

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held in the Committee Room at the Village Hall on Friday, May 11th at 7.30 p.m. All members voted in at the Election on May 3rd should be present.

The present Co-ordinator for Tostock is Mr. F. Armstrong. In cases of accident where ambulance or suchlike is needed, please 'phone Mr. Canning. (Bayton 70482).

Mrs. Walters has resigned from the post of Parish Clerk and her place has been taken by Miss J. Wheeler, Post Office Stores, to whom all Parish Council matters should now be addressed.

In the January number there was a note in this paragraph about the felling of trees. In this connection it seems an appropriate time to express gratitude to Mr. Chapman of Tostock House who recently had several trees removed from the side of the approach road to the A.45. These were diseased and becoming dangerous. We would also like to thank him for the very many trees he has planted.

VILLAGE HALL.

The Annual General Meeting is planned for Friday, 6th April at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome. Last year it was very disappointing to find only fourteen people present. Please try to come along and join in the discussions about your Hall.

We need some mats for the entrance area of the Village Hall. If anyone would like to help, would he please get in touch with one of the Committee.

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, TOSTOCK.

The three parishes of Pakenham, Norton and Tostock became officially united as from 1st March by order of Her Majesty the Queen in Council on 6th February 1979. The salient paragraph reads as follows:

"Union of Benefices The benefice of Pakenham and the benefice of Norton with Tostock in the diocese of Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich shall be united to create a new benefice which

Shall be named 'The benefice of Pakenham with Norton and Tostock' and the area of the new benefice shall comprise the parish of Pakenham, the parish of Norton and the parish of Tostock, which parishes shall remain distinct."

The church will be decorated as usual for the Easter Day service of Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, 15th April. (N.B. Please note the time). Daffodils and other spring flowers will be most gratefully received if they could be brought to the church by 10 a.m. on Saturday, 14th April.

A Mothering Sunday service was held at the church at 3 p.m. on Sunday, 15th March. Parents received presents of posies from their children who also took part in the service by reading some of the short lessons. On Sunday, 25th February a pleasing number from Tostock attended the Service of Confirmation at Norton Church. Ten of the older children from the Sunday School went too. It was valuable experience for them and the Bishop of Dunwich certainly held them spellbound during his address and throughout the service.

'SNOWBOUND' EMERGENCIES.

'The Girls' at the Post Office would like to thank everyone who helped in any way during the bad weather in February. This co-operation in conveying messages, fetching and carrying and general assistance was much appreciated. Also thanks to Mr. Chapman who kept a clear pathway to the shop. Special thanks to Mr. Villar who ferried vital supplies from the warehouse which would not otherwise have been obtainable. This meant that no one needed to be refused basic essentials. He literally 'Saved the Bacon'.

TOSTOCK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

No meeting took place in February owing to the bad weather conditions which prevented the speaker from travelling. However, in March a representative of Abbeygate Travel transported members by way of colour slides to the warmth and colour of Mexico, Australia and the Canadian Rockies.

Mrs. Walters was surprised and delighted to receive a gift from the members on the occasion of her and her husband's forthcoming 50th Wedding Anniversary, and warmly thanks all those concerned.

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

Arrangements are well in hand for a Charity Show in aid of the British Heart Foundation on Saturday, 21st April at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. As this is the 'International Year of the Child' we have decided to perform a musical play, the majority of the parts being played by our younger members. For the title we have adopted the motto of the Heart Foundation: 'It's Great to be Alive'. Please see posters for detail of tickets etc., later.

The T.O.A.D.S. would like to extend their good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Block and family who are, unfortunately, leaving the area and will be a great loss to the Club. Their support and help throughout the past years will be sorely missed and we would like to take this opportunity to wish them luck in their new venture.

CRICKET CLUB.

A full fixture list of Sunday afternoon matches has been arranged. We hope that the weather will soon improve and that spectators, basking in the sun, will enjoy the season's entertainment. New members are always welcome.

BRIDGE CLUB.

Bridge players from Stowmarket, Hitcham, Elmwell, Great Barton and Norton are now members of the Club. We are able to cope with a few more, so why not join us in the Village Hall on Monday evenings at 7.30 p.m? Anyone wishing to play friendly social Rubber Bridge welcome.

TOSTOCK BROWNIES.

The Pack enjoyed the District Thinking Day gathering at R.A.F. Honington in February with many Brownies and Guides from surrounding villages. Tostock Brownies followed this up with their own Danish evening, playing Danish games and learning a lot about the country,

and making their own Danish famous open sandwiches.

They have also been busy making HELP cards to give to elderly people in the village to put in their windows, should they need help in an emergency. If anyone else would like one, the Brownies would be pleased to supply them. We hope kind people in the village would respond to a HELP card should they see one in a window.

The Brownies will be doing their usual Easter litter pick-up in the village during the holidays.

OVER SIXTY CLUB.

The Club has room for some more members and would welcome newcomers. Join us and enjoy the happy outings and social occasions we share. Applications to Mr. Sage of Gweek Cottage, Lays Road.