

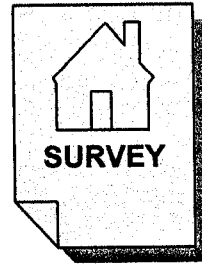
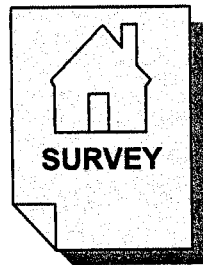
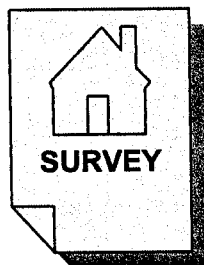
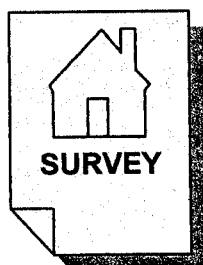
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APRIL - MAY 2007

PARISH COUNCIL

Just a reminder of the Council Elections on 3rd May – several Parish Councillors have given notice that they do not intend to stand so the village will need people willing to put themselves forward for election. More details are available from the Parish Clerk, Marilyn Bottomley (on 01284 789303) Mr. P. Tallent, Mid Suffolk District Council (on 01449 727427) or any current member of the Parish Council.



TOSTOCK PARISH HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

Tostock Parish Council wishes to discover any potential housing requirements within the parish, and is concerned that there may be a lack of affordable housing for LOCAL people.

This survey aims to find out whether there is a requirement for a small affordable housing project within the village. It provides you with the opportunity to highlight your needs and express your views.

THE SURVEY WILL BE DELIVERED TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD IN THE PARISH ON THURSDAY, 12 APRIL OR FRIDAY, 13 APRIL.

MINUTES OF TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 24th JANUARY 2007

Present: Cllrs S Walker (ViceChairman), D Livingston, Mrs D Plester, Mrs S Marriot, Mrs P Parsons, D.Cllrs Mrs C Milward & D Read & Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllrs C Buckle, late arrival of Cllrs Mrs M Beales, Mrs E-Dunn, Mrs V Malcom

DECLARATION OF INTEREST - None

MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 20th December 2006 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly.

PARISH COUNCIL continued

MATTERS ARISING

- 151 Road Ruts Old Tostock Hall: Clerk to chase Highways again in respect of the ruts and the additional holes in the middle of the road.
- 365 Replacement Tree: In view of indications that the tree was improving, Councillors agreed to keep the tree under "constant review"
- 384 Locality Funding: The Clerk had confirmed banking information to C.Clr Mrs Storey but an indication of the possible cost of the equipment was required. The Chairman had agreed to chase the Working Party for details but there was no further information at present.
- 386 Footpath behind Perkins Way: It was queried whether it was the responsibility of Mid Suffolk and D.Clr Read agreed to check and advise the Clerk.

The meeting then recessed for the following item.

REPORTS

D.Councillor Read - Spoke about Pathfinder – the reorganisation of Councils and devolving powers. Details had been sent to all Parish Councils. Brief discussion followed.

D.Councillor Mrs Milward - Felt there were still problems with Planning at MSDC and there had been several adverse comments. Members allowances would be increasing next October. Considerable investment being made in IT. Gypsy development going through Executive – the final report was due by end of February but probably it would not now be until the beginning of May. D.Clr Mrs Milward confirmed that Council Tax was being paid by them MSDC had agreed open space and play policy – any new housing be it 1, 10, 20 etc. in the village meant the parish got money towards open space and play equipment (pro-rata). There were various funds available for community development schemes – Mr David Benham Corp.grant was the person to contact.

D.Cllrs Read and Mrs Milward then left the meeting.

The meeting reconvened.

RECYCLING

The Vice Chairman advised he had made enquiries which were currently under consideration by those approached. Broken glass and parking were the main problems. However Cllr Walker agreed to making a further approach and would report back at the next meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application was supported by the Parish Council.

3131/06/TCA Rear garden to Jasmine Cottage, The Green. Remove one Cypress tree

3204/06/TCA Garden to Green Farm House, The Green. Remove two white willows

The following applications were approved by MSDC:

- 1406/06/LBC Barns at Park Farm. Conversion, renovation and change of use of barns to form dwelling
- 1405/06/FUL Barns at Park Farm. Conversion, renovation and change of use of barns to form dwelling
- 3131/06/TCA Rear garden to Jasmine Cottage, The Green. Remove one Cypress tree
- 2750/06/FUL 1 Perkins Way. Erection of conservatory to rear

FINANCE

- 410 **Cheques:** It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Plester, seconded by Cllr Mrs Marriott and agreed unanimously that the following cheques be drawn:

Chq.		
711	Tostock Chronicle (postage/phone)	£ 27.02
712	Haughley PC (1/6 th share of SLCC subscription for Clerk)	£ 20.00
713	MSDC (Waste collection service)	£ 61.68
714	Clerk (Sal/expenses & NALC pay award 2006 to date)	£526.16

The 5th Annual TOSTOCK EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY 7th April 2007

START: 10.30AM

ASSEMBLE: TOSTOCK VILLAGE GREEN

Great Prizes

- Separate egg colours for young and old hunters
- Special Toddler area to avoid disappointment!
- Prizes For All Entrants
- NEW - Egg throwing distance challenge.
- Egg Throwing - "It's time to have some fun!"

ENTRY FEE PER COMPETITOR£2.00 (Young or Old)

Proceeds to go to St Andrew's Church, Tostock.
Organiser: Mr Nic Parsons (01359 271117)

PCC News

We are taking orders for Easter lilies, to decorate the Church, if anyone would like to donate lilies "in memoriam", please contact Jane Sherwood on 270308.

The AGM and Vestry Meeting will take place in Church at 7.30pm on Tuesday April 10th. Anyone who is on the Church Electoral Roll is welcome to attend.

Thanks to Lionel Grooms for providing the gravel for the Church car park.

The floodlights were sponsored in March by Sir John and Lady Kemball, in loving memory of parents and parents-in-law.

In April the lights will be sponsored by The Harmans, in loving memory of both fathers, WW11 veterans.

If you would like to sponsor the floodlights, please contact Jeanne O'Reilly on 270337, or Roger Lister on 270179.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, TOSTOCK
CHURCH SERVICES APRIL/MAY 2007

1st April	10.00 a.m..	Joint Benefice Communion Service for Palm Sunday at Pakenham
8 th	10.00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Family Communion
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
6 th May	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at Norton
13 th	10.00 a.m.	Second Sunday Service
20 th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
27 th	10.00 a.m.	Morning Praise

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 at 10.00 a.m. *We do hope you will be able to join us at these services. A warm welcome awaits you.*

Ian Hooper
Rector

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Proceeds to St Nicholas Hospice
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St Andrew's Church Social Committee

Many thanks to all who supported the February and March coffee mornings. They each raised about £170 for church funds.

Our next effort is on Tuesday 17th April, 10.30am in the Village Hall, at which we plan to celebrate spring--- including a mini Easter egg hunt for toddlers.

The May coffee morning will be on the 15th, same time and place as the April event. The May theme will be Christian Aid (Christian Aid week is 13th to 19th May)

Both will include the usual bring and buy, plus the ever popular raffle. Other attractions will include a card and wrapping paper stall, and Fairtrade goods.

We look forward to seeing you.

Did you know - if you are a home owner and over 60, you are entitled to a free security check of your house and any recommended smoke alarms, security locks and security lighting will be installed 'free of charge' by Mid-Suffolk District Council. You are also entitled to a grant towards loft insulation to modern standards. Please contact The Council, Private Sector Housing Dept., 01449 727486, or the Security Firm Doug Mead on 01449 674833.

Update on Re-Design of the Village Play Area

The Play Area Sub-Committee is currently focussing their efforts on the funding applications to raise the money required for the re-design. As we need to raise in the region of £35'000, this process is not straightforward, with some of the larger grant providers having long and complicated application procedures. We remain hopeful, however, that we will secure sufficient funding for this important project and that 2007 will see significant progress!

Our local fundraising remains on target, and the provisional date for the next village event is **Saturday, 30th June 2007**. Watch this space and the village notice boards for further detail.

We would also like to say a **special thank you to Jackie and Stan at the Gardeners Arms** for their very welcome donation of £150.00 to the project.

Finally may we thank everyone who completed the survey which we carried out around September. We have analysed the results of this, and will use the data to ensure that the new play area meets the needs of the local community. If you did not get a chance to complete this survey or would like more information on the project, please contact Hannah on 272633.

TOSTOCK PAST and PRESENT SOCIETY

Unfortunately due to illness, two of our speakers over the last two months have had to be changed at the last minute. We are hoping all will be well for Monday, April 2nd when we have booked a talk by Leigh Alston entitled Shops in the Middle Ages. Our friends from Drinkstone History Group will be joining us for this meeting at 8 p.m. This should be an excellent talk as Leigh Alston is an eminent architectural historian and an enthusiastic Chairman of the Suffolk Historic Buildings Group.

On Tuesday, April 17th : 7.30 pm - we have another very interesting talk promised by Clive Paine, entitled The Early Sugar Beet Industry in West Suffolk. Those of you who have been following the Who Do You Think You Are television series, will remember the early sugar beet factory in Bury St Edmunds featured in Stephen Fry's programme.

On May 14th at 8 pm, Mr G Austin will be giving us a talk on local railway Stations, 'Change here for all stations to Memory Lane'. Visitors welcome at all our meetings.

On Tuesday May 22nd, we will be visiting St George's Church, Shimpling with Clive Paine, meeting at 7 pm there, as the last part of his course.

Any queries, please telephone H. Spencer 270395.

ATTENTION TOSTOCK THE SCARECROWS ARE COMING BACK!!

Following the success of Tostock's Big Weekend two years ago we thought we'd have another go! We are planning to hold our second Scarecrow Weekend in July, with a Fete on the green and hopefully the Past and Present Society's exhibition in the village hall.

But to be able to do this we need your support! You all turned out last time and again last year for the May fair so can we please ask you all once again to help?

We are going to hold a meeting in the village hall committee room on 12th April at 7.30pm for anyone who feels they can help us, if you have any good ideas, ways we could improve on the last weekend, or just want to offer a willing pair of hands we would like to see you there.

So come on Tostock, get your old scarecrows out of the shed, brush them down, (or you could always make a new one!) and lets see if we can have another great weekend in July!!

Sue Marriott and Jeanne O'Reilly.

Children's Society Race Night

Many thanks to all those who supported this fun evening. An amazing £1573 was raised for The Children's Society, so the 3 marathon runners are now within touching distance of their target of £4200!

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TOSTOCK BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Club will be on Wednesday evening, April 25th at 8 pm at Jasmine Cottage, The Green. The book under discussion will be *Arthur and George* by Julian Barnes. Any queries, please call 270395 or 270247.

TABLE TENNIS

We have been meeting alternate Sunday evenings at 6pm at Tostock Village Hall. But could do with more people to make it viable! All ages welcome! If interested contact Barney 270247

TOSTOCK VILLAGE

Locations by Ordnance Survey - National Grid Reference

Old Hall	TL 963 641	The Leys	TL 953 635
The Church	TL 961 636	Leys Road	TL 954 635
Place Farm	TL 963 633	Errington Way	TL 955 635
Tostock Place	TL 958 634	Old Rectory	TL 952 638
Church Road	TL 958 637	Rectory Farm	TL 949 642
New Road	TL 957 635	Wood End Green	TL 944 643
Gardener's Arms	TL 956 637	Village Hall	TL 954 640
Flatts Lane	TL 956 638	Norton Road	TL 955 643
The Green	TL 954 637	Wood Close	TL 954 643
Old Post Office	TL 953 637	Perkins Way	TL 955 642
Ticehurst House	TL 955 630	Highmoor House	TL 955 644
Tostock House	TL 953 633	Mushroom Cottage	TL 947 631

THE ABOVE GRID REFERENCES FOR TOSTOCK ARE REPRODUCED TO INFORM ANY NEWCOMERS TO THE VILLAGE AND AS A REMINDER TO ALL RESIDENTS TO KEEP THIS INFORMATION NEAR TO THE TELEPHONE IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES ESPECIALLY DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS. THIS REFERENCE IS USED BY DOCTORS, POLICE, AMBULANCE FIRE SERVICE. BY QUOTING THE CORRECT GRID REFERENCE VALUABLE TIME CAN BE SAVED AND ULTIMATELY IT COULD SAVE A LIFE AS WAS PROVED WHEN A RESIDENT SUFFERED A SEVERE HEART ATTACK WHEN THE LIST WAS FIRST PUBLISHED IN THE CHRONICLE IN 2000.



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MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAT

We can now confirm the 2007-2008 financial situation as agreed by Mid Suffolk District Council - so can tell you that the Council Tax for the authority has been set at 3.00% but with some reductions in services. This is disappointing. With others, we had developed a budget which would have not only kept the rise to a maximum of 2.5%, but also generated improved services capable of being achieved through a combination of efficiencies and more effective use of finances. We took note of what residents had said in response to the public consultation on the budget and worked out how to reduce costs while developing ways to enhance the Council's services. Unfortunately, to no avail. For information, Tostock's precept (financial requirement from the village) for next year, set at £4,000 by the Parish Council, places it as one of the lowest in Mid Suffolk. By comparison with others in this ward, Norton is at £10,500 while Elmswell's figure of £84,460 places it ahead of Needham Market and second only to Stowmarket.

On a different front, and while views differ, we were sorry to see the County Council vote to do away with middle schools when there appears to be no good educational reason to do so. If we have to accept that, then it becomes imperative to ensure that the long-term transition process is properly managed and that disruption to children and, indeed, local communities, is absolutely minimised.

To other matters and the report commissioned by MSDC (together with four other local authorities) into gypsy and traveller accommodation needs should have been finalised by the time you read this. At a briefing we attended in March there were early indications that, of all Councils in the county, Mid Suffolk was likely to be the one with the greatest need to find sites. Finally, the Council is (at last) moving ahead with a garden waste collection scheme. It may not be for everybody but has certainly been asked for. Initially, it will be the subject of a trial in an area between Stowmarket and Needham Market but then extended throughout the District to residents who want the service.

Any MSDC problems? 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).

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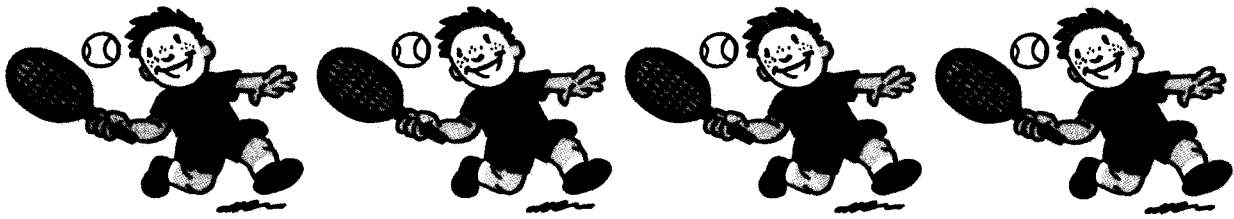
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KEITH OSBORNE**

MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2007/2008 ARE NOW DUE

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP - £27 ADULTS - £13 CHILDREN (UNDER 16) - £5

GUEST COURT FEES £2 ADULTS AND £1 CHILDREN

COURT BOOKINGS – APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2007

APRIL	KEITH OSBORNE	01359 270364
MAY	DENISE CROFT	01359 270066
JUNE	HEATHER SPENCER	01359 270395
JULY	ELIZABETH DUNN	01359 270270
AUGUST	MARGARET GROOMS	01359 270688
SEPTEMBER	PAUL HAYWARD	01359 270339

CHILDREN'S COACHING - The club is hoping to organise children's coaching sessions some time during the summer holidays. Further details will be available at the beginning of June. In the meantime please register your interest with Elizabeth as soon as possible.

PADLOCK - Anyone requiring extra keys (£1 each) please contact Elizabeth Dunn or Diane Plester.

SOCIAL TENNIS EVENING (ADULTS) - Starts Thursday, 3 May at 7 pm. Finish 9 pm.

LADIES' SOCIAL TENNIS - Tuesday mornings from 10.30 am to 12 noon. Players of all standards very welcome to come along.

TENNIS NET - Please note that the tennis net does not need to be slackened off at the end of play.

Elizabeth Dunn, Bramblewick Cottage, The Green, Tostock – Tel: 01359 270270

Diane Plester, 6 Wood Close, Tostock - Tel: 01359 271652
diplester@aol.com

