

PARISH COUNCIL : The Annual Parish Meeting held in March was attended by County Councillor David Erskine. He admitted that he had forgotten to try to obtain compensation from the Ministry of Transport towards the new bus shelter and lay-by. He promised to help and to report back. He outlined reasons for the 30% rate increase and was questioned concerning the transport of radio-active waste by rail, very close to this village.

District Councillor Bernard Siffleet helped to explain the rate increase and agreed to investigate the activities at Wood End Green, involving polluting the atmosphere with black smoke. An inspector from Suffolk Constabulary attended the meeting and gave an interesting talk on the organisation of the local force. This area, manned by 6 constables was one of the most trouble-free in Suffolk. He asked parishioners to give full details of their address when contacting the station, as this could save valuable time. Several householders have been troubled by CB radios. This matter should be referred to Bury Post Office, not the police. The Chairman thanked the three gentlemen for attending the meeting.

Reports were given by the Treasurer and Clerk and by the 14 village organisations. The proposition to enter the Best Kept Village Competition had no seconder, so the village will not enter this year. The possibility of a village sign was discussed but was shelved for the time being, due to the economic depression.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held in May.

Officers elected:

Chairman : Mr. A.S.R. Villar
Vice-Chairman : Mr. M. O'Reilly
Treasurer : Mr. F. Armstrong
Representative to Village Hall Management Committee :
Mr. D. Beales

Concern has been expressed about the state of some of the footpaths, especially the one joining Flatts Lane to Norton Road. It was decided to erect three posts at the Norton Road End to prevent horses using the path. A working party has been arranged to try to improve the path.

The Water Board had finally agreed to renew the water piping along the green, work should start in the near future.

Following a request from many parents for the Council's backing concerning childrens' transport to school, the Parish Council have agreed to arrange a public meeting with a County executive. Watch notice board for details and date.

Fears regarding increased and speeding traffic through the village have called for Police and Highways Department action. All drivers are requested to drive with caution.

Considerable numbers of young trees have been planted along the old A45. They were donated by the Mid-Suffolk Council and the Parish Council Chairman. Please help to protect these trees, which were planted by members of the Parish Council. The Woodland Trust has also been planting trees - 75 in Armstrongs Wood. Printed below is an extract from a letter explaining the Trust's work:

" Armstrong's Wood, Tostock, was given to the Woodland Trust by Mr. Henderson of Tostock Place. The Trust's major aim is to conserve broadleaved woodland for amenity and wildlife and for the public to enjoy. The wood at Tostock is a vital amenity feature containing a number of native tree species and the Trust's aim is to perpetuate these aspects of the woodland. The decision was taken recently to fell the many dead elms near the church for safety reasons, due to the proximity of the road. The gaps have now been planted with young trees, protected by white plastic rabbit guards. Species used were oak, ash, lime, field maple and hornbeam and in time these trees will grow to replace the spaces left by the elms. Steps will be taken very soon to clear the litter lying in the wood.

The Trust welcomes local assistance with wardening of all their woodland properties. Please contact Miss Elizabeth Driver, The Woodland Trust, Westgate, Grantham, Lincs. NG31 6LL, telephone: (0476) 74297, or any member of the Parish Council or Clerk, if you would like to help the Trust in this way. Write to, or telephone, the Trust at the same address for further details of the Trust's work and membership.

TOSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

Our Village Hall will shortly have a coin operated telephone installed in the entrance hall. Because of the

massive increases in the cost of electricity for heating the hall, the Committee is investigating the use of a coin in the slot meter for electricity.

At a recent meeting, it was decided not to increase hiring costs on 1st May, as usual, but to wait for a few months. Our rates are very competitive and we would again ask all our readers to make the best use of our hall and to advertise its merits to their friends.

Plans are in hand for the Art Exhibition in the Church on 4th - 6th June, entries exceeding those of last year. Anyone who would like to do a turn on the rota, is asked to contact Mrs. Rochford - Beyton 70216 who would be very happy to hear from them.

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, TOSTOCK - Services for the months of June and July will be as follows:-

June 7th	Whit Sunday	11.00	Parish Eucharist
June 14th	Trinity Sunday	8.00	Holy Communion - Canon Chapman
		11.00	Family Service & Sunday School Prize Giving - Canon Chapman
June 21st	Trinity 1	11.00	Matins - Canon Chapman
June 28th	Trinity 2	9.30	Holy Communion - Canon Chapman
July 5th	Trinity 3	11.00	Joint Service at Pakenham - CHURCH ARMY
July 12th	Trinity 4	8.00	Holy Communion - Canon Chapman
		11.00	Family Service - Mrs.B.South
July 19th	Trinity 5	11.00	Matins - Canon Chapman
July 26th	Trinity 6	9.30	Holy Communion - Canon Chapman

This is the Church of England Childrens Society Centenary Year and the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich has appealed to all parishes in the Diocese to support this. Our contribution will be the proceeds from the collection at the Family Service to be held at 11 a.m. on June 14th.

Church Wardens of the three Parishes were Admitted to Office at a Service at Norton on Sunday May 17th. This was followed by refreshments in Norton Village Hall. The two Church

~~Wardens for Tostock are Miss G. Phillips and Mr. B.~~
Harrison.

The Church of St. Andrew Annual Appeal will be held from 15th June this year, for two weeks, when collecting envelopes will be distributed in the village.

Our Harvest Festival Service this year will be held on Sunday 11th October.

A Social sub-Committee has now been formed, with responsibility to the P.C.C., under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Pat Reynolds. Other Officers are Mrs. Buckle, Secretary, Mrs. Lister, Treasurer plus 9 Committee Members.

As many of you will have seen from your Parish Magazines, the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury & Ipswich has appointed the Rev. Richard Addington to be Vicar of Pakenham and Rector of Norton & Tostock. The Institution will take place on Friday 11th September at 7 p.m.

Canon Chapman has asked us to include the following message from him:

"You will be delighted at the news of the appointment of an Incumbent, who will be instituted on September 11th, but I shall miss Tostock greatly and its people and lovely little church. Among other things there is real joy in looking at the carvings of the pew ends and the humour those old craftsmen expressed. However, in the meantime, with the rearrangement of services, I am now able to be at your services more often.

The Bishop's "Trustees for God" is not over and done with for it is a call for our services and worship to be creative and purposeful. Our Lord did not die and rise again, nor was the Holy Spirit given, that we might be good Christians but that we might be creative and alive in our faith and relationships. It is a privilege to be British, to live and be brought up in a Christian tradition, but as with all privileges there are responsibilities to meet, which "Trustees for God" is a guide and help.

With the Royal Wedding in mind, I am reminded of these words from the Song of Solomon "His banner over me is love".

~~Thank you for your companionship.~~

Aidan Chapman
Priest in Charge

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Annual Prize Giving will take place at the Family Service on June 14th at 11 a.m. The collection at the service will be donated to the Church of England Childrens' Society and a donation will also be made from the childrens weekly collection.

TOSTOCK W.I. NEWS

Following the usual business meeting, the Chairman thanked Mrs. Rochford for holding a Coffee Morning, and Mrs. J. Thomas for organising a Tupperware Party, both of which helped to pay for Tostock W.I.'s share in equipping the kitchen at the Village Hall.

The outing to the Wolsey Theatre, Ipswich had been much enjoyed.

The speaker for the evening was Mrs. Lockley from Thurston, who talked about Shrubs for the small garden, and showed some lovely slides, as well as answering many questions. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Andrews.

Bringing the W.I. up to date, was the main theme of V.C.O. Mrs. Croxton's talk, helping members to understand the resolutions for the A.G.M. in London in June. There were two resolutions other than domestic ones, one on licencing air weapons, and one on the standardisation of vegetables, fruit, etc., in the E.E.C. Mrs. Andrews is to be our delegate to this meeting.

After coffee, a hilarious team game based on the Radio programme "Many a Slip", was much enjoyed.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Croxton was given by Mrs. J. Thomas.

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

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the Comedy-Thriller now being rehearsed by the Adult section, will be presented one month later than originally planned, on July 17th & 18th, at 7.30 p.m. Entitled 'YOU, TOO, CAN HAVE A BODY!', and

set in a crumbling old Castle, complete with secret passage, ghostly apparitions and a mysterious murderer, the Play promises to give audiences plenty of laughter and thrills. The large and varied cast of characters includes the owner of the Castle - - the impoverished and eccentric Lord Leverdale with his equally eccentric staff of servants, a pair of puzzled T.V. Scriptwriters, some very strange guests, and a bevy of bewildered Policemen, all romping through a series of misadventures and intrigues to a dramatically unexpected conclusion! We hope you will all come along, and enjoy a happy evening's entertainment.

The Box Office will be open from July 1st. Numbered Seats can be booked in advance. See Posters later for all details.

TOSTOCK PLAYGROUP

The Playgroup are having a Jumble Sale on Saturday 18th July at 2.p.m. in the Village Hall. Refreshments will be on sale. Anyone having Jumble to dispose of please contact Julie Harrison, 4 Perkins Way, Tel: 70247 or Kathleen Cartwright, Fairlawns, Leys Road, Tel: 70323, so that collection can be arranged. We hope everyone will come along and support us as fund-raising is necessary to keep the Playgroup going.

We are willing to hire our 'Child-Size' tables and chairs useful for children's Birthday parties, etc., at a charge of £1.50.

Does anyone have good old toys which they would be willing to donate or sell to the Playgroup? We are particularly in need of a dolls pram, large dolls cot (Or a baby's carrycot), nursery Lego and dolls house furniture. Contact Kathleen Cartwright, Tel: 70323, or bring anything along to Playgroup Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

CANCER RESEARCH COMPAIGN

Did you know that between 50,000 and 60,000 people were cured of cancer in the four years up to 1978? However, there are still far too many people who contract cancer and who unfortunately are not cured. I'm sure you all know of somebody who has been affected.

The Cancer Research Campaign exists to fund research into the disease. The Bury St. Edmunds and District Branch is one of the local groups dedicated to raising money to contribute towards this work. We are now looking for more helpers to assist in this work. "Helping" can consist of helping in the house to house collection at the end of June or assisting with fund raising events, such as last year's Summer Miscellany or the sponsored disco.

Please consider whether you can give some time to help. If you can, please telephone me at Pakenham 30737, or contact our secretary Mrs. C. Paine at 2 Plovers Way, Bury St. Edmunds.

TOSTOCK BROWNIES

The four sixers of the Pack enjoyed visiting the camp-fire at the Guide Camp at Haughley Park on 25th May, where several ex Brownies were camping as Guides for the first time.

There will be an Open Evening on Monday 15th June, 6.30 - 8 p.m. to which all parents, friends and interested parties are most welcome. There will be an enrolment during the course of the meeting, also a Bring & Buy Stall, Cakes and Refreshments on sale. Proceeds will be for the Brownies contribution to a cupboard in hall kitchen.

Elmswell Brownies have invited Tostock Brownies to join them for a meeting at Elmswell on Friday 17th July.

TOSTOCK CRICKET CLUB

Wet weather has played havoc with our early season fixtures. Following a win at Brettenham the matches against Rattlesden, Wetherden and Hawstead were cancelled due to rain. An afternoon of scattered showers failed to stop us beating Battsford but the Coldham Hall fixture was cancelled. So the results of our regular fixtures can be summarised:

Won 2 Cancelled 4

A new, though short lived, venture this year was our entry into the Orby Wood Competition. We were drawn against Tuddenham, one of the seeded teams in the Competition who proved too strong for us. The first round losing teams compete for the Rowntree Cup and our opponents are Bury Railway II whom we meet on 9th June.

On the fund raising front, the next event will be a Disco-Barbeque planned for 8th August. Don't miss this highlight of the summer social scene.

DIARY OF EVENTS

June

Thursday 4th : 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.) Art
Friday 5th : 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.) Exhibition in
Saturday 6th : 10 a.m. - 5.30 p.m.) the Church

During the above periods, the W.I. will be serving Refreshments and manning Stalls in the Marquee, (in aid of Red Cross holidays for disabled).

Monday 15th : 6.30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Brownies Open
Evening - Village Hall

July

Saturday 11th: Church Garden Party at Mr. & Mrs.
J. Reynolds, "Betterview".

Friday 17th) 7.30 p.m. TOADS Performance "You,
Saturday 18th) Too, can have a body!" in the
Village Hall.

Saturday 18th: 2 p.m. Playgroup Jumble Sale - In
Village Hall.