

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Don't forget that there will be an election for Parish Councillors on May 3rd. Please give some thought to whether you can stand for election, or alternatively, whom you wish to nominate.

Local History Recorder Sought. Suffolk Local History Council has for many years run a local history recording scheme with the aim of finding someone in each village who is willing to record everyday events, keep newspaper cuttings, note the demolition of buildings, the erection of new ones, the removal of hedges etc. The idea behind the scheme is to record for future generations the village as it is today. Otherwise our future historians will know little of Suffolk in the latter half of the 20th century. A recorder is not expected to write a history of the village, although of course some, who become especially interested, do this too! Please notify the Parish Clerk if you feel this is YOUR job.

Litter. Most District Councils operate a free bulky household refuse collection service, empty litter bins, remove abandoned vehicles etc. They have expressed their wish to co-operate with Parish Councils in launching anti-litter campaigns locally by providing campaign advice as well as materials and sacks which they will arrange to collect from a central point in the village. This could very suitably be done in the context of the BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION.

Trees in Conservation Areas. Under the terms of the Town and Country Planning Act, anyone proposing to cut down, top, lop, uproot or wilfully damage or destroy a tree in a Conservation Area is required to give six weeks notice of his intention to the District Council before the work is carried out, or else become liable to severe penalties.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

Recent winners of the Community Council Draw were:

November. 1. Mr. P. Reynolds. 2. Mrs. D. Bamment. 3. Mr P. Barnes.

December. 1. Mrs. Diwell. 2. Mrs. Chadwick. 3. Mrs. Buckle
(Snr)

TOSTOCK VILLAGE HALL.

The new heating system in the Hall proved very successful during the recent T.O.A.D.S. performance. A working party has now been set up to tackle the problems of pipe lagging and roof insulation.

The Hall had an income of approximately £1050 for the year 1978, but new equipment and running costs proved to be more expensive than ever before and the bank balance fell from £1066 to £638.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Hall on 5th April. Please make a note of the date and come along if you can.

CHURCH OF ST, ANDREW, TOSTOCK.

We welcomed well over a hundred people to the Carol Service on 24th December. Presents from the Christmas tree were later distributed amongst underprivileged children in Bury St. Edmunds. The service included a Nativity Play which the children of the Sunday School had worked hard to prepare. Since early January the children have been unable to meet in the Church as usual owing to the cold weather, but it is hoped to resume as soon as possible at the usual time of 11 a.m.

On Christmas Eve the vicar conducted a Midnight Service. The collection of £17.40 was divided between Dr. Barnardo's Homes and the Mental Health Foundation. A cheque for £8.50 has been sent to each of these organisations.

Sunday Services in February.

Feb. 11th. Matins at 10 a.m. (Note the earlier time, to enable the Sunday School to meet afterwards in a heated church).

Feb. 18th. Family Service at 11 a.m.

Feb. 25th. Service of CONFIRMATION at NORTON at 10.30 a.m.

Please note that on 25th February there will be an 8 a.m. Holy Communion at Pakenham. The 9.30 a.m. service at Tostock and the 10.30 a.m. service at Pakenham will be cancelled at the request of the vicar who hopes that those who normally attend these services will come to Norton to support the nine Confirmation candidates and their families.

TOSTOCK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

W.I. members and their families went to the Theatre Royal, Norwich, to see the Pirates of Penzance, performed by the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company. This was organised by the Social Secretary, Mrs. Pam Hopkins and it made a splendid start to our Christmas festivities.

In spite of the wintry weather, Mr. Oxberrow came out from Beyton at short notice to give us a most enjoyable talk with colour slides of Suffolk churches and wild flowers.

New members are always very welcome. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

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

The Toads are pleased to report great success with their 25th production, "STAR WHITE and the SEVEN DAOTS", playing to marvellous audiences every night. It was particularly rewarding to see the obvious pleasure on the faces of the children from OAKWOOD SCHOOL, STOWMARKET, and PRIORY SCHOOL, BURY, for whom we gave a special charity performance on Thursday Jan 18th.

Our Director, Mrs Millman, would like to thank, most sincerely, all members, for the beautiful flowers she received, and, to mark the special occasion, the presentation of the wonderful silver star pendant and card inscribed with 57 signatures. These she will treasure always.

The Toads have been asked to give a small entertainment in aid of the British Heart Foundation. Details for this will be issued later.

Our grateful thanks to the people of Tostock for all their support.

Michele Faiers (Secretary)

TOSTOCK BROWNIES.

The Brownies would like to thank all those who supported their Christmas Mini-market in December. The net profit was £168. Half of the proceeds will be retained for the Pack's own depleted funds, to cover the annual capitation fee and the constantly rising runnings costs.

After much discussion, a donation of £35 is being sent to the Guide Friendship Fund to help provide young deaf people with special hearing aids which will be bought by the Royal National Institute for the Deaf and then loaned out to individuals; and also to help the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, in this Year of the Child.

Another £35 is being reserved towards the cost of possibly repairing the old bus shelter, subject to the approval of the Parish Council. This was the Brownies' own idea as they felt a need for a shelter on the Green.

The Brownies much enjoyed their visit to the TOADS pantomime on Friday 12th January.

The next Brownie event will be the District Thinking Day gathering at Honington on Saturday, 24th February, when each Pack or Company concentrates on a country.

This year Tostock's choice is Denmark, as one of our Brownies has a Danish 'Mum'. Later on we hope to have a Danish meeting.

Arrangements have been made for this year's Pack Holiday to be held at Felixstowe Ferry from 20th to 25th August.

TOSTOCK PLAYGROUP.

The Playgroup Christmas Party held on 19th December for all the 'Under Fives' in the village was very successful.

We have vacancies for children aged between three and five. Application may be made to Mrs. Hart (Tel. Beyton 70815).

TOSTOCK FOOTBALL CLUB.

Tostock's Third Division team is only seven points behind the leaders St. Edmunds; but we have three games in hand so promotion chances look quite good at the moment. Sad to say, our cup run came to an end when we went down 2 - 3 to St. Edmunds in the Quarter Finals. This was the first time in four seasons that we have not reached the semi-finals. Our Third Division record at the time of writing is:

P	W	L	D	For	Against	Points
10	6	3	1	42	15	13

The Fourth Division side which is new to the League is finding it hard going; but it is a young side and the players will learn from their errors and steadily gain experience. Their present record is:

P	W	L	D	For	Against	Points
11	1	8	2	14	63	4

As the children's Christmas Party had been cancelled by the Community Council, the Football Club decided to organise it and about forty children enjoyed a good tea, with party games and later a visit from Father Christmas.

Over the past five years we have grown into a well organised club. We are always looking for new members - young and old - and we would warmly welcome anyone who can spare an hour and a half on a Sunday morning to act as linesman. If interested you can contact Mr. T. Styles, Chairman, (Tel: Mendlesham 7144) or Mr. C. Stiff, Secretary, (Tel: Elmswell 40110) or any other committee member.
