

Change of Editorship

~~There's a lot of it about "First Times"~~
"Times" and "The Financial Times" - now the "Tostock Chronicle".
Where will it all end!

Kevin Spencer is having to relinquish his post as Editor of the Chronicle but we are all most grateful to him for the efficient manner in which he has discharged that duty for the last two years despite considerable problems latterly on the production side.

I have now been 'volunteered' for the job but please remember that it is YOUR Chronicle so if you have any news which will be of general interest to the village please be sure to pass it on to me for inclusion in future issues. The name is Hoadley, the address is "Romans Croft", Flatts Lane and the telephone number is 70424. You are all hereby appointed Roving Reporters (acting - unpaid, I'm afraid) so keep your pencils sharpened and at the ready please.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting is on Friday, 16th April at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall. We look forward to a full hall and good meeting to hear your views. It is hoped to have County Councillor Erskine and District Councillor Siffleet in attendance. Also Mr. Chris Stratton, the Country Countryside Officer who will give us an illustrated talk on Conservation.

There will be reports from all the village organisations and other items for discussion will be on the agenda which will be displayed on the notice board at the Post Office. If any parishioner has any item for the agenda please inform the Clerk, (Miss Wheeler at the Post Office).

The Council has been informed that Home Improvement Grants are available for adaptations needed to allow disabled people to remain in their homes. Further details are available from the Clerk.

There have been two meetings recently mainly to discuss planning applications and a site meeting has been held with an officer to the Department of the Environment and members

of the Suffolk and Mid-Suffolk Councils to discuss the proposed Bus Shelter. A report will be given at the Annual Meeting.

Parishioners will be aware that a large working party recently cleared a lot of dead wood and undergrowth from Armstrongs Wood. Further trees will be felled under supervision later this year and about 150 new trees and shrubs will be planted.

Great concern has been expressed about the felling of large areas of trees in Tostock Place Wood. The County Tree Preservation Officer has inspected the wood and is keeping a careful watch on the situation.

REMEMBER 16TH APRIL - PLEASE COME

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, TOSTOCK

April

- Thu. 1st 8.00 pm Bible Study at Pynnor, Norton Road
- Sun. 4th 10.30 am Joint Service at Tostock
- Fri. 9th Good Friday
2.15 pm Devotional Service
- Sun. 11th Easter Day
11.15 am Family Communion & Baptism
- Sun. 18th 6.00 pm Evensong
- Sun. 25th 8.00 am Holy Communion

May

- Sun. 2nd 10.30 am Joint Service at Pakenham
- Sun. 9th 11.15 am Family Service
- Sun. 16th 6.00 pm Evensong
- Thu. 20th Ascension Day
10.30 am Communion at Norton
7.30 pm Communion at Pakenham
- Sun. 23rd 8.00 am Holy Communion
- Sun. 30th 10.30 am Joint Service at Norton

God's ways are not our ways, and we really believe that He chose to suffer death on the Cross to show that His way is love for others, at whatever cost to oneself. And Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Day, showing that if we follow God's way, God's power brings good out of every evil. So we call the day he died 'Good Friday', and I hope most of our Church members will be able to worship that day. As well as the service here at 2.15 pm, there are services in

Norton at 10.30 am and at Pakenham (a special musical service) at 7 pm. The prayer book says that all communicant members of the church should receive communion on Easter Day, and I hope we will have the church full that morning.

Pathfinders : Our new group for children of Middle School age begins on April 22nd at 7 pm, at Wood End Green Cottage, beyond Rectory Farm. For transport, please phone Mr. & Mrs. Lister (70179)

Diocesan Family Day : On the May Day Bank Holiday, May 3rd, there will be all sorts of things on at and around the Cathedral in Bury - fun for all the family.

Christian Aid Week is May 10th to 14th. Mr. Harrison will be arranging the House-to-House Collection in the Village.

Parish Magazine : The 'Parish News' contains News and Views of interest to church members in Pakenham, Norton and Tostock, and is the Rector's main means of communicating with people, apart from sermons. It does also serve as the Pakenham Village News (they have no 'Tostock Chronicle') but that news is now confined to a few pages at the back. Please ask Miss Phillips (phone 70394) to bring it to you, cost £1 per annum.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

At the Family Service on 14th March the lesson was read by Jamie Hart and a prayer was read by Clare Hart. The children accompanied the hymns on guitars and recorders.

On March 21st at the Mothering Sunday Service, the children received posies of flowers to give to their mothers.

We shall resume our meetings in the church at 11 a.m. on Sunday April 25th, after the Easter Holidays.

VILLAGE HALL

All residents are invited to the Annual General Meeting to be held in the village hall at 8 p.m. on Friday, 2nd April.

A Daffodil Dance is being held on Saturday, 17th April, 8 - 12, with a local group The Melody Makers, a ballroom

type dance, with a fish and chip supper - tickets at £2.25 are available from Committee members, or telephone H. Spencer Beyton 70395 or S. Millman Beyton 70209 to book your tickets.

The Committee are most grateful to Mr. J. Reynolds who has made a whole new set of much needed trestles for the hall, and a ramp to assist wheel-chairs into the hall.

The third annual Art Exhibition is being planned for 18th and 19th June in the Church. Invitations will shortly be sent out to artists asking them to exhibit.

Work has commenced on the levelling of the playing field extension, prior to seeding.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The February meeting was taken by Mrs. P. Reynolds as Mrs. J. Thomas was away on a course at Denman College. Mrs. M. Addington was welcomed. Members spent an energetic evening country dancing under the direction of Mrs. Stanners. Mrs. Rochford organised a mime game 'Give us a Clue' and Mrs. Stanners won the raffle. Birthday cards were given to Mesdames Cartwright, Hart, T. Reynolds.

At the March meeting, two visitors, Mrs. S. Hall and Mrs. Tillyer, were welcomed. Members were asked to make a note of the outing to the Wedgwood Factory at Kings Lynn on 8th July. A very enjoyable evening was had when Mr. Capon came and demonstrated wood turning and also brought various articles which he had made and were for sale. A slimming club headed by Mrs. M. Coe is being started so that members can loose their flab for the summer. A posy was presented to Mrs. P. Reynolds and the raffle was won by Mrs. D. Buckle.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 21st April at 7.30 pm when Mr. Sulman will speak on the Work of the Red Cross. New members welcome.

TOSTOCK OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY

The Winter production of our Pantomime 'Mother Goose' has proved to be a resounding success, and once again, the massive task of clearing, cleaning and packing away of costumes, scenery and lighting equipment has been completed. It is in this respect that we would like to extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude to Mrs. E. Ingram for the continued use of a Costume Storage Room, the V.Hall Committee for allowing us facilities for making and painting of Scenery, and Mr. A. Henderson for kindly providing dry storage space for same.

It is felt that perhaps most members do not fully realise the great benefits of such concessions, and they should be reminded that the absence of such facilities have proved to be the undoing of many an Amateur Drama Group in the past!

A Video Film of the Pantomime was recorded by Mr. D. Cook of Gt. Barton, and members are eagerly looking forward to seeing themselves performing for a change! Future plans include an outing to the Theatre Royal on April 27 to see 'My Fair Lady', and entry of a 1-Act Play in the Adult Drama Festival to be held in Ipswich during October.

The Society's Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday May 11 at 8 p.m. and we extend a cordial invitation to anyone in the village who is interested in any aspect of Theatre (i.e. Acting, Backstage work, Scenic Art etc.) to come along and join us.

Michele Faiers (Hon.Sec.) Beyton 70107

PLAYGROUP

Before the end of this term we plan to take the children to see some lambs at Norton. We are also having a 'Mr.Men' Puppet Show by the Dental Health Unit.

Our A.G.M. will be held on March 30th when a new committee will be elected.

We will miss the help given to us over the years by Mrs. Josie McNeill who has been involved with the Playgroup since it was started in the village. She has always been willing to come and help us, usually at very short notice and we are more than grateful to her. Our best wishes go with her and her family to their new home in Gwent.

BROWNIES

The retiring Caiders will be handing over the responsibilities of running the Pack to Mrs. Lister, Mrs. Cartwright and Mrs. Hart after the Easter holiday. Before doing so, a short Pack Holiday is being taken jointly with our sister pack at Elmswell. Accommodation has been booked at Felixstowe Ferry Residential Ferry for the weekend of 23rd - 25th April. Nine of our eldest Brownies will be going, along with a similar number of Elmswell Brownies, the theme for the weekend being St. George and the Dragon.

The Pack will be carrying out their usual Spring litter pick-up in the village on Thursday 8th April, meeting at 3 p.m. at the Village Hall.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

BRIDGE

After a lean spell in 1981 membership is now increasing. There is however still room for more members and all Bridge players in the district are welcome to join us in the Village Hall on Mondays at 7.30 p.m.

CRICKET

The 1982 season gets under way with our opening match at Brettenham on 18th April. The first home match is on 9th May and all members are asked to assist in wicket preparation. The purchase of more land will free the cricket square from footballing activities which will encourage us to look for constant improvement in the seasons to come.

FOOTBALL

Last season closed with Tostock running two teams. However, due to a lack of funds we could now only run one team and with an even mixture of players from the two teams we seem to have found a winning formula because Tostock are having their most profitable season for many years.

The team is currently equal top of the Fourth Division in the Bury & District Sunday League and with only three games to play promotion seems very likely.

Below I have listed the club's remaining games. Support at home and away matches is always welcomed and appreciated:

- April 4th (Home) v. IXWORTH (K.O. 10.30 a.m.)
- April 18th (Away) v. TRAVENCL (K.O. ")
- May 2nd (Home) v. CHEDBURGH (K.O. ")

The club's last dance was a massive success and I would like to thank all who supported it and invite you to attend our END OF SEASON BUFFET DANCE. This takes place at the Village Hall on the 29th May. Tickets are priced At £2. and can be obtained from any player or from Alistair Leeks (Hon. Sec.) Elmswell 40067).

QUOITS

The new season starts on Saturday 15th May and Tostock will be entering two teams in the Rougham & District Steel Quoits League for the season. Anyone interested in having a go at quoit pitching should contact Peter Buckle (Beyton 70605).

Home games are played on Saturday evenings at the rear of the Gardeners Arms and new members are very welcome.

DARTS.

Both teams are still going strong and more details will be given in the next issue of the Chronicle.

BY THE WAY

~~Cheap Bus Fares - Did you know that there are cheap bus fares~~
into Bury every Tuesday. If you pay full fare into Bury,
the return trip is FREE. The buses concerned are:

From Tostock at 9.39 am, 11.39 am, 1.39 pm, 3.41 pm & 5.45 pm.

From Bury at 10.30 am, 12.30 pm, 2.30 pm, 4.30 pm, 5.45 pm &
6.30 pm.

Cooking our Goose! Wasn't it disappointing to see no write-
up of "Mother Goose" in the Bury Free Press. It really
deserved one - and a good one too. Never mind. We all
enjoyed it immensely. Good show T.O.A.D.S. - and weren't
the little Tadpoles delightful.

FOR YOUR DIARY

- April: Fri. 2nd - Village Hall Annual Meeting 8 p.m.
Mon. 12th - Bank Holiday (NO Mobile Library)
Fri. 16th - Annual Parish Meeting Village Hall 7.45 pm
Sat. 17th - Daffodil Dance, Village Hall 8-Midnight.
Mon. 26th - Mobile Library
Wed. 28th - Whist Drive, Village Hall 7.30 p.m.
Thu. 29th - "Tea at the Croft"
- May: Mon. 3rd - Bank Holiday
Mon. 10th - Mobile Library
Mon. 24th - Mobile Library
Thu. 27th - "Tea at the Croft"
Sat. 29th - Football Club's Buffet Dance. Village Hall
- JUNE: Early Warning - Art Exhibition in the Church.
Fri/Sat. 18-19th.