

TWENTY FIVE YEARS ON

When the first Tostock Chronicle was initiated in May, 1955 by Captain Errington and Mr. F. Armstrong, the village was faced with several problems, including the purchasing of a village hall and a bus shelter. Now 25 chronicles later, the hall has been bought and sold and a new one built. The bus shelter was constructed, but has been made obsolete by a different bus route and plans are afoot for a new one to be built. Another recurring subject in the original chronicle is footpaths.

Mr. Dahl, who has edited this chronicle for seven years, has left the village, and we wish Mr. and Mrs. Dahl every happiness in their new home.

TOSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

County councillor David Erskine attended the Annual Parish Meeting and made a public apology for his lack of co-operation and correspondence with this council during the past year. He then outlined how the County Rates were arrived at and answered considerable questions regarding compensation and help towards the building of the new bus shelter and lay-by in the village. District Councillor Bernard Siffleet was also present and outlined how the District rates were made up. He was questioned at length regarding various building and planning applications within the last year and promised to look into the various matters arising.

The Clerk reported a busy year with 14 meetings being held. Attendances as follows: Mr. Villar, Mr. Armstrong - 14. Mr. Richards, Mr. Hopkins - 12. Mr. Beales and Mr. O'Reilly - 11. Mr. Buxton - 10. Mr. Marriott - 3.

Reports were received from Pools Estate Charity, Village Hall Management, W.I. Brownies, Playgroup, Quoits, Darts, Sunday School and Squash. No reports were forthcoming from the TOADS, Crickets or Football Clubs. The latter two were regretted as it was felt that they would receive the most benefit from the involvement of the Parish Council in the financing of the purchase of land to extend the playing field for their activities.

A report was given by Mr. Beales on Footpaths.

It was put to the vote and agreed not to enter for the Best Kept Village competition this year.

Cllr. Siffleet gave a brief outline of the district's defence plans and at the end of the meeting Mr. Armstrong - Tostock's Defence Co-ordinator had leaflets available for distribution.

The Suffolk Association of Local Councils has informed us that a National Tree Campaign will be launched to coincide with and to commemorate the 80th birthday of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. Any ideas please to the Clerk.

Radio Orwell have introduced a 'Parish Pump' on Thursdays between 6.00 and 7.00p.m. If anyone would like to raise a question or state an opinion about an issue or as an individual wishing to express concern and wanting an answer please send details to Parish Pump, Radio Orwell, Electric House Lloyds Avenue, Ipswich or phone Ipswich 217000.

VILLAGE HALL

The Summer Fete and Arts and Crafts Exhibition is planned for Friday 6th and Saturday 7th June. The Art Exhibition, showing paintings by many local artists will be held in Tostock Church.

We have a full programme of entertainment for all the family. Refreshments will be available and there will be some good competitions during the Fete, which has a Wild West Theme.

We hope to raise money to pay for the cost of sports day and bonfire night and other village functions. We must also find money this year to pay for extra land for the playing field extension so please help us to make the day a success.

"PLEASE COME ALONG AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS"

MODEL EXHIBITION There will be an exhibition of hand-made models in the hall. If anyone has anything they are prepared to lend for show, please contact Mr. P. Reynolds, The Hawthorns, Perkins Way, tel. Beyton 70675. Mr. Reynolds will be at the village hall between 10 - 11 a.m. on morning of 7th June to receive models.

Anyone wishing to help with the many preparations on the field on the morning of the fete would be most welcome.

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, TOSTOCK

The Services on Sundays in June are as follows:

June 1st	Joint Service for the three Parishes at Tostock, 10.30.
June 8th	Matins 10.00
June 15th	Family Service 11.00
June 22nd	Holy Communion 9.30
June 29th	Matins 10.00

On the 29th February the Rev. John Newell, who has been Vicar of this parish for the past 3 years, retired. However he remained Priest in Charge until Easter. On March 30th, after a combined Service for the three Parishes at Pakenham, he was presented with a cheque as a token of our esteem, to which Tostock contributed the sum of £118, a total of £651 being raised in all.

During the interregnum following the retirement of the Rev. Newell, Canon Aidan Chapman, from whom you will all have received a short letter, took up his temporary appointment as Priest in Charge of the three Parishes of Pakenham, Norton and Tostock. Canon Chapman was formerly Vicar of Westerham and Rural Dean of Sevenoaks. He has now retired to this neighbourhood and lives at Stanton.

Church Repairs - Repairs to the fabric of the Church have now started, and it is hoped they will be completed by September.

Church Appeal - The dates of the annual Church Appeal this year will be June 16th - June 30th, and it is hoped that there will be a generous response in view of the additional expense in regard to the church repairs, which will leave the Fabric Fund severely depleted.

There will be an Art Exhibition in the Church during the Village Fete, on Friday and Saturday June 6th and 7th.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Reynolds of "Better View", The Green, have kindly offered the use of their lovely garden to hold a Garden Party in aid of the Church Funds. Please make a note of the date - Saturday July 19th. Moreover we gather from a usually reliable source of information that the donkey has expressed a wish to attend and meet all the children.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

At the moment we have 16 children attending regularly, and 3 of the older girls, Melissa Coe, Claire O'Reilly and Anne Grooms have joined the Church Choir.

On June 15th, at the Family Service at 11 a.m. we shall be holding our "End of Term" Service, when the children will receive their books.

Sunday School will re-open in September.

TOSTOCK OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Preparations are well in hand for the "EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT at the SILVER HORSESHOE SALOON" (Alias the Village Hall!), on Saturday June 7th, in aid of V.H. Amenities Fund. There will be music, dancing, supper and cabaret, plus many surprise items, and we hope guests will enter into the friendly spirit of the evening, and come dressed in informal "Wild West" attire i.e. Jeans, skirts, and 'beg, borrow or steal a Cowboy Hat if you can'. Tickets are in great demand, as numbers must be limited, so PLEASE book early to avoid disappointment. £1.75 the lot! Michele Faiers (Sec.) Phone 70107.

TOSTOCK W.I. NEWS

In April our speaker was Mr. Crichton, of Messrs. Lacey, Scott talking about Antiques. He explained how to read the hall marks on Silver, and what to look out for when buying Silver. He also talked about furniture and gave us lots of tips on how to assess genuine 'wear and tear'. He suggested some smaller articles which could be usefully and inexpensively collected, and gave members strong warnings against selling anything at the door.

A Fashion Show organised by the W.I. on April 23rd, was well attended and raised £68.55 for the Breast Cancer Appeal.

We also had an enjoyable outing to the De Vere Silk Weaving firm at Castle Hedingham, in which we were joined by members from other local W.I.'s.

Hearty congratulations to Mrs. R. Williams, our very efficient Secretary for 5 years, on winning the Secretary of the Year Award for this area recently. She said she owed much of her success to the W.I. for giving her the confidence to face the personal interview when she got into the last six.

At the May meeting we discussed the Resolutions for the A.G.M. at the Albert Hall in June.

TOSTOCK PLAYGROUP

The A.G.M. was held in March when a new committee was elected:

- Chairman: Mrs. Michele Redwood
- Sec: Mrs. Doreen Buckle
- Treas: Mrs. Carol Sobkowiak

We had a fairly successful year although we run at a loss every playgroup session.

Arrangements are progressing for this year's Village Quiz which is to be held on 19th September in the Village Hall.

TOSTOCK BROWNIES

Many of the Brownies will be taking an active part in the Fete on 7th June as 'horses' in the horse-racing game and helping with other sideshows, on the wild west theme.

They will be joining other Brownies in the area for the District Revels to be held this year at Great Barton on 5th July, this year's theme being gypsies. Last meeting will be on Monday, 14th July and resume on 8th September.

TOSTOCK BRIDGE CLUB

An invitation is extended to all Bridge players in the district to join us on Mondays at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

TOSTOCK CRICKET CLUB

<u>Results</u>	<u>Opponents</u>	
	Brettenham	Drawn
	Rattlesden	Won
	Wetherden	Lost
	Hawstead	Won
	Battisford	Drawn

Fixtures in June

8th June	Stowupland	Home
15th June	Wetherden	Home
22nd June	Rougham	Home
29th June	Battisford	Away

Forthcoming Social Event

26th June - Barbecue at Tostock Place (by kind permission of A.E. Henderson, Esq.,) This event is planned to be a swinging swimming disco barbecue - something for every member of the community. Contact Eric Pearson, Beyton 70533 for further details.

DARTS CLUB

A team has been entered in the summer league. Members for the ladies darts team are welcome. Arrangements for the annual dance are well in hand.

QUOITS CLUB

The new season has started. The A Team has won their first two games and the B Team has won one and lost two.

The new editor of the Chronicle is Kevin Spencer, Perkins Way, Tostock. telephone Beyton 70395.
