
 A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Recent winners in the Community Council Draw were as follows:

October, 1977. 1. Miss D. Clark 2. Mrs C. Marriott 3. Mrs M. O'Reilly
 November, 1977 1. Mr R. Largent 2. Mr D. Friend 3. Mrs M. Diwell

Thanks to Mr. Henderson, a huge bonfire in the grounds of Tostock Place made an appropriate background for an excellent fire-work display. Hot dogs and drinks were enjoyed by many. Thanks to all helpers and those who subscribed so generously.

An encouraging response is reported from the appeal for funds to purchase further children's playground equipment.

A Children's Christmas Party is being arranged for December 21st. Tickets available from Mrs V. Richards, Mrs D. Priest, Mrs M. Coe, Mrs D. Hart and Mrs J. McNeil.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council received Tostock's prizes for being runners-up in the competition for the Fison Trophy. These were a keg of bitter and half a hundredweight of daffodil bulbs. The bitter was duly consumed on Bonfire Night and the bulbs have been planted in various strategic positions about the village. We look forward to a brave show next spring.

TOSTOCK VILLAGE HALL.

Two new members have joined the committee to represent the Football Club and the Cricket Club.

An extra fifty chairs have been purchased and the trestle tables repaired to improve the facilities for those who hire the hall.

An extractor fan has been purchased for the committee room and work continues in order to find the most suitable method of heating for the main hall.

CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, TOSTOCK.

The Christmas Bazaar held on 12th November was a happy occasion and well supported. It realised the net sum of £192.63p thanks to the contributions and efforts of so many people. The ~~Parish County Council~~ P.C.C. expresses its sincere thanks to them all.

There will be a CAROL SERVICE in the Church at 3 p.m. on Sunday, 18th December with a Christmas tree as usual. Would each family please bring a small present which will be put under the tree during the service and given to a suitable children's charity which will be announced later. It would be a great help if presents could be marked with the age group for which they are intended; and if they could be made equally suitable for either a boy or a girl, so much the better.

Services in December and January will be as follows:

11th December (matins at 11 a.m.) 18th December CAROL SERVICE at
 3 p.m. (see above)
 24th December (Christmas Eve), Holy Communion at 11.45 p.m. at NORTON
 25th December (Christmas Day), Holy Communion at 9 a.m. at TOSTOCK.
 1st January, 1978 (New Year's Day). ~~Continued~~ Service (Parish
 Eucharist) at PAKENHAM at 10.30 a.m.

Combined

8th January, 1978 Matins at 11 a.m. 15th January Family Service at ~~11 a.m.~~
22nd January Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. 29th January Matins at 11 a.m.

TOSTOCK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 16th at the Village Hall. Annual reports were presented by the Treasurer, Mrs Sulman and the Secretary Mrs Williams. The President and Committee were re-appointed for the coming year:-

President: Mrs O'Reilly Vice-Presidents: Mrs Errington & Mrs Hopkins
Secretary: Mrs Williams Treasurer: Mrs Sulman
Press Officer: Mrs Layng Mrs Dahl, Mrs Reynolds & Mrs Andrews.

The President welcomed a new member, Mrs Pillars. After the A.G.M. Mrs Hopkins and Mrs O'Reilly gave a short talk on their research for the Village Map, which has been entered for the "Margaret Hitchcock" Cup Competition 1977. A copy of the map will be presented to the Village Hall Committee.

On October, 10th Mrs Pritchard welcomed members and friends to a coffee morning which was enjoyed by everyone.

On November 14th Mrs Jeffries held a Tupperware Party which was a great success, and she kindly presented a donation to the W.I. Funds. Future events for 1977 are:-

December 7th: Christmas Dinner at the Grange Hotel, Thurston.

December 15th, 16th: Carol singing around the Village - proceeds to go to the Bury Free Press Appeal for a Red Cross Ambulance.

December 19th: W.I. Carol Service at the Cathedral.

TOSTOCK OPERATIC & DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

Rehearsals for the pantomime "ALADDIN" are well under way and members are all working hard to ensure a thoroughly entertaining show. Performances will be given on the Fridays and Saturdays, January 13th, 14th and 20th, 21st, in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m. Tickets will be available from December 15th, Price 50p. (retired residents and children 30p. only). Please book early to avoid disappointment. BOX OFFICE
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TOSTOCK BROWNIES.

The Brownies next venture will be the Christmas mini-market at the Village Hall on Saturday, 10th December from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Onsale will be a variety of Brownie-made small gifts, Christmas decorations, a wide selection of professional Christmas cards, bulbs and plants, cakes, bread and sweets, etc., etc. There will also be a Christmas draw.

We invite everyone to come along for a little Christmas cheer and why not stay for lunch - Tostock Hot-pot (home-made casserole) and Baked Potatoes for home-made soup and Ploughman's Lunch, followed by hot mince-pies.

Meetings finish on Monday evening, 19th December, with carol singing in the Croft and we resume on Monday, 16th January.

OVER 60 CLUB.

The senior citizens who attended the Jubilee Luncheon and Entertainment in the Village Hall on 27th October would like to thank the Brownies, their leaders and all their helpers for a splendid meal (turkey with all the trimmings and an abundant variety of delicious sweets!) and a most enjoyable show afterwards.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL.

This year's house to house collection realised the sum of £36.40. We

are most grateful to all who contributed. The following helped as collectors: Mrs A.G. Bradley, Mrs R.H. Dahl, Mrs A. Higgins and Mrs L.A. Moore. To this was added the proceeds of the church collection on Remembrance Sunday, so that Tostock was able to support the Poppy Appeal this year with a cheque for £41.34p.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASSOCIATION.

A further amount of 65lb of tin foil has been taken to the Bury Free Press Office. Since their Jubilee Appeal started, the village, Brownies, children from Elmswell School & Beyton villagers have donated a total of 250lbs. ~~It~~ Keep it up!

On September 24th Miss Jessie Hickford, Colchester's blind authoress, visited Tostock with her guide dog Sheba. She spoke to a gathering of Brownies and villagers and explained how guide dogs were selected and trained at Leamington and how a prospective owner was teamed with a dog and underwent one month's intensive training together. Above all Miss Hickford told of the freedom, friendship and independence a guide dog gives to a blind person. This was followed by questions by the Brownies.

A collection was taken which amounted to £24. To this was added the contents of the stocking which is at the Post Office, amounting to a further £6, so that a total of £30 was given to Miss Hickford to the Guide Dog Association.

A further donation from the sale of Naturalizing Bulbs and 'Trick or Treat' Halloween custom has resulted in another £7.00 being sent to the Association.

TOSTOCK BRIDGE CLUB.

A bank^d of enthusiasts continues to meet in the Village Hall on Monday evenings at 7.30. Any other bridge players in the village or district will always be welcome.

PLAYGROUP.

A Christmas party for under 5's will be held on the 15th. December starting at 11.00 a.m. in the village hall. All Tostock children under 5 are invited to attend.

Also a playgroup dance is to be held on the 18th. of February in the village hall. Dancing to 'Grand Junction' - tickets £1.25.

With the profit made from the cake stall in September it has been possible to buy a canopy for the climbing frame which now provides a 'House' for the children to play in. Thanks again to those people who very kindly supplied cakes.

FIRE PRECAUTIONS.

During the present fire situation, in an emergency:-

1. DIAL 999 as usual, and ask for the appropriate service.
2. In case of fire, then also dial BEYTON 70278 (Post Office), where limited equipment will be available and help can be summoned.
3. Then raise as much local help as possible by calling neighbours or sounding a car horn to draw attention.

SPORTING NOTES

DARTS CLUB.

A dance will be held on New Years Eve in the village hall. Dancing to 'Pony' until 1.00 a.m. - Tickets £2.00.

Other dances are being planned for the 1978 year, details of which will be announced later.

QUOITS CLUB.

The 1978 season commences in March and it is intended to announce the date of the Annual General Meeting in the near future.

CRICKET CLUB.

Since the last Chronicle announced the reformation of the Cricket Club a great deal of progress has been made. Support and encouragement from cricket lovers in the village has been tremendous. One benefactor, who wishes to remain anonymous, has paid the £40 deposit on the cricket gear. Donations from Vice Presidents and others has shown faith in the future of the Club that inspires the Committee to make this venture a success.

Fund raising activities include a sponsored walk, a 'Barn Dance', (on Sat. 25th. of March 1978) and a Grand Easter Draw. We thank the Football Club for the sporting gesture of organising a dance in Norton next year towards helping our funds.

The idyllic scene of white flannelled figures against a green background, absent from the village for too long, will be put right in 1978!