

PARISH COUNCIL : At recent meetings, various Planning Applications have been discussed.

Bus Shelter : The Council is still pursuing its correspondence with the Department of Transport for compensation to pay for the construction of a lay-by in the village. It is now hoped to arrange a site meeting with them, the Police, Bus Company and County Council.

Mower : It has been agreed to look into the purchase of a good second hand machine to cope with the extra work which will be involved when the extension of the playing field is completed. A sub-committee has been formed for this purpose.

Duplicator : It has been considered a good idea if the council could purchase a good used duplicator for the printing of the Chronicle and for use of any other village organisation. They are on the 'look-out' for a suitable machine at reasonable cost. If any resident should hear of one please contact any member of the council or the clerk.

Boundary Changes : These have now been finalized as per the recommendations of three years ago.

Anglian Water Authority : A letter of protest has been sent protesting against the waste of money in sending the recent circular letter to every resident in the area. This could have been included with the account.

The Leys : It has come to the attention of the Council that certain residents are under the impression that they can place garden refuse on the Leys for periodic bonfires. The Leys is private land belonging to the Council and should not be used in this way. The residents concerned are respectfully asked to refrain from this practice in future.

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, TOSTOCK

Calendar for February and March, 1982

Wednesday, 10th	: 7.30 p.m.	Church Council at Village Hall
Thursday, 11th	: 7.00 p.m.	Music Group
Sunday, 14th	: 11.15 a.m.	Family Service
Sunday, 21st	: 3.30 p.m.	Evensong
Sunday, 28th	: 8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

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Saturday, 6th : Jumble Sale
Sunday, 7th : Joint Service at Norton 10.30 a.m.
Thursday, 11th : Music Group - 7 p.m.
Friday, 14th : Family Service 11.15 a.m.
Sunday, 21st : Evensong (Mothering Sunday) 3.30 p.m.
Sunday, 28th : Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.
Wednesday, 31st : Church A.G.M. Village Hall 7.30 p.m.

Family Service : We do hope to involve as many people as possible in these services. The idea of a Music Group meeting each week at the Vicarage and taking part in the services in all three villages has not worked very well, so now we hope to have a 'Music Group' meeting in Tostock on the Thursday evening before the monthly Family Service here, and ask all who enjoy singing or who play an instrument and who would like to take part, to come to these meetings. The venue has not yet been arranged, ask the Rector or one of the churchwardens for details.

Lent Study Group : Last year a successful series of meetings was held during Lent, studying St. Luke's Gospel. We plan a similar group this year, meeting on Thursdays from 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. The first meeting, on February 25th, is at 19, Manor Garth, Parkenham. The following week the meeting will be in Norton, and on March 11th in Tostock. Last year people managed to get to meetings in all three villages.

Jumble Sale : The Church Social Committee are running a Jumble Sale in the Village Hall on 6th March at 2.30 p.m. This will be for the Church Fabric Fund - no doubt the first of many such activities as we expect to spend upwards of £10,000 on repairs to the tower, probably in 1984, and that money has to be raised before it can be spent.

Womens World Day of Prayer : Very large numbers of Christian women throughout the world attend special services on the first Friday in March. We are not planning a special service in Tostock but there are likely to be services in Pakenham and Norton, which will be advertised. I hope that ladies from Tostock (of all denominations) will be able to come along to one of them.

Mothering Sunday : The children will receive posies to give to their mothers, at the service on March 21st at 3.30 p.m.

Church A.G.M. : I would appreciate a good turn out of church members for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the Village Hall on March 31st at 7.30 p.m. As well as being the occasion for electing church officers, it is a time for taking stock of where we have got to and discussing where we are going. Six months after the arrival of a new Rector this could be a useful discussion!

Richard Addington

W.I. : Owing to snow and icy road conditions in December the Christmas party had to be cancelled. It is now planned to have a party in the Spring.

At the January meeting the newly-elected President, Mrs. J. Thomas, took the chair. Mrs. P. Reynolds is Vice-President, Mrs. D. Buckle is the new Secretary and Mrs. D. Hart the Treasurer. One of the members, Mrs. C. Cartwright, a Shetlander, gave a lively and informative talk illustrated with slides about her native islands. She also exhibited samples of her beautiful knitting. A raffle was held during the coffee break and the winner was Mrs. Hopkins.

A Whist Drive will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 24th March.

PLAYGROUP : Our Carol Evening on 11th December raised £62.40 for the Spastic Society's Family Help Unit, Shakers Lane, Bury St. Edmunds. We would like to thank everyone who came, on such a snowy evening, to sing carols with us. We are also very grateful to all those young people who provided such enjoyable entertainment, and to everyone else who helped us. The Playgroup children and the under three's in the village enjoyed a Christmas Party on 17th December. After games and a film show, everyone tucked in to a Christmas lunch which was followed by a visit from Father Christmas

TOSTOCK BROWNIES : The Brownies and Guiders would like to thank all the kind people who supported the Christmas Mini-market, the net profit was approx. £180. The annual capitation fee to Headquarters due in February, @ £2.50 per Brownie and Guider will amount to £65 alone. After much discussion, the Brownies had decided to donate £50 from this profit to the local Scanner Appeal, only to find the appeal had closed.

Instead, following a suggestion by Dr. Mason, the money will go towards the cost of a new trolley on which is stored the emergency heart resuscitation equipment at Woolpit Health Centre. This will mean all the equipment is all in one place and readily available in emergencies.

Tostock Brownies will be joining other Brownies and Guides at the District Thinking Day Service at Elmswell Church at 3 p.m. on February 21st. The Pack will also be visiting the TOADS pack on February 19th.

In the Spring, Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Spencer will be leaving the Pack in the capable hands of Mrs. Lister and Mrs. Cartwright who have kindly agreed to take on the running of Tostock Brownies. They will undertake a period of training, visiting other units in the district, attending training courses and generally learning 'the ropes', before gaining their Guiders' warrants. We are delighted that Mrs. Hart who has been a marvellous unit helper, has agreed to stay on in this capacity.

TOSTOCK BRIDGE CLUB : Snowy weather brought our activities to a halt around Christmas but regular meetings are now being held. Any Bridge player in the district is welcome to join us at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays in the village hall.

TOSTOCK CRICKET CLUB : On the cricket front, little to report apart from our entry in to a new competition to be organised in 1982 by the West Suffolk Newspapers. This knock-out event is limited to those clubs who play no weekend league cricket.

Work on the playing field extension is continuing. A mixed field maple and hawthorn hedge has been planted on the boundary. The next job will be harrowing to achieve a level surface, followed by stone picking before seeding. One suggestion is to have a sponsored Stone Pick. Volunteer pickers could be sponsored for the number of pails filled. Any other suggestions would be welcome.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND : A cheque for £10 has been sent to the association, this being the contents of the 'dog' in the Post Office and donations from the sale of some second hand books. The past two collections of foil amounted to 305-lb. Thanks to all contributors including Tostock Brownies, Elmswell School and residents of Beyton and surrounding areas.

TOSTOCK OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY : Much valuable rehearsal time was lost during the long hard Winter, but everything is going with a swing now, and the T.O.A.D.S. are hard at work putting the final touches to a lively colourful production of 'MOTHER GOOSE'. To remind you, dates are as follows :-

FRIDAY, FEB. 19, SATURDAY, FEB. 20 and FRIDAY, FEB. 26 -
 Tickets £1.00 (60p. for Senior Residents & Children)
SATURDAY, FEB. 27 - Tickets £1.20 (80p. for Senior Residents & Children).

Seats are numbered, so please book as soon as possible.
 Box Office : Mrs. Michele Faiers - tel. Beyton 70107.
 We are looking forward to giving you a good evening's entertainment!

NOTE TO MOBILE LIBRARY READERS : "As you know, it has been necessary to reduce expenditure in local government, and as a consequence of this the mobile libraries are being 'single-manned' that is, for all but the largest stops there will be one member of staff on board, not two. This change has meant that we have had to rearrange all our schedules, to provide the right amount of time at different stops to enable the driver/attendant to give the best service possible." P.R. Labdon, Co Librarian.

As from 1st February, 1982, the mobile library will call or alternate Mondays, stopping at The Gardener's Arms from 2.40 to 3 p.m. and at Perkins Way from 3.05 to 3.30 p.m.

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TOSTOCK UNDER 16's DISCO - March 13th : 7.30 to 10 p.m., tickets 50p from Mrs. J. Thomas, The Drift, tel. Beyton 70005.
BALLROOM-TYPE DANCE - April 17th : Tostock Village Hall, run by Village Hall Committee, details will be advertised later.

Note : Apologies for the delay in this issue of Chronicle, due to problems of lack of facilities in running off copies.