

**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.**

**Footpaths** A sub-committee has been set up to walk all the footpaths in the village regularly and report back to the Parish Council on any steps which need to be taken to keep them in good condition. It is hoped that we may have, before long, a map of all the footpaths in the area displayed in a prominent position in the village.

**Best Kept Village Competitions** Congratulations to Tostock on winning back top place in the competition for the best kept village in Mid Suffolk - a pleasing result after missing out last year!

As we go to press we learn that in the semi-finals of the Fison Trophy (for which villages throughout the whole of Suffolk compete) we are well placed with top marks so far. The final adjudication takes place on 27th July, by which time this chronicle will have gone to press. We hope we may be able to include a "stop press" victory announcement; but whatever the result, warm thanks and tremendous credit must go to all who have worked so hard, in teams or as individuals, to make the village look so beautiful and so well-cared for this year.

**TOSTOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL.**

**Monthly Draw.** The prizewinners for June and July are listed below:

<u>JUNE</u>		<u>JULY</u>	
1st	Mrs A.V. Fuller	1st	Mr. S.J. Reynolds
2nd	Mrs A.S. Layng	2nd	Mr. M. Buckle
3rd	Mrs C.H.R. Marriott	3rd	Mrs A.S. Layng

**VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.**

Mrs Errington has kindly donated a piano to the Village Hall. The extension to the Hall has been completed and is in use.

A sub-committee has been formed to study the heating and acoustics of the Hall to see if any improvements can be made at a reasonable cost.

**CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, TOSTOCK.**

The Jubilee Thanksgiving Service on 5th June was made especially memorable by the gift of a handsome Jubilee Kneeler which the Brownies worked collectively and presented to the church. We are very grateful for this thoughtful and generous gift. It is much valued and will be constantly used.

Pat Reynolds organized a splendid Jubilee Concert in the Parish Church on Friday, 17th June. We are grateful to her and to the visiting and local artistes who entertained us so delightfully and we were happy that many friends from neighbouring parishes were able to be with us. A retiring collection realised over £17 for Christian Aid.

On Sunday, 19th June at the 3 p.m. Family Service the children of the Junior Church received gifts of books. They, their parents and the church in Tostock greatly appreciate the care and interest in the children shown by Mrs O'Reilly and Miss Phillips who look after the Sunday School.

At a Family Service with Baptism on Sunday, 17th July we were glad to welcome back the Rev. John Newell after his brief holiday with Mrs Newell. We hope they enjoyed this short break from their many commitments and we would like to thank Bishop Hollis for officiating at Holy Communion during Mr. Newell's absence.

We are always grateful to Mr. Bernard Siffleet who, as Lay Reader, frequently officiates for us at matins. We are equally grateful to Mrs South of Pakenham who has conducted many of our Family Services during the past year. Our church was represented when Mrs South was admitted to the office of Reader on 18th June at the Annual Licensing Service of the Diocese at Walton parish church, Felixtowe.

The Annual Appeal realised the sum of £192. Members of the Church Council are very grateful to all those who worked and gave for this cause.

#### TOSTOCK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Women's Institute would like to thank everyone who provided food for the Silver Jubilee Party, and all those who helped in any way to make the Party such a success.

At our June Meeting we had a lovely demonstration of flower-arranging by Mrs Chaplin. Members were delighted when she kindly gave her beautiful arrangements as prizes for the raffle.

On Saturday, August 27th at 3 p.m. we shall be holding a Garden Fete at Fairlawns, Leys Road. There will be a Fancy Dress Competition for children, with lots of stalls and competitions, and donkey rides too! Please come along and enjoy the fun.

#### TOSTOCK OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY (T.O.A.D.S.)

Members have been active during the last two months, having organised a Coffee Party in aid of the Blind, on June 14th. During the evening our "Tadpoles" performed their Tudor play 'The Golden Age', with the Senior Toads providing back stage support and helping with refreshments and draw. Despite the rather small but nevertheless most appreciative audience, a cheque for £16 was sent to the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

On June 26th senior members took to the road with their scenery, lighting and props, and entertained geriatric patients at the West Suffolk General Hospital with their Jubilee Show "The Silver Years" - an occasion thoroughly enjoyed by both audience and cast alike!

Plans for the Autumn season have not yet been finalised, as a number of members will be taking part in Mrs Eileen Jones' presentation of 'Jesus Christ Superstar' at Thurston School in early December. However, it is hoped that a pantomime in January will be possible.

#### TOSTOCK BROWNIES.

The Brownies were thrilled to receive a letter from the Queen's Lady in Waiting thanking them for the card of congratulations they had sent to the Queen for her silver jubilee, especially as there was a hand-written foot-note saying how the Queen had liked their card. They also enjoyed making a Jubilee kneeler for the Church and what seemed like miles of bunting for the village festivities.

One of our Pack, Elfreda Orford, represented Thedwastre District Brownies on the Occasion of the Queen's visit to Ipswich on Monday, 11th July, where Elfreda with other Guides and Brownies lined the route which the Queen took at St. Clement's Hospital.

Two of our longest serving Brownies, Ruth Lawrence and Penny Howes, have left us this summer to move on to Guides. They had been with us over three years and had taken part in many Ventures, including two Pack Holidays.

The District Revels were held at Tostock Place, by kind permission of Mr A. Henderson, on Saturday, 9th July when about a hundred Brownies from surrounding villages joined forces for games, crazy sports, tea and a sing-song.

Still on a Jubilee theme, the Brownies are planning a Jubilee luncheon and entertainment for the senior citizens of the village on Thursday, October 27th in the Village Hall. Invitations will be sent out in September, but in the meantime, senior citizens, please book this date!

### CUBS.

Our summer meetings have included games of rounders and cricket, a quiz on the Church in Thurston, and tracking. At the last meeting before the Summer holidays the Cubs spent an evening in the Icepits Woods at East Barton. After a game, small groups did firelighting and cooked eggs, bacon and beans.

In the summer the boys all take the Athletes badge; the tests are for sprinting, long jump, high jump and throwing a cricket ball. Daren Osborne gained his first stage badge and Paul O'Reilly changed his first for a second stage badge. Daren has also gained his Bronze Arrow badge. Shane Osborne is taking his Link badge and now attends the Scouts.

Editor's Note We learn with regret that Mrs Pam Hopkins now finds it necessary to give up as Leader at Thurston. We are sure that she will be much missed by the Cubs and by the parents of many of them. On their behalf we would like to thank her for all the time, care and energy she has brought to her exacting commitments with cubs and guides over the last seven years.

### OVER 60 CLUB.

We are always happy to welcome new members and cordially invite newcomers who would like to join to apply either to Mr. Sage of Gweek Cottage, Leys Road, or to Mrs Lee, Fairlawns, Leys Road.

### N.S.P.C.C.

The recent house to house collection for this excellent cause realised the sum of £18.18p. We are grateful to all who contributed and also to the following ladies who acted as collectors: Mrs W.F. Prichard, Mrs L.A. Moore, Mrs J.E. Hines and Mrs R.H. Dahl.

SPORTING NOTES

DARTS CLUB

At the Annual General Meeting held in the Gardeners Arms on Thursday July 21st, the following officers were elected:-

Chairman	Mr. R. Armstrong
Vice Chairman	Mr. C. Buckle
Secretary & Treas.	Mr. P. Buckle
Team Captain	Mr. A. Philpot
Team Captain	Mr. G. Styles

The next dance will be held on Saturday, 10th September and dancing will be to "White Sands". Please order tickets now.

FOOTBALL CLUB

At the Annual General Meeting held in the Village Hall on May 15th the following officers were elected:-

Chairman	Mr. T. Styles
Secretary	Mr. R. Everett
Treasurer	Mr. T. Bryant

A trophy has been purchased which will be presented each year to the winning team in a cricket match which will take place between a football club team and a team drawn from the village. This year's match is planned for early in September, the date of which will be advertised later.

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Final placings in the Fisons Trophy Best Kept Village Competition were:-

1st	Westhorpe
2nd	Tostock