however the Parish Council were provided with information relating to the proposed mergers within the Force.

### FOOTPATH MAP

Windmill Prints had now delivered the finished map to the Council. Councillors were very pleased with the end result and they now needed to consider a suitable location. Matter to be fully discussed at the next Parish Council meeting

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following Planning application was granted by MSDC:

**2447/05** Tostock Park Stud, Church Road. Proposed swimming pool extension.

**FINANCE** – 7 cheques were drawn.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** 11<sup>th</sup> April 2006

# MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAT

Finances continue to dominate at MSDC with the Council Tax increase being set at 3.5% for 2006-2007. At least, amongst the areas of growth at MSDC, were items for which we had lobbied including provision for an Energy & Environment Officer, extra street-cleaning staff and a Communications Officer. We had also pushed hard for the early implementation of a third bin for 'compostable' waste but this was, unfortunately, rejected and so will not be introduced until 2008-2009. Various elements make up the Council Tax including the amount levied in towns and parishes based upon precept requirements set by individual councils. For information, Tostock's precept for next year, set at £4,000 by the Parish Council, places it 53rd of the 122 parishes within Mid Suffolk. Out of interest, for the other two parishes within this Ward, Norton's was set at £10,500 while Elmswell's is staggering by comparison at £82,000.

You may have seen in the local press renewed concerns about litter on the A14. MSDC has a contract with The Highways Agency for this to be cleared. However, given the poor state of the road it required a rebate from the Agency in view of its failure to keep the Mid Suffolk section clean. While this has prompted considerable activity in response it will be a situation that is monitored even more carefully hereafter.

Proposals to redesign the changing areas at the swimming pool in Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre - into a mixed sex facility - have come under attack from various quarters, not least from several residents in Tostock. We have been pleased to support these concerns and will continue to press for a rethink on this sensitive issue.

Should you have an issue affecting MSDC with which you need help then please contact myself:

**Doug Reed**, Second Thoughts, Church Road, Elmswell IP30 9DY (Tel.: 241009;

e-mail: [doug.reed@midsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:doug.reed@midsuffolk.gov.uk))

or

**Carol Milward**, 32 Pretyman Avenue, Bacton IP14 4NY (Tel.: 01449 781810;

e-mail: [carol.milward@midsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:carol.milward@midsuffolk.gov.uk)).

## St Andrew's Church Social Committee

Many thanks to all who supported the February and March coffee mornings: between them they raised £192.81 towards church funds. It was lovely to share the hall with the mother & toddler group, and we hope this will continue at future events. As our next coffee morning is just before Easter, we plan an Easter egg hunt for all the children.

### **Dates for your diaries!**

**Tues April 11<sup>th</sup> Coffee morning 10.30 in village hall  
(with Easter egg hunt)**

**Tues May 9<sup>th</sup> Christian Aid hunger lunch, 12.30 to  
2pm in village hall. (Home-made soup and bread)**

**Sat May 13<sup>th</sup> Village fete 12noon onwards on the  
green, with teas stalls etc.**

The annual Art Exhibition on the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> June will keep us all busy, while in July we hope to host an afternoon tea in a garden.

We look forward to enjoying your company at these events.

**Julie Harrison**

270247

**ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, TOSTOCK**

**CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL AND MAY 2006**

<u>2<sup>nd</sup> April</u>	10.00	<i>Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Pakenham</u></i>
9 <sup>th</sup>	11.15 a.m.	<i>Palm Sunday Family Service (Process from the Gardeners Arms at 11.00 a.m.)</i>
14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	<i>Good Friday Devotional Service</i>
16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	<i>Easter Day Family Communion</i>
23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00 a.m.	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	<i>Benefice Holy Communion at Pakenham</i>
<u>7 May</u>	10.00 a.m.	<i>Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Norton</u></i>
14 <sup>th</sup>	11.15 a.m.	<i>Family Service and Baptism</i>
21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 a.m.	<i>Holy Communion [BCP]</i>
28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	<i>Morning Praise</i>

Holy Week begins with a Palm Sunday Family Service. We will process from The Gardeners Arms to the Church starting at 11 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 the Family Communion Service beginning 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.

**Ian Hooper**  
Rector

**TOSTOCK TENNIS CLUB**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL**  
**MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the tennis club will be held on

**THURSDAY, 30 MARCH AT 7.30 PM**  
**VILLAGE HALL**

For all court bookings through to the end of April ring, or e-mail,

**Diane Plester**  
**01359 271652**  
**diplester@aol.com**

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## PCC NEWS

If anyone would like to contribute Lilies to decorate the Church, there is just time to order flowers "in Memoriam" for Easter. Please contact the Churchwardens, Jane Sherwood or Jeanne O'Reilly.

Once the weather improves we hope the work of levelling the Churchyard can get done. We are grateful to the Parish Council for their help in paying for this.

Following the successful 'Big Weekend' events last year to raise funds for the water supply to the Church, we are planning more events for this year for the Church Kitchen.

Things have not moved as fast as we had hoped, due to difficulties finding a contractor who was willing to do the job within our budget and was acceptable to Anglian Water. However, thanks to Mathew Burman who has made repeated efforts on our behalf, we hope to appoint a contractor very soon.

There will be an initial meeting to discuss this year's events on Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Last year we had a wonderful response, so if you could help at all, please come along. So far we are planning a 'May Fair' to be held on the Green on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>. From 12 noon to 4.30pm. We hope to have the usual stalls, teas and games, but we also recognise that all our village organisations need funds too, so this will be on a 50/50 basis, including any recognised Charities.

If anyone is interested but cannot attend the meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup>, please contact Jeanne O'Reilly on 270337 or Sue Marriott on 270143.

We would like to invite any children 12 years of age or under who would be interested in being considered as the May King and Queen, with four attendants, to hand in their names by Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>. The successful names will be drawn out at the Christian Aid Lunch on Tuesday May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall. The Children will be informed later that day.

Other events for this year – we hope to have an 'Open Gardens' within the village during the summer, and a lecture by Clive Paine in the Church.

If you would like to sponsor the Church Floodlights for anniversaries, birthdays etc. the cost is £5 per week. Please contact Roger Lister.

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## TOSTOCK GARDEN CLUB

In March a good number of members and friends enjoyed a most interesting talk by Mr. Peck on Bog and Water Gardens. This was illustrated by slides showing ponds of all sizes and we were offered many tips on how to begin and maintain such delights.

Members should note that we have agreed to have another plant stall and we hope that you are as supportive as you were last July for Tostocks Big Weekend. This time we have the opportunity to join in the Village Mini Fete which will be held on The Green on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>. Our Club will be able to take a share of the profits made and we hope that in the next few weeks you will be able to prepare plants etc. for us to sell on the day.

On a June evening we are trying to arrange a "private View" of Bernard Tinckners wonderful Gardens beside the River Lark at West Stow. Once a date has been agreed all members will be advised.

New members are always welcome so please spread the word and bring along new friends whenever possible.

**The Gardeners Arms  
Church Road  
Tostock  
IP30 9PA**

**Tel: 01359 270460**



### Take Away Service

Available Mon to Thurs 7.00 to 9.00pm

Beef Curry	£4.00
Chicken Curry	£4.00
Vegetable Curry	£4.00
Chilli Con Carne	£3.75
Jumbo Sausage & Chips	£3.00
Cod & Chips	£4.00
Wholetail Scampi (8) & Chips	£4.00
Chicken & Chips	£4.00
BBQ Spare Ribs	£4.50
Pickled Onion	25p
Pickled Egg	50p
Carton of Mushy Peas	50p
Carton of Baked Beans	50p
Plain Rice	£1.25
Pilau Rice	£1.50
Onion Rings (6)	£1.25
Portion of Chips	£1.25
Portion of Curry Sauce	£1.25
Tray of Chips & Curry Sauce	£2.50

Telephone orders welcome

### Senior Citizens Special Menu

Available Every Tuesday 12.00 to 2.00 pm

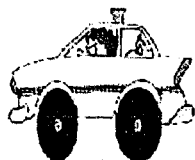
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**Easter Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

We've had a really good start to 2006, our practice nights have been very well attended. Liz, Imogen and Paul are all making good progress, they are all able to ring in rounds with little or no help, and they are now tackling a few simple call changes. The more "experienced" ringers among us are busy learning a method of ringing called Bob Doubles, which we are slowly getting the hang of! We must again thank Elizabeth, Winston, Carol and Carl for continuing to give up their Monday evenings to help us out, we really do appreciate all they do for us.

There are two Peals booked. The first on 19<sup>th</sup> march, (so that should be completed by the time you read this). The second on 21<sup>st</sup> April is being rung to mark The Queen's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, both peals are being rung by bands organized by Carl as he is attempting to ring a peal on each of our bells so far he has managed four peals and hopes that these two will complete his goal.

We have also had a group of ringers borrowing our bells once a month to encourage younger people to take up ringing, our bells were chosen as they are easy bells to learn on. If there are any youngsters out there wishing to learn just give me a ring on 01359 270143 and I can pass on all the information.

Sue Marriott. Tower Captain.

# SPANISH



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## Tostock Past and Present Society

In April the Society has three meetings planned, firstly the monthly meeting on Monday April 3rd at 8 pm on the subject of The History of Jigsaw Puzzles, speaker Tom Tyler.

Secondly on Wednesday April 5th, our members have been invited to join Drinkstone History Group for a talk by Mark Mitchels on The Life of Nelson at Drinkstone Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Mark Mitchels is an excellent speaker and will be coming to Tostock on June 5th to talk to us on the Genius of Charles Dickens.

Thirdly on Tuesday April 11th at 7.30 Clive Paine's third lecture will be on Riot and Conflict between Bury Abbey and Town.

The talk at our monthly meeting on Monday May 8th at 8 pm will now be on the subject of The Tower of London by Gary Egerton.

We complete Clive Paine's lectures this spring with a visit to Hartest Village with Clive on the evening of Wednesday May 17th (7 pm there).

Visitors are always welcome at all our meetings. Any queries, please contact the secretary, H Spencer on 270395.



### Spring Fayre

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2006  
9.00am - 4.00pm

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on  
01359 232439  
email, [newgreencentre.thurston@virgin.net](mailto:newgreencentre.thurston@virgin.net)

## GARDENERS CORNER

Both the Ladies Darts Team and the Crib Team (open to all) are looking for new recruits so if anyone is interested in joining either please pop in to the pub and we'll point you in the right direction.

The Tuesday night fun quiz is being well supported and the top cash prize is currently standing at over £200. Future Quiz dates are 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> April and 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> May. New teams (maximum 4 players) are always welcome.

Good News - Your Village Pub has won CAMRA's "Rural Pub of the Month" title for April so thanks to all who have helped make this possible.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Catrin, Stan & Jackie

Stan, Jackie & Megan would like to add a personal thank you for the kindness & generosity shown on the birth of William.

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