

EDITORIAL

We are glad to be in circulation again after a six months gap resulting from printing troubles. Our reappearance closely follows upon that of Miss Wheeler and Miss Stevens whom we welcome back after their recent absence. We rather like the feeling of returning to normal, with them back in double harness behind the counter.

The Chronicle will aim to appear without fail during the first week of June, August, October, December, February and April. Will contributors please note that their copy should reach the Editor at Fermain, Wood Close, (tel: 70311) not later than 20th May, July, Sept. Nov. and March. Careful compliance with this request (without 'phoned reminders!) will be much appreciated. Please keep this page for reference.

FERMAIN

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Tostock has again been entered for the Mid-Suffolk Best Kept Village Competition this month, so please do YOUR bit to keep the village tidy.

The Parish Council has had reports of dogs allowed to roam loose in the village - a danger to old people children and motorists. Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Press Correspondent. Mrs. Layng, of 'Ardentallen', Norton Rd., Tostock, has kindly consented to send in reports of village activities to the local Press, provided these are delivered to her as soon as possible after the event. So, Club Secretaries, IT'S UP TO YOU!

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

To commemorate Silver Jubilee a seat has been purchased and will be positioned on the Green in due course. In response to our appeal sufficient money has been raised to enable us to order some swings for the playing field. The Committee brings to the notice of all concerned that the playing field is a play area and requests that cyclists should refrain from riding over it. Also they wish to remind dog owners that for reasons of hygiene they should refrain from exercising their dogs on this area.

## TOSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

The Annual General Meeting was held in April. Only fourteen people turned up but there was some lively discussion. It has been decided to instal some radiant heaters to supplement the fan heaters and to insulate the roof area.

An extraction fan is being fitted in the committee room and new cutlery has been bought for the kitchen. Hiring Charges were increased from 1st May. This is the first increase in 3½ years.

The committee would like to see more use being made of the excellent facilities in Tostock Village Hall and would ask all Chronicle readers to use the Hall and encourage others to use it.

## CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW TOSTOCK

Belatedly, owing to the non-appearance of the Chronicle last April, we can now recall how glad we were to welcome back our vicar, the Rev. John Newell last March after his spell in hospital. It is good to see him well again and have him back among us.

The Annual Church Appeal will be made in the fortnight following 11th June and we look forward to a heartening response. We ask all members of the Village to read the Appeal letter carefully, for it sets out in broad outline the new and difficult problems facing the Church throughout the whole country, as a result of inflation. It is longer than we would wish but it is important and we would ask you to read it to the end.

The Sunday School now has twenty three children, divided into four age groups. We are very grateful to Melanie Spencer and Stella Ridgewell for taking care of the younger children.

At the Family Service on 19th March the children sang "Lord of the Dance" with guitar accompaniment by Anthony Howlett and recorders played by Melissa Coe, Diane Coe, Claire O'Reilly, and Anne Grooms.

Our term ends on 18th June at the Family Service.

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## TOSTOCK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

With money raised by running a Fashion Show the W.I. members bought two flowering trees for the approach to the village hall. The trees were planted during April at a small planting ceremony.

At the time of going to press the members are much looking forward to June 1st when they are visiting the Mansion House for tea, by kind invitation of the Mayoress, Lady Cordelia Vanneck.

A coffee morning, kindly given by Mrs. Marriott at Hermitage Green House in aid of W.I. funds raised £12.

A Craft Sale will be held on Saturday, 21st October in the Village Hall. The number of articles being made is mounting rapidly. An eiderdown to be raffled is of especial interest as it is the work of several members and should be quite beautiful when finished.

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## TOSTOCK OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting was held on April 20th in the Village Hall, and the following Committee was elected:-

Chairman, Sheelagh Millman. Vice-Chairman & Secretary, Michele Faiers. Treasurer, Coral Unwin. Stage Manager, Simon Reynolds. Publicity, Gordon Cummings. Junior Representative, Jacky Block. Youth Representative, Melanie Spencer. Officers - Jacky Livingston, Janet Block, Ian Robertson.

It was decided that on completion of the Adult members' Spring production of the drama-thriller "CANDIED PEEL", preparations would commence for a Coffee and Cabaret evening, in aid of the Blind on Wednesday, 28th June.

We hope that everyone will support this worthy cause and enjoy a pleasant and entertaining evening. Any donations of prizes for the Draw will be most gratefully received.

Sheelagh Millman.

## TOSTOCK CRICKET CLUB

It is a pleasure to report that the support and generosity of cricket enthusiasts in the village has sent a well equipped team into the field for its first season.

Donations and subscriptions total £120 to date. An enjoyable Barn Dance raised £68, an Easter Draw run in the Gardeners Arms raised £20 and the Cake Stall on Bury Market brought in a further £28. A dance at Norton organised by Graham Styles raised a magnificent £130. The money raised by the Sponsored Walk in the Kings Forest is not yet all to hand but there is every expectation that £150 will result.

The Cricket Club are most grateful for this support and are determined to provide some entertaining cricket during the coming months.

The first home fixtures are on 4th and 11th June against Rattlesden and Stowupland respectively.

M. L. Spencer.

## TOSTOCK BROWNIES

Two Brownies left us this Easter at the age of 11 to go on to Norton Guides: Joanna Pearson who had been with us nearly four years and very rarely missed any meeting, venture, outing or job, and Caroline Eustace from Elmswell who had been with the Pack over two years and was our 'leading dancer'. We shall miss them both but hope they have many happy years of guiding at Norton.

The older members of the Pack will be visiting Norton and Thurston Guides at their camp at Euston on Thursday, 1st June, along with some Woolpit Brownies.

## TOSTOCK BRIDGE CLUB

The number attending on Monday evenings is continuing to hold up and the Club will remain in business during the summer months. Any players in the district who are looking for friendly Rubber Bridge will be very welcome.

## SPORTING NOTES

The Editor hopes to receive news of events and progress concerning the Darts Club, Quoits Club, Soccer Club etc., so that their activities may be regularly covered in the Chronicle as in the past.