

PARISH COUNCIL: At a recent meeting, concern was expressed by several parishioners regarding the felling of trees in Armstrong's Wood. This Wood is under the care of the Woodland Trust who informed the Parish Council last October that the diseased and dead trees would be felled early this year. This has now been done and several young trees have now been planted to replace those removed. It is hoped to also clear the rubbish in the Wood and all parishioners are asked to co-operate by not throwing more rubbish there and to keep a watchful eye for any outsider who may do so. Other trees on the Southern boundary of the Wood have been illegally felled and the Woodland Trust have placed this matter in the hands of their solicitors.

Young trees have also been planted by members of the Parish Council along the verge of the old A45, and it is hoped that in time this will help to deaden the traffic noise from the new trunk road.

The annual Parish meeting is on Friday 27th March at 8.00p.m. in the Village Hall. It is hoped that the County and District Councillors will be present, also the Chief Inspector of the Suffolk Constabulary. Items on the agenda include Village Reports, Best Kept Village, Village Sign.

TOSTOCK VILLAGE HALL: Contracts have now been exchanged with Suffolk County Council for the purchase of the land for the playing field extension. As soon as we have completed the deal, the land will be vested in the Charity Commission.

Please come along to the Annual General Meeting at 8.00p.m. on Friday 3rd April in the Village Hall. We would like to know if the committee is in fact serving the needs of the Village, and what improvement should be made to your Village Hall.

CHURCH OF ST.ANDREW, TOSTOCK - The services for the months of April and May will be as follows:-

April	5th	Passion Sunday-Joint Service at <u>PAKENHAM</u> Parish Eucharist	10.30 a.m.
	12th	Palm Sunday and Holy Communion(1662) Canon Chapman distribution of palms.	8.00 a.m.
		Matins - Mrs B South	10.00 a.m.

HOLY WEEK

April	16th	Maundy Thursday- Holy Communion- Canon Chapman	10.30 a.m.
	17th	Good Friday - Meditation on Words " " from The Cross	2.15 - 3.00 p.m.
	19th	EASTER DAY - Holy Communion and Family Service	9.00 a.m.
	26th	Low Sunday - Matins	9.30 a.m.
May	3rd	Joint Service at <u>NORTON</u> Parish Eucharist	10.30 a.m.
	10th	- Matins	10.00 a.m.
	17th	- Family Service - Mrs B South	11.00 a.m.
		ADMISSION OF CHURCH WARDENS AT NORTON CHURCH (THE ARCHDEACON)	6.30 p.m.
	24th	Rogation - Holy Communion	9.30 a.m.
	31st	- Matins - Canon Chapman	11.00 a.m.

THERE MAY BE A SLIGHT ADJUSTMENT IN SOME OF THE TIMES OF SERVICES IN MAY.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April	3rd	Pakenham Church Orchestra, 8.00 p.m. PAKENHAM
	8th	Vestry and Annual General Meeting at TOSTOCK - 7.00 p.m.
	9th	Bible Study at Norton (Rev.G Ford's House) 7.30 p.m.

DATES TO REMEMBER cont'd..

- May 14th Archdeacon's Visitation at Tostock.
- 18th Mothers' Union Deanery Festival, Badwell Ash.
- June 4th-6th - Tostock Art Festival.

There have been a series of Bible Study sessions during Lent held in various peoples' homes, at which St.Luke's Gospel has been studied, discussed and commented upon.

The Bishop of St.Edmundsbury and Ipswich has invited all those members who are on the Electoral Roll and their friends to attend a Trustees for God Deanery Gathering at Thurston Upper School on Friday 27th March at 7.45 p.m. This is one of nineteen such Gatherings held in the Diocese at which Church people are asked to renew their commitment to Him who gave Himself for us.

Canon Chapman has asked us to include a letter from him as follows:-
"Easter reminds us of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, not simply as an historical fact but something in which we believe, and which was the powerful message that St.Paul preached to all the young churches. This has remained the evidence and the core of the Christian message ever since. So that St.Paul could say 'Christ lives in me' and the Christian message becomes deeply personal but not private, - not private because if we experience it His love and joy is repeated through us. If not, why not?"

Tostock with its charm and quietness, its ebullient young and smiling children is far removed from much of the country's tensions and abrasiveness - long may it remain so. I am always refreshed coming into the village. I am grateful also for the help given me by the Churchwardens, Mr Harrison the Lay Elder, the Treasurer, and in fact because of your warm friendliness - everyone. Thank you. See you at Easter, and if confirmed you will, I am sure, share in the Easter Communion."

Aidan Chapman

SUNDAY SCHOOL: - At the Family Service on March 18th, the readers were Sarah Cartwright and Claire O'Reilly. The children also sang a hymn.

The service for Mothering Sunday was held on March 29th, and all the children took part by giving posies of flowers to Mothers in the church.

TOSTOCK BROWNIES: The Brownies and Guiders would like to thank all their friends in the village who kindly supported the Jumble Sale on 7th February, which was a joint event with the newly formed Elmswell Brownie Pack. A sum of £156 profit was made, which was split between the two packs, and thereby enabled each to pay the capitation fee to Guide Headquarters of £2.50 per Brownie.

Most of the Pack joined other Brownies and Guides in the district at a packed Thinking Day Service at Woolpit Church, Tostock Brownies representing Brownies in Zimbabwe. The following week, Tawny (Mrs Andrews) showed the Pack some lovely colour slides of her holiday in Rhodesia some years ago.

The Pack has recently been pleased to welcome Mrs Hart as a unit helper. Plans for the next few weeks include our usual Easter 'spring-clean' and litter pick up.

TOSTOCK W.I. NEWS: Tostock W.I. experienced a real treat at their February Meeting when the speaker was Mr Clarke, Chairman of the Bury St.Edmunds Branch of Nature Conservation and a member of the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group in the area - incidentally, the first group to be started in this country. He told of the work done by both

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societies, and the need for co-operation all round. He also showed some excellent slides illustrating the results of good management of woods, coppicing, and the consequent growth of wild flowers. We all left feeling that we should look with new eyes at our hedges and verges, woods and fields.

The evening finished with a game organised by Mrs Andrews.

Mrs J Thomas agreed to attend the County Annual Meeting in March as delegate.

A Coffee Morning was held on Thursday March 5th at Highmoor House, Norton Road, and two outings have been arranged for the near future.

It was a real joy to see the beautiful work displayed by the speaker at Tostock's W.I. March Meeting, Mr Trussell, who is a skilled cabinet maker. He explained the difficulties of working with real wood, due to problems of supply, seasoning etc., so that today's general machine made furniture is mostly chip-board based. He also showed slides of some of the specialised pieces he had made for customers and the local church.

A vote of thanks on behalf of members and husbands and sons who had attended was given by Mrs Pillars.

The Secretary, Mrs J Thomas, reported on the Federation Annual Meeting held in the Athenaeum.

The W.I. Scrap-Book entered for the Margaret Hitchcock Cup was on show.

TOSTOCK OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY: At a recent meeting, members were able to view a Videotape Recording of the last production, 'Sinbad the Sailor', kindly made for us by Mr D Cook of Great Barton. It was a novel opportunity for the cast to see themselves in action from an audience point of view, and despite much trepidation, proved to be an interesting and valuable experience. We have been able to purchase a copy of the film, and hope to re-show it at a later date for those members who were not able to be present that evening.

Rehearsals are beginning for a full length Play to be presented in late JUNE by the Adult members of the Society, and details for this will be announced later.

COSTUMES. Those members who still have costumes from the last production are asked to return them as soon as possible to the Wardrobe Mistress, Mrs Ingram, at The Cottage, Tostock Place, please.

The Annual General Meeting will be on TUESDAY, April 21st at 8.00 p.m., and it is hoped that all members will attend.

TOSTOCK PLAYGROUPE: At our A.G.M. on March 24th a new committee was elected: Chairman: Mrs Carolyn Heywood, Secretary: Mrs Kathleen Cartwright, Treasurer: Mrs June Margetson.

We had quite a good year although we still run at a loss every playgroup session. Our thanks to all those who supported our dance in February when £89 was raised for Playgroup funds.

MOBILE LIBRARY DATES AND TIMES:

April 6th - normal times

then alternate Mondays, commencing May 18th, i.e., June 1st, 15th etc.

Times: Gardner's Arms - 1.55 to 2.15 p.m.
Perkins Way - 2.20 to 2.40 p.m.

SPORTS SECTION:

Darts Club

At the time this report was written, the Wednesday team seem likely to finish near or at the top of their League, and the Friday team, about half-way in their League.

Quoits Club

Tostock are entering two teams in the Rougham League for the coming season which starts in mid-May.

The Club won the Rougham Darts Shield, so they will retain the trophy for one year.

Crib Team

Tostock's successful crib team finished top of their League.

Cricket Club

The Cricket social season got under way with a rousing Barn Dance to the music of the Jack O'Lantern group. One needed to be there to appreciate the enthusiasm and pleasure shared by young and old. Many thanks to Colin Buckle who managed the bar, to Rosemary Pearson for the floral decorations and to Heather Spencer for organising the Dance and providing such an excellent Barn supper.

The playing season starts on 19th April with an away match at Brettenham. New players are always welcome, contact Mick Spencer, Beyton 70395.