

# TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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JUNE - JULY 2006

**APOLOGIES** to anyone who received a 'poor quality' edition of the last Chronicle.

This was due to a mechanical fault on the photocopier.

J.W.

## PARISH COUNCIL

### MARCH

6 councillors attended the meeting primarily to consider a planning application and to meet the owner/developer of The Barn who wished to present amended plans for consideration by the Parish Council.

#### Planning

**The Barn:** Councillors were given assurance that once building work was completed the developer would fully repair all damage to The Leys. The developer has also asked the Parish Council to consider granting an Easement and made an financial offer in this respect. The developer promised to put all details in a formal letter to the Council at which time Councillors would appoint an independent Valuation Officer to assess the value of the property which in turn would affect the financial amount due should any easement be granted.

The following application was approved.

0288/06 Elm Cottage, The Drift. First floor rear extension.

### APRIL

6 Councillors attended along with your County and District Councillors.

#### Reports

**C.Cllr Mrs Storey:** Discussions currently taking place at Suffolk County Council on the PCTs. Waveney/Lowestoft have indicated they want to be separate from the proposed single Suffolk Health PCT. Locality Budget funds were available.

**D.Cllr Reed:** Spoke at length on the Snoasis project at Great Blakenham/Claydon. Play equipment grants were available from MSDC.

#### Planning

The following application was discussed and refused:

0293/06/LDCE Rokery Farm, Gedding Road, Drinkstone. Use of land and buildings for the reception, storage, sorting, composting and processing and distribution of animal by products, including offal, fat, bones, blood, carcasses and feathers.

#### Finance

4 cheques were drawn

## PARISH COUNCIL continued

### MAY

4 Councillors attended the Annual Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Mrs V Malcom was duly elected Chairman for 2006/2007

It was agreed that the position of Vice Chairman along with representatives to outside bodies would be deferred until the next meeting.

### Finance

2 Cheques were drawn. The meeting agreed to appoint Heelis & Lodge as the External Auditors. The annual accounts were circulated for approval at the next meeting.

### Planning

The following application was approved:

0863/06      Garden to Kings Acre, Leys Road. Reduce canopy height by 3m and diameter by 4m, one maple tree.

### Date of next meeting

Councillors have agreed to hold Parish Council meetings on Wednesdays in future. The next meeting has therefore been agreed for 7.30 p.m. on 28<sup>th</sup> June, at the Village Hall. A note giving details of all future dates will be placed on the Notice Board shortly.

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Annual Vestry and AGM of St Andrew's Church was held in April. The Churchwardens are Miss J Sherwood and Mrs J O'Reilly, the Treasurer is Mr R Lister and the Secretary is Mrs J Walker. Council members are Mrs G Moyle, Prof. A Gath, Mrs S Marriott and Mr B Harrison.

The Church Floodlights will be sponsored in June by Mr and Mrs D Piggott, of Beech Tree House, for their Wedding Anniversary. July will be sponsored by Prof. A Gath for her grandson Joe. August and September will be sponsored by Mr and Mrs Spencer, Perkins Way, for their Wedding Anniversary and Family occasions. The PCC is most grateful for such sponsorship.

The Church kneeler project is going well, 12 beautiful kneelers are already in place, with at least 20 more being made. Gail Moyle and Janet Walker would be happy to provide kits at £25 each, and advice!

### Poors Estate Charity

We have allotment plots for rent. Apply to J O'Reilly 270337.

# MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAT

There seems to have been a lot of activity, of late, with the District Council. Agreement was reached to designate Stowmarket town centre as a 'public space' for the purpose of imposing a ban on the public consumption of alcohol given concerns about drink-related crime and under-age drinking. Such a ban was reported to have been effective elsewhere (e.g. Woodbridge) and so was felt to be a potentially positive response to problems which you may have seen reported repeatedly in the local press or even experienced first-hand. A new approach has also been taken with the Environmental Health 'out of hours' service which, it is hoped, will enable a better response to be offered where residents are faced with problems such as late-night noise.

While initiatives which incur costs almost inevitably generate considerable debate, it is nonetheless pleasing to report that our lobbying has seen resources made available to address some priority areas. In particular, money has been provided for work on the implications of "The Children Act 2004" which imposes new duties on the Council for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children; for undertaking work to improve public access to the countryside (especially for disabled residents); for encouraging youngsters to get more involved in democracy; for tackling litter 'hotspots' (e.g. lay-bys, slip-roads, roundabouts); and for buying-in expertise to work with communities on projects which require grant-aid.

Otherwise, we have started a programme of residents' surveys to try to find out more about the current issues that are of concern to you. We have been extremely grateful to those of you who have been able to find the time to complete and return these. They have thrown up a range of matters some of which, in all honesty, we had not expected - but then that is the point of doing them! If you have not yet received a survey form then we intend that you will in the coming months. In the meantime, please do contact us at any time.

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

# TOSTOCK'S



# ART

# EXHIBITION

## Tostock Church

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am-8pm**

**Sun 18<sup>th</sup> June 11am-8pm**

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> June 11am-5pm**

Profits to Tostock Church & Village Hall  
Tostock is off the A14 between Stowmarket & Bury  
Refreshments available Saturday and Sunday

## TOSTOCK CARPET BOWLS CLUB

We played in the Suffolk Summer League last year but finished mid table.

We have had another successful year in the Premier Division of the Bury League, finishing in fourth place - there being nine teams in this division. This is an achievement for us as we finished in fifth place last year. We are very pleased with the result and hope that we can keep up this standard of bowling when we start the Bury League in the autumn again.

We are about to embark on the Suffolk Summer League again this year - meeting different Clubs in this league. Good practice as well!

Some members have entered various competitions during the year and have done reasonably well.

We have welcomed three new members, one of which does carpet bowls, to our club and hope they continue to enjoy the bowling and the 'company'.

# SPANISH



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# SONGS of PRAISE

**SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE STARTING at 3-00p.m.**  
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**by THE SALVATION ARMY BAND to lead**  
**us in the service.**

*If wet - in the Village Hall.*

## ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, TOSTOCK

### CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE AND JULY 2006

<u>4<sup>th</sup> June</u>	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at Tostock
11 <sup>th</sup>	11.15 a.m.	Family Service
18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion [BCP]
25 <sup>th</sup>	3.00 p.m.	Songs of Praise on the Village Green
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> July</u>	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Pakenham</u>
9 <sup>th</sup>	11.15 a.m.	Family Service
16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion [BCP]
23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Morning Praise

As you will see there will be a SONGS of PRAISE on the Village Green at 3.00p.m. on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June. I do hope that you will be able to join us on this occasion.

**IAN HOOPER**  
**RECTOR**

# TOSTOCK TENNIS CLUB

## TENNIS COMMITTEE FOR 2006/07

Rupert Clifton	Chairman	272671
Elizabeth Dunn	Treasurer/Membership Secretary	270270
Diane Plester	Secretary	271652

## **SUBS FOR THIS YEAR ARE NOW DUE**

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	£25
ADULTS	£12
STUDENTS	£6
CHILDREN (UNDER 16)	£5
GUEST FEES PER GAME	£2 ADULTS/£1 CHILDREN

PAYMENT PLEASE TO  
ELIZABETH DUNN, BRAMBLEWICK COTTAGE

### **BOOKING ROTA - APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2006**

APRIL	DIANE PLESTER	271652
MAY	MARY SIMPSON	271308
JUNE	HEATHER SPENCER	270395
JULY	ELIZABETH DUNN	270270
AUGUST	MARGARET GROOMS	270688
SEPTEMBER	PAUL HAYWARD	270339

### **Tostock Tennis Club - Children's Coaching**

Jerry Herod has agreed to run coaching sessions for members on Tues/Weds/Thurs, 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> August, 9am - 12 noon. Cost £2 per child per hour session. We group children roughly by age depending on who wants to come. Usually not more than 10 each group and you don't need to come on all three days, tho' it is easier to administer if you do. Adults sometimes join in with the older children's session.

If you would like to come along, please contact me to book a place. If sessions look full, I will not squeeze latecomers in - so speak to me sooner rather than later! Elizabeth Dunn, tel: 01359 270270.

DEAN - JOSEPH.—On 27th April 1946,  
at St Mary's Church, Alsager,  
Cheshire, PETER to CYNTHIA. Now in  
Tostock, Bury St Edmunds.

**PETER AND CYNTHIA DEAN WOULD LIKE  
TO SAY HOW VERY TOUCHED THEY WERE  
TO HAVE SO MANY GOOD WISHES ON THE  
OCCASION OF THEIR DIAMOND WEDDING.  
THE BELL RINGING AT St.ANDREWS  
CHURCH WAS A GREAT JOY WITH A  
"BUBBLY" and FLORAL THEME!!  
THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH.**

MAY FAIR REPORT  
SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>

The day didn't start too well with thunder rumbling around as I stood peeling onions at 5.45a.m! Then came the rain, but in true British spirit the decision was made to carry on and hold the fair on the green and not in the village hall, although Jeanne did have the signs painted just in case!

By 10.00a.m an army of volunteers had gathered on the green and the job of putting up the big tents started. Thanks to Tracey and James Gorzelak for lending us their tent and coming along and putting it up and taking it down again at the end of the day.

Some how by 12.00 we were just about ready, and Chris Hood our roving man on the microphone declared the fair open! It wasn't long before the green was full of people all busy buying books, toys and plants and having a go at all the different games and competitions, not to mention sampling the burgers and afternoon teas. The first event was the Crowning of Tostock's first May Queen, this honour fell to Katie Parsons with her sister Maddie being crowned May Princess, Thanks to Sarah Jarvis for carrying out the honours and Rachel Newport for making our lovely cloak and sash.

The Brownies gave us a fine display of Maypole dancing, which was followed by an attempt by onlookers who had a go! And the children's races were very popular with all age groups.

There are so many people to say thank you to, I hope I don't leave any one out, so here goes! Liz Harcombe for designing and printing the posters, Carl Buckle for marking out the race track and golf course, Chris Hood for being a wonderful Master of Ceremonies and Roving Reporter, The Tostock Brownies for their lovely Maypole dancing, Anthony Scully for running the Tostock Open Golf Tournament, Liz Dunn and Helen Hood for organizing and running the children's games and races, Mick Harman for running the bowls game, Heather Spencer and the Past and present society for their treasure map game, Diane Plester and the members of the tennis club who organized and ran the raffle, (also thank you to every one who donated prizes). Barney Harrison, Sharon Markell and the rest the gardening Club for their wonderful display. Julie Harrison and Doreen Buckle for their delicious teas and cakes, (thanks to all those who made and donated cakes). Janet and John Walker for managing all that bric-a-brac, Mary Simpson and the ladies group for selling a mountain of books, Tracey Rushton and Gillian Macdowall for selling lots of toys and Sue Bishop for organizing the Norton Pre-school Stall, Sarah Scully for bringing her cards along. Mike O'Reilly, Simon Reynolds and any one else for fetching and carrying tables and chairs from the village hall. I nearly forgot Mick and Denis Harman

(you missed a good day Denis) for surfing the net and finding us our brilliant new P.A. system, Thanks Mick for setting it up and taking it down again.

I think that only leaves the B.B.Q. team to thank so thanks Don for a great impression of Gordon Ramsay, Ken for taking charge of the onions, And Jennie for taking charge of both of them! And a special thanks to Becky who got me a pint from the pub!

A special thank you to Jeanne O'Reilly for all her hard work, Edward for running his own little game. The ladies from the Old Post Office for taking our left over books and toys, which they pass on to other charities. Any one who turned up to help who I didn't get a chance to thank, and last but not least all you wonderful people who turned up and supported us, we managed to raise an amazing £1,015.0 towards our kitchen in the Church and help other village groups at the same time.

Thank you all once again, watch out for some thing bigger and better next year. An exhausted but relieved Sue Marriott.

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What a lovely day May the 13<sup>th</sup> turned out to be, Tostocks Spring fair was a delight. The village came together on the green to have fun and indeed they did. Music and laughter rang out from mid morning until late in the afternoon. The weather although a little touch and go at times was also on Tostocks side.

Maypole dancing and the crowning of the May Queen all added to the enjoyment. Thank you Jeanne and Sue and all those who worked so hard to make it such a great day. Well done also to Chris. Hood for entertaining us on the sound system. Has Chris. missed his calling as a stand up comedian ?

Much later in the day when all was cleared away Rachel my daughter in law remarked that it was a bit like Brigadoon all vanished away, let us hope that it will all return again next year. It was a really super village day.

Gail Moyle.

## **WANTED**

**SOMEONE TO DO A HAY CUT  
ON THE LEYS FROM MID JULY.  
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH  
COUNCIL OR CARL FOR  
FURTHER DETAILS.**

*Carl 07791 663518  
01359 270605*

## Tostock Past and Present Society

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The next monthly meeting will be on Monday, June 5th at 8 pm when we have a talk by Mark Mitchels on The Genius of Charles Dickens. There will be no meeting in July but instead a boat trip on the River Orwell has been organised and booked for Sunday afternoon, July 16th. Members will leave Tostock Village Hall at 12.45 pm for Ipswich Docks by car. Those members who have booked, please pay the Treasurer at the June meeting.

As regards the Tithe Map Treasure Hunt at the May Fair on May 13th, the "buried treasure" was won by Mrs Marie Smith of Leys Road and the site of the "burial" was the north end of the Leys. Mrs Smith's flag was the nearest to this spot.

Another outing has been arranged for Friday, September 1st when we shall visit the Collectors World Museum, Hermitage Hall, near Downham Market. Full details will be given later.

All welcome at our meetings, but outings do need to be booked. Any queries, please contact Heather Spencer 270395.

### Tostock Book Club

The next meeting will be held at Romney Cottage, The Green (Mrs Mary Simpson's) on Tuesday 6th June at 7.30 pm. The books to be discussed will be *Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden, *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd and *The Price of Water in Finistere* by Bodil Malmsten. Any queries, Tel. 270395.

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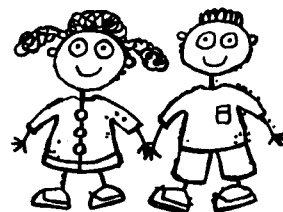
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# TOSTOCK 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT 2006

The forth-Annual Egg Hunt managed to bring with it a clear morning, chilly but dry. Thankfully yet again young and old turned out to support the morning's events. Thanks to an increase of egg hunters and a strong line-up of eager egg throwers in the following competition a donation was made to St Andrew's Church funds of £86.00 marking a steady increase over last years total.

Thank you to all who helped and all those of you who entered and participated so enthusiastically in the day. Thanks to both Rattlesden Farms Ltd and The Gardeners Arms for their generous support.

Regards Nic & Paula Parsons

## VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

We would like to improve the Children's Play Area and have set up a small group to collect ideas and act as a focus for the project.

We decided that a thorough refit was the best plan and have now got three quotations from Companies specialising in Play Area equipment. We did this to get some idea of costs and to start to explore what grants are available.

We now urgently need to know what type of play equipment to fit into the design and we hope to ask as many households in the village this summer for their input.

At a recent committee meeting two people from Mid-Suffolk grants Department attended and gave some useful advice on the way forward.

We think the cost will be ca. £35000 to do the job properly so expect to notice a lot of fund-raising activity for this worthwhile cause!!

We have been asked how many children, under 16, live in the village and will be doing a survey as it is needed for the 'grant applications'.

This will no doubt be a joint action together with the Parish Council and we will be glad to co-opt any villagers who are interested in helping.

## TOSTOCK VILLAGE HALL FAMILY BARBEQUE SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2006

Family rounders on playing field at 4.00 pm  
BBQ from 6.00 pm onwards

**Barbeque Food provided / Disco / Licensed Bar**  
**Adult Ticket: £5 / Child ticket (3-16 yrs): £2**

Please contact Hannah Jones on 272633 for tickets  
Book early to avoid disappointment!