

J U L Y - 1955.

1. TOSTOCK has advanced considerably during June and July, with the work of tidying up and solving our problems. A Parish Meeting is being convened in the Village Hall at 8 p.m. on Tuesday 2nd August to discuss what has been done and what remains to be done. Please come along.
2. Graveyard extension. Owing to the wonderful response of the residents of Tostock to the appeal for donations and voluntary labour, the Parochial Church Council was able to approve of the proposed Churchyard extension, and the Rector was able to instruct Messrs. G.N.Mulley & Sons to proceed with the work of building the wall and fencing. On Monday 20th June, work commenced. Mustered under Mr. A. Mulley's direction were the following Volunteers:-
A.Cutting, V.Huffey, A.Fuller, Geo.Everitt, Taffy Williams, Ben Buckle and F.Armstrong.
And they worked with a will every Monday and Tuesday, since to be joined at later stages by Messrs. C & J Haselwood and Pat Everitt, and finally by the "Brickies" viz: G.Phillips, G.Largent, L.Moore and B.Mulley.
The derelict Churchyard fencing has been removed, and the jungle-high grass has been cut in the Churchyard by Messrs. Percy & Bert Barnes, and in the extension by Mr.Chamen, and the wall is being erected. Mrs.Snare layed the first element on Monday, 11th July.
A stone is being built into the wall bearing the inscription "This Churchyard wall was built by TOSTOCK men who gave their services in 1955".
3. The Village Hall. Messrs. Mitchell & Weston of 38 Churchgate Street, Bury St Edmunds, have drawn up plans, free of charge, for alterations to the Village Hall embodying a small stage. The estimated cost is £500, which is a big reduction on the cost of previous plans. Mr.Reid of the Suffolk Rural Community Council will attend the Parish Meeting on 2nd August, and will help us to decide future action.

During the past few weeks a party of willing workers, mostly ladies, under the direction of Mr.R.Mulley and Mr.Woodley have cleared away the ivy and weeds and debris surrounding the Hall.

Major and Mrs.Ackroyd have promised to give an Electric Clock when the Hall has been redecorated.

4. A Bus Shelter. The plan and specification for the Bus Shelter have been sent to the Thedwastre R.D.C, asking whether the Council would assist financially in the erection of the Shelter. As regards the site which had been approved provisionally by the County Surveyor, the Parish Council at their meeting on 11th July did not approve of it and the matter will have to be further discussed with the County Surveyor.

5. Village Green, the Leys, Footpaths and Rights of Way. The Parish Council has received a great deal of assistance in tidying up these headaches.

Group Captain Pearson Rogers has cut the grass of the Green free of charge, and Mr.Victor Huffey has undertaken to rake up the hay and burn it for a nominal charge.

Mr.W.Everitt has worked voluntarily and manfully with the wilderness of brambles and scrub on the Leys. The Parish Council was so grateful to him that they have voted him a small honorarium to show their appreciation.

Mr.Ben Buckle has cut the Narrow Path for a nominal sum and Mr.Victor Huffey has similarly cut the Church footpath.

6. Conclusion. The residents of Tostock have shown that they wish to have a tidy village and are willing to help in making it so.

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