

October - 1956.

1. The Leys and the Village Green.

The improvement of the Leys is very noticeable. It must be a satisfaction to those stalwarts who laboured so willingly during the summer evenings to see the result, and to know that their work is appreciated by many people.

The Thedwastre Rural District Council, having been approached by the Tostock Parish Council, have undertaken to fill in the two depressions on the Leys. Mr. Wyatt is dumping refuse there. As he is the Public Health Inspector (his new and more pleasing title) all can feel satisfied that what is being done is hygienic. When the depressions are full they will be covered with earth, and the Leys, instead of being a wilderness of scrub and ponds, will be a level Village Green.

Why do some boys and girls destroy the Coronation Seat under the chestnut tree near The Gardener's Arms? Of course boys will be boys; and girls will be girls; but when they start destroying things they should be checked. The best thing would be if they would check each other. It is only due to thoughtlessness.

Tostock is progressing. Have you noticed it? Of course there is still a lot to do; for instance, there are the Green and the Leys to be kept mown and tidy. But don't let us cross our bridges before we come to them. The Parish Council will think about that in 1957.

2. The Churchyard.

From time to time this Chronicle has emphasized that the Parish Churchyard is the Parish Graveyard, for the use of everyone in Tostock, whatever their creed may be.

"Old soldiers" (there are one or two in Tostock) "never die. They simply fade away." But the rest of us, someday, will need a resting place; unless we are cremated, or disintegrated by an atomic bomb.

So the Parochial Church Council, who are responsible, are not hesitating to approach everyone, asking them to join an Association with the object of providing funds for the upkeep of the Churchyard. If there was no Churchyard there would have to be a Cemetery, and then every rate-payer would have to pay, willy nilly, for keeping the place in order.

The Rector has provided a leaflet which will be handed out with this Chronicle. It proposes the formation of an Association and explains what is required. Certain persons are being asked to collect the subscriptions; the money will be accounted for by the Parochial Church Council.

Tostock's Churchyard is now one of the best kept in the neighbourhood, and, with the help of the residents, the Parochial Church Council plan to make it the best in the county. Several people are helping. Miss Elmer, of the Drinkstone Stone and Gravel Company, has given and delivered, free of charge, four cubic ~~feet~~ of shingle for the paths. That is a generous lead.

### 3. The Village Hall.

A meeting of the Management Committee is to be held on Monday 29th October. They will have a lot to consider, such things as entertainments, whist drives or socials; but the most important item concerns "Old People."

Mrs. Redmore, the Assistant Secretary of the Suffolk Rural Community Council, will be present to tell the Committee how to form, and carry on, an Old People's Welfare Association. If the scheme is feasible, for a small village like Tostock, the subject will be referred to a Parish Meeting. Perhaps Mrs. Redmore will come again to help us form an Old People's Club.

Who is old? "Life begins at forty!" Over sixty is still frisky! And over eighties are getting their second wind! So an "Old" People's Club should be quite a lively affair. And it will be, if it is properly managed. When the Parish Meeting is convened, if it is, all who are interested should attend.

### 4. Bus Service.

The Parish Council has received a letter dated 18th July from the Traffic Manager of the Eastern Counties Bus Service saying he has "made an application to the Licensing Authority for Public Service Vehicles for permission to operate the following journeys between Bury St. Edmunds and Tostock Corner via Tostock Village:-

#### WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS.

1.38.p.m. Tostock Corner to Bury St. Edmunds, arriving 2.8.p.m.

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5.32.p.m. Bury St. Edmunds to Tostock Corner, arriving 6.2.p.m.

#### SATURDAYS.

6.7.p.m. Bury St. Edmunds to Tostock Corner, arriving 6.37.p.m.

These journeys will provide afternoon shopping facilities on both market days in Bury St. Edmunds.

So the bus is, at the times specified, going to pass through Tostock after all. The persistence of the Chairman of our Parish Council, and the Secretary of the Parish Councils Association, is bearing fruit. But don't get too excited. It is not laid on yet. It is in the IN Basket of the Licensing Authority. He will get down to it one day, and will write to the Traffic Manager, who will write to the Parish Council, and then it will be put into operation.

### 5. Council Houses.

People have seen bricks stacked on the vacant site east of the new bungalows and have wondered what that means. It means two more bungalows on that site, if the Ministry of Housing and Local Government approve the price quoted for their erection. Ultimately it probably will be approved. The bungalows will be built by the District Council's own staff, under the supervision of Mr. Cushing, who, within his powers, has done a good deal for Tostock, which few people know about.

Who will get the bungalows? As this Chronicle has explained in a previous issue, the Housing Committee of the District Council consider all applications and, with the approval of the Council, decide who shall be offered the tenancies..