

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.

We would like to express our sorrow at the loss we have sustained in the recent death of Ronnie Mulley. He was our longest serving Parish Councillor and he is sadly missed by the whole village.

Structure Plan for Suffolk.

Most of you will be familiar by now with the Structure Plan for Suffolk which outlines the growth expansion of the county over the next fifteen years. How ill this affect Tostock? At the moment we are classed as a 'small village' with no plans for development. Is this what the village as a whole wants?

This matter has been exhaustively discussed in the Parish Council where widely differing views have been expressed. The Parish Council feels that this matter should now be thrown open to public discussion. There are at least four options open:

1. To acquiesce in the 'no growth' idea.
2. To suggest a very small measure of expansion - say two or three new houses a year.
3. To favour slightly larger expansion (i.e. similar to Wood Close with one entry from main road.
4. To opt for large development.

What are your views on the subject? The Parish Council proposes to debate the matter at the next Parish Meeting on Wednesday, 6th April so please come along then and say your piece.

Elections.

The Parish Council wish to bring to your attention the fact that the Parish Council and District Council Representative Elections last year cost £98. This is a charge against the rates, so it behoves all of us to use our vote!

Construction of the new A.45

For those who are worries that traffic may be diverted through Tostock during the construction of the new A.45, the Parish Council wish to make it known that representations have already been made on this subject to the authority concerned.

Electricity Cuts.

In the event of adverse weather conditions causing a breakdown in services, the engineer will notify Mrs Walters (Tel: Beyton 588) who will post a situation report on the Post Office notice board as soon as possible. This plan is being tried in order to save the Electricity Office from being inundated with 'phone calls. If you badly need information, 'phone Mrs Walters.

TOSTOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 30th March at 8.00 p.m. Please try to attend. All are welcome.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

The Village Hall Committee will miss the help and advice of Mr Ronnie Mulley. His close involvement was clearly shown by the

minutes of our October meeting, where Ronnie had volunteered to do four separate jobs at the hall in his spare time.

There is the new clock in the hall, kindly presented by the Toads. It is suitably inscribed to acknowledge the help and support given to the Toads by the late Captain Errington. Mrs Millman arranged a pleasant social evening during which Mrs Errington unveiled the clock.

The new extension building has been purchased and delivered. It should be erected before the end of January. The Committee are very grateful to Mr. John Haselwood and Mr. Peter Buckle for the hard work they put in when building the base for the new extension.

Some recent events have caused the Committee to organise themselves into a roster so that necessary maintenance work is done and to ensure that the rules regarding the hiring of the hall are obeyed.

A Caretaker is needed to look after the running of the Village Hall. A fee would be payable and duties would be: 1) Responsibility for instructing the cleaner. 2) Maintenance of fixtures & fittings 3) Security and safety.

If anyone is interested in this job, please contact either Mr. M. O'Reilly "Rookswood", New Road (Beyton 337) or Mr. D. Beales, "High View", Wood Close (Beyton 218). Next Committee meeting is Wednesday Feb. 23rd at 7.45 p.m.

CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, TOSTOCK.

Like the village as a whole, the Church suffered a grievous loss in the death of Ronnie Mulley, who had been a Churchwarden for over thirty years. The Church will miss his services, so willingly given and so unostentatiously carried out. To him it owes a deep gratitude, which it will long remember.

The Church was packed for his funeral on 7th January. It was a fitting tribute to a good citizen.

The services at present are:

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| 1st Sunday | Mattins at 10.00 a.m. |
| 2nd Sunday | Holy Communion at 9.00 a.m. |
| 3rd Sunday | Family Service at 11.00 a.m. |
| 4th Sunday | Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. |

The annual appeal will be made in the last two weeks of June and the annual bazaar will be held in the village hall on 12th November.

The Annual Vestry Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 15th March at 7.00 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Village Hall.

We are much indebted to Mrs O'Reilly for re-writing in her excellent script the baptismal roll to replace the old one which was badly out of date. The new one is complete with all the names.

The Parochial Church Council is troubled by the number of dogs fouling the churchyard. Would dog owners please exercise care over their animals.

TOSTOCK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The W.I. has been very busy lately. Mrs Rochford and her committee set up a beautiful display of embroidery, cookery and craft items for our entry in "The W.I. has made it" Exhibition in Bury St. Edmunds.

The Christmas Dinner was held at the Coaching House, Cockfield Green, and after a most enjoyable meal, members were all invited to Mr and Mrs Dahl's home.

Mrs P. Reynolds organized a group to sing carols in the village and £19-61 was collected for "Action for the Crippled Child". Many thanks to all who contributed to the collection.

Our meeting on February 16th is a Demonstration of Hairdressing by Andre Bernard. Visitors will be very welcome.

TOSTOCK OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

At the time of going to Press the 'Toads' are preparing for the final performances of their pantomime "IF I WERE A PRINCESS". The show has proved a very popular choice, giving enjoyment to both cast and audiences, and we shall be playing to full houses on the last two nights. We were all shocked and saddened by the sudden loss of one of our most staunch and loyal members, Mr. Ronnie Mulley. A founder-member of the original Tostock Drama Club, it has been hard to realise that Ronnie would not be there back stage, as he has been throughout the years, with his unfailing help and encouragement. We miss him greatly, and will always remember him with affection and gratitude.

TOSTOCK BROWNIES.

The Brownies and Guiders would like to thank all their friends in the village who so kindly supported their Christmas Mini-Market in December. The net sum raised was £73 and the Brownies decided to send a donation of £20 to the R.S.P.C.A. and £15 to 'Help the Aged'. The remainder will help the Pack pay its annual capitation fee to Headquarters and other expenses. Seven Brownies who helped serve the lunches will be gaining their Hostess badges.

This Christmas we say 'Goodbye' to Sara Livingston, who has been a Brownie for very nearly four years and in that time has taken part in at least twelve Ventures and has gained six Interest badges, as well as her three Footpath, Roadway and Highway badges. We wish her many more years of happy guiding.

On Monday, 31st January we are having a visit from a R.S.P.C.A. lecturer who is going to give a little talk and film show to the Brownies on care of their pets and the work of the R.S.P.C.A. generally. If any other children or adults are particularly interested in this subject, they are most welcome to come along to our meeting at 6 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Thinking Day is a red letter day in the Guide world. This falls on 22nd February each year - the birthday of the founder of the Scout movement Lord Baden-Powell and also the birthday of Lady Baden Powell, the Chief Guide. This year Tostock Brownies will be holding an open evening on Monday, 21st February at 7. p.m., when they will show parents and friends what Brownies are all about. Our friends in the village are invited to come and join us in an informal meeting with light refreshments. Admission is free.

CUBS.

At a recent Pack meeting each Cub was presented with a new badge to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee. Artist badges were awarded to Shane and Daren Osborne, Paul O'Reilly and Simon Hopkins. Each Cub produced three different items and we would like to thank Mrs O'Reilly for kindly visiting our Pack meeting to act as examiner.

Stephen Kelly earned his first year star whilst he was abroad and Shane Osborne received his second year star.

We are glad to have Stephen and Andrew Kelly (a much needed helper) back at Cubs after their stay in the Middle East and look forward to seeing their colour slides.

TOSTOCK BRIDGE CLUB.

It is the intention of the Bridge Club to change their meeting night from Tuesday to Monday. With other organisations having prior bookings on some Mondays, the Club will be meeting on the following dates at 7.30 p.m.

Thursday, 10th February
Monday, 14th February
Tuesday, 22nd February
Monday, 28th February

Monday, 7th March
Monday, 14th March
Tuesday, 22nd March
Monday, 28th March

OVER 60 CLUB.

A Christmas tea at the Croft was organized and much enjoyed by those members who had attended all meetings throughout the year. Four guests from Norton were present.

We would welcome an even larger attendance at our fortnightly Bingo sessions (Tuesday afternoons) and the fortnightly Whist Drives (Wednesday afternoons). This would swell our funds. Bingo and whist take place in alternate weeks.

ELMSWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Mr. R. Kirby is retiring at Easter after 18 years as headmaster. Pupils past and present might like to contribute to a parting gift. Any contributions can be given to Mrs. Stanners at Elmswell, or to Mrs. H. Spencer, Perkins Way, Tostock.

SPORTING NOTES

FOOTBALL CLUB.

Results:-
Jan 9th at home to Bardwell - Won 4 - 2
" 16th away to Easelec - Lost 3 - 1
" 23rd away to K & K - Drew 2 - 2
2nd Team:-
Jan 16th away to Ixworth - won 2 - 1
" 23rd at home to Troston - lost 5 - 1

Fixtures:-
Feb 20th at home to Beck Row
Feb 27th away to Beck Row
Mar 13th away to Tuddenham
Mar 27th away to Great Barton

On Saturday the 26th of Feb the 2nd Team have a Cup match against Clare Town Reserves, at home.

The dance held in November, proved to be a great success both financially and socially, a good time was had by all. Unfortunately, a few individuals made a general nuisance of themselves, after the dance, while passing through the village on their way home. The Football Club Committee wish to apologise to any Tostock resident who was disturbed by these persons. Whilst it is very difficult to exercise control over those people who have left the dance, we shall, nevertheless, be more selective with our invitations, in future.

DARTS CLUB.

The club is continuing to do well in the Greene King League (at present in the lead), but the younger Friday team are having a struggle in the Wetherden League, but are gaining in experience.

The New Years Eve Dance was a huge success and consequently the entertainments committee have arranged another for this year. The profit made on the 1976 New Years Eve Dance amounted to £136.

QUOITS CLUB. The annual general meeting will be held in the Gardiners Arms on 17th Feb. in preparation for the season beginning in April.