

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held on Friday, 25th May. Election of Officers:

Chairman	Mr. A.S.R. Villar
Vice Chairman	Mr. F. Armstrong
Treasurer	Mr. F. Armstrong
Representative to County Association	Mr. C.H.R. Marriott
Representative to Village Hall Management	Mr. F. Armstrong.

Items discussed included the proposed siting of a new bus shelter and lay-by on the Green. Outline planning is being sought and other enquiries are taking place.

The Highways Department is willing to supply Tostock with sand and salt for use during icy conditions if suitable sites can be found for storage.

A STATUTORY OPEN PARISH MEETING TO CONSIDER REVIEW OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY is to take place in the Village Hall on Friday, 6th July at 8 p.m.

VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Committee was pleased to receive a decorated map of the village, made in the Silver Jubilee year by the W.I. The map now hangs in the main hall.

Discussions are continuing with Tostock Community Council with a view to the Village Hall taking over some of the Community Council activities in the village.

We are very grateful to the Cricket Club for their kind offer to put up the fencing around the Hall.

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, TOSTOCK

The Annual Church Appeal will be made during the fortnight following 3rd June. We hope for a heartening response and recognise with gratitude that in recent years it has played an important part in helping us to meet our many commitments.

Please note that the Combined Service, usually held on the first Sunday of each month, will this June be held at Tostock on the

second Sunday - namely June 10th. This is to enable each parish in our new benefice to have a service of Holy Communion in its own church on Whit Sunday, 3rd June. At the Family Service on 17th June the children will receive their end of term books. The Sunday School will then close until September.

Services at Tostock in June will therefore be:

1st Sunday (Whit)	Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.
2nd Sunday	Combined Service of Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.
3rd Sunday	Family Service at 3 p.m. (Note the time!)
4th Sunday	Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m.

At the Christian Aid Week service at Pakenham on the evening of Sunday, 13th May, members of the churches of Tostock, Norton, Ixworth and Thurston were present, many of them taking part in the service as readers. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Dunwich whom we were happy to meet in the vicarage afterwards. Our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Newell for their hospitality on this as well as on many other occasions.

TOSTOCK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Under the guidance of V.C.O. Mrs. Brighthouse, a lively discussion took place at the last W.I. meeting, on the resolutions for the A.G.M. in London. The discussion covered such subjects as the closure of village schools and the consequent effect on villages, training of young motor-cyclists, crime deterrents, etc. Mrs. Dahl will represent Tostock and Woolpit W.I.'s at that London meeting in June. After coffee, Mrs. Layng was the prizewinner in a General Election Quiz which had been prepared by Mrs. Hopkins. The President also welcomed a potential new member, Mrs. Cooper of Norton Road.

On Friday, 8th June there will be a Coffee Morning at Fermain, Wood Close from 10.30 a.m. until 12 noon. There will be a Bring and Buy stall and a Raffle. Proceeds will be given to the Addenbrooke Hospital Appeal for Cancer Research.

In support of the National Sponsored Knit-In on behalf of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research, nine members met in the Village Hall and knitted away furiously for one hour. As time-keeper, Miss Beryl Wood kept an eagle eye on the number of rows knitted and we hope to send a useful sum to this very deserving charity.

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

The T.O.A.D.S. would like to thank all those who so kindly supported their show on 21st April, in aid of the British Heart Foundation. After the deduction of expenses of £18.24 for the hire of the Hall for Dress Rehearsal and Show, scenery paint, crepe paper etc., the sum of £60.26 was forwarded to the Foundation, together with the Draw proceeds of £10.40 and a further £40.15 from the sale of "HEART" T-shirts to members. This resulted in the marvellous total of £115.81 for a very worthwhile cause.

Our Annual evening in aid of the Royal National Institute for the Blind will be held in September and this year will take the form of a VILLAGE QUIZ. We hope all local organisations will enter a team and join in the fun. Letters of invitation, containing details, are being sent out to secretaries and we anticipate an enthusiastic response.

About forty members were present at the A.G.M. on Wednesday 15th May and it was unanimously decided to stage a full-length Comedy early in December, followed by a Musical Show around Easter time 1980. We would warmly welcome new members, particularly males of any age. So come along, all you aspiring actors! This could be your big chance to 'have a go'. Please ring our Secretary at Beyton 70107 for all the 'gen'.

TOSTOCK PLAYGROUP

The A.G.M. was held in March and a new committee was elected:
Chairman: Mrs. Kathleen Cartwright. Secretary: Mrs. Doreen Buck
Treasurer: Mrs. Michele Redwood.

A stall was held at Stowmarket Sports Centre on Sunday 20th May as part of Pre-School Playgroup Week. Just over £21 was raised.

A Coffee/Bring and Buy Evening will be held on Wednesday 4th July in the Village Hall when we hope that many of you will be able to come.

A stall is to be held on Bury market on Saturday afternoon 20th October, when we are hoping to sell home-made cakes, bread, biscuits jams etc.

TOSTOCK BROWNIES

The Brownies will be paying a visit to Bury Fire Station on Tuesday, 19th June to have a good look round and see how the station operates. Amongst many other things, the danger of fire is covered at Brownie meetings and several Brownies take the "Safety in the Home" badge.

Preparations are in hand for the Brownie Pack Holiday this August at Felixstowe Ferry. Fourteen older members of the Pack will be going, and we are lucky to have a Brownie Guider from Barningham Pack (Mrs. Webb) as our third Guider, and a Ranger from Badwell Ash (Elizabeth Leffler) to help us. After Brownies on Monday 9th July, at 7.45 p.m., there will be a meeting of parents of those Brownies going on Pack Holiday.

The last meeting of the summer term will be on 16th July and meetings will start again on Monday, 10th September.

TOSTOCK BRIDGE CLUB

The Club extends a warm welcome to any bridge player wishing to play on Monday evenings at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. For further information ring Beyton 70 395.

TOSTOCK CRICKET CLUB

The weather has already played havoc with the fixture list but the matches played have been keenly contested. Results so far:

Brettenham	:	Won by 7 wickets
Rattlesden	:	Lost by 5 wickets
Wetherden	:	Won by 1 run
Hawstead	:	Cancelled
Battisford	:	Cancelled

We hope the coming weeks will allow the team to entertain the many friends who have helped to re-establish cricket in the village.