

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.

Dont forget the open Parish Meeting on Wednesday, 6th April at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The electricity cuts notification scheme mentioned in the last Chronicle is only being prospected at the moment. If and when the scheme is implemented you will be notified again.

The farmer who works the land between Norton Road and Flatts Lane asks all people who use the footpath across his field to keep to the footpath please, particularly where it runs close to the hedge at the rear of Perkins Way. We know it is muddy at the moment, and if anyone has any hedge or shrub prunings to spare, laying these over the mud might help. The present state of the path is largely due to cycle tyre tracks holding the water.

Please note that this is a FOOTPATH and NOT a bicycle track or bridle way.

TOSTOCK VILLAGE HALL.

We can report another successful year for Tostock Village Hall. Its popularity has increased and the high standards of administration maintained by Mr. Beales should be acknowledged. The Hall has been kept clean and tidy thanks to the excellent efforts of Mrs Davey.

The highlight of the past year was without doubt the success of the Victoriana Week.

An extension in the form of a prefabricated garage has been purchased and is nearly ready for use. The heating of the committee room has been improved and an extra row of lights has been fitted in the main hall.

The play group has become established and its members are using the hall twice per week. They also have a representative on the Management Committee.

The T.O.A.D.S. have donated a magnificent clock and dedicated it to the memory of Capt. Errington.

A document has been signed vesting in the Official Custodian of Charities the legal estate and interest in the property of the charity known as Tostock Village Hall. This saves registering deeds of Conveyance each time one of the holding Trustees dies or moves away from the district.

The year was financially successful. We started with £1,350 in the bank and ended with £1,030, even though we spent over £1,200 on non-recurring capital expenditure. Income from hiring increased by almost 50% and this increase came from more frequent use rather than higher fees.

At the Annual General Meeting on 21st March, the following were elected onto the Management Committee.

Chairman	Mr. Livingstone - Vice Chairman	Mr. Nunn
Treasurer	Mr. Beales	
Secretary	Mr. O'Reilly	
Committee Members:-		
	Mr. Richards and Mr. Hazlewood.	

A vote of thanks was expressed to Mr. Villar, the outgoing Chairman, for all his help and guidance over many years.

The two major topics discussed at the meeting were the heating of the hall and the need to find "bookings officer". The duties of this office are at present carried out by the Treasurer in addition to his other duties. It was disappointing to see only fifteen people present at the meeting.

CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, TOSTOCK.

At the recent Annual meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church meeting, sincere thanks were expressed to Sir James Currie and Lady Currie for all that they have done for our church in recent years. Sir James as Churchwarden and Lady Currie as Hon. Treasurer. Their resignations were accepted with much regret. The following elections were made:

Churchwardens:	Mr. G.J. Riches
	Mr. R.H. Dahl
Hon. Treasurer:	Mr. G.J. Riches
Hon. Secretary:	Mrs L.O. Williams
Hon. Minute Secretary:	Mr. H.G. Woodley

The next meeting of the P.C.C. will be held on Tuesday, 3rd May at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The services at present are:

1st Sunday	Matins 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.

but please note these special services during Holy Week and Easter:

8th April.....Good Friday Service from 2 to 3 p.m.
 10th April, Easter Sunday...Holy Communion at 10 a.m. to be
 taken by Bishop Hollis.

Please note also that on Maundy Thursday, 7th April, at Pakenham, there will be an evening service of Holy Communion at 7.30 p.m. at which churchgoers from the three combined parishes of Pakenham, Norton and Tostock will be warmly welcome.

The Church of St. Andrew, Tostock has received a most generous and welcome gift of £100 from Lady Huntingfield, daughter of the late Capt. R.H. Errington and Mrs Errington, to be used for the structure and maintenance of the church. The P.C.C. would like to express here its very sincere thanks.

In connection with the recent invitation to all in the village to support a memorial fund in remembrance of Ronnie Mulley, we can now report that the total so far collected or promised now stands at nearly £80. This has enabled us to purchase a beautiful silver plated wafer box for use at Holy Communion. It is being suitable inscribed.

A Silver Jubilee Concert will take place in the church on Friday, 17th June at 7.30 p.m. We have been fortunate in obtaining the services of the artists who gave us so much pleasure at the Flower Festival concert last year, and we hope that this event will be as enthusiastically supported as was that earlier concert when the church was packed. There will be a silver collection for a good cause to be announced later.

The annual Appeal will be made somewhat earlier than usual this year, in the first two weeks of May.

TOSTOCK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

We had an entertaining demonstration of hair-dressing by the Manager of Andre Bernard at our February Meeting, and it was very nice to see so many visitors that evening. On March 16th, Mrs Caldwell-Smith gave a most interesting talk about the vital work of the Women's Royal Voluntary Service. The competition of "Something New from Something Old" was won by Mrs Rochford.

The W.I. will be organizing a Children's Tea Party on June 7th as part of the Village Jubilee Celebrations, and we shall be appealing for contributions of food for the party. We do hope everyone will support our effort.

TOSTOCK OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY. T.O.A.D.S.

The T.O.A.D.S., together with Stowmarket Operatic and Dramatic Society were invited by the Irving Club to take part in an informal evening of one act plays at the Theatre Royal on Sunday, March 13th. Our contribution was a revival of the Egyptian play 'TUTANKHAMON', and thanks to the combined efforts of all concerned, we maintained the high standard of presentation for which the T.O.A.D.S. have become noted. The plays were very well received by the invited audience of members and friends of the three Societies - Tostock being particularly well represented by their loyal supporters.

Plans are now going ahead for a Silver Jubilee production of a one act play with a suitably royal theme, plus a Revue of 25 years of Song and Dance, completing a double bill of entertainment.

The Annual General Meeting is due to be held and a date for this will be announced shortly.

Sheelagh Millman (President) .

TOSTOCK BROWNIES.

The Pack has joined the R.S.P.C.A. following a most enjoyable talk and film show given by Mrs Blackler, an Education Officer from the R.S.P.C.A. recently.

The Brownies were delighted to see so many parents, friends, Guides, Cubs, Scouts and particularly senior citizens at their Open Evening on 21st February. The Brownies showed all aspects of their work and play, using letters of the alphabet for each item. They were very grateful to Honey and Mrs Orford for their help with the musical items and Mrs Pearson for her help with the refreshments.

In the Easter holiday, Tostock Brownies have been invited to a joint meeting with a visiting Ipswich Pack who will be on Pack Holiday at the village hall. Also during the Easter break, the Pack will be spending an afternoon in Bury, getting to know their own home town a little better, visiting the Cathedral, museums and other places of interest and finishing up with a picnic in the Abbey Gardens.

Plans are now being made for the Tostock Brownies' own Pack Holiday at Shotley Lodge from 7th to 12th June. Thirteen of the oldest Brownies will be going, plus a Guide, a Ranger and three Guiders. It is hoped to be able to arrange for the rest of the Pack to come down for the day to visit the Holiday home. The theme of the holiday will be the Queen's Jubilee- needless to say. The Brownies intend to help with litter clearance in the village during the next few months, as part of their contribution to the Jubilee.

OVER 60 CLUB.

Members are reminded that a coach will take a party from Tostock to Risby on Saturday, 16th April, departing from the Green at about 2.15 p.m. The occasion is a Band Concert organized for charity by the Risby Over 60 Club. Members 20p, Non-Members 60p. Do try to come. We want to fill the coach. These Risby outings are usually very good fun, with people attending from many districts.

TOSTOCK PLAYGROUP.

The Tostock Playgroup has been going since January 25th and is in full swing.

The Playgroup dance held in January at the Village Hall was a great success and as a result has enabled us to provide the children with a climbing frame.

It is hoped that during the month of May we will have an 'open morning' for anyone wishing to come and see the children at play, and at the same time combine it with a 'bring and buy sale', details of which will be brought to your attention nearer the time.

. SPORTING NOTES.

DARTS CLUB.

Present League positions are:-

Greene King League.....2nd place with 3 matches
remaining
Wetherden League.....nearly bottom but trying

Another very successful dance was held on the 19th March at Tostock Village Hall. During the dance a beautifully made Draw Ticket Drum was kindly donated by Mrs Olive Austin to the Darts Club.

A general meeting is to be held in the Gardeners Arms on Thursday 21st April at 8.30 p.m. in order to set the arrangements for the annual dinner-dance and to decide on future expenditure. Will all members please make an effort to attend this important meeting.

QUOITS CLUB.

The Quoits season begins in earnest on 23rd April and Tostock are to field two teams this year.

Anyone interested in playing please contact Peter Buckle (Secretary).

To start the season Tostock A team are to play Tostock B at the Gardeners Arms. This should prove to be an interesting match!

A cup has been donated by Tostock Quoits Club for a knock-out competition. This competition will be open to all Tostock Club Members.

FOOTBALL CLUB

A dance is to be held on the 16th April at Norton Village Hall.

Dancing will be to Bandito and entrance fee will be 80p.

The annual social meeting will be held on the 18th April, all members please endeavour to attend.

The A.G.M. will be held on Sunday, 15th May at 10.30 a.m. It is essential that all members and anybody interested attends on that day.