

THE TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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This issue marks an important milestone in the long-running saga of our Chronicle - that is if sagas can be said to have milestones! We now have the use of a duplicator purchased by the Parish Council and with the invaluable offer by Mrs. Spencer to cut the all-important stencils for us we are at last self-supporting on the production side.

After 131 issues printed by grace and favour of public spirited benefactors in the village, at no little cost to themselves in time, money and office disruption, it is appropriate that we say a very sincere "thank you" to Mr. Charles Marriott and all of those before him who have performed this service for us so willingly through the years.

Of course it means that we shall no longer be able to lay the blame upon anybody else for any production 'hiccups' in future issues but with luck there shouldn't be too many of these, and even if there are any we can always say they were deliberate mistakes to keep you on the alert.

BACK NUMBERS OF THE 'CHRONICLE'

We need about 20 back numbers to complete the set since it first appeared 27 years ago in May 1955. The missing numbers (inclusive) and approximate dates of issues are as follows :-

Nos.	2 - 8	:	June 1955 - May 1958
	25 - 28	:	August 1963 - January 1964
	31 - 36	:	May 1964 - June 1965
	40	:	November 1965 - February 1966
	42- 43	:	April 1966 - July 1966
	46	:	December 1966 - March 1967
	48	:	May 1967 - June 1967
	115	:	August 1979

Has anyone any of these tucked away among their treasured possessions please? If you cannot bear to part with them may we borrow them to copy! Remember today's Chronicle is writing the history of Tostock for future generations, and who knows what a full set will worth at Christies come the Centenary issue in May 2055. (Memo to the young enough to take advantage of the idea. Why not start a collection now).

PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting : Twenty Parishioners, eight Parish Counsellors, District Counsellor B. Siffleet and Mr. Barnett, Woodlands Officer for Suffolk attended the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

Dist. Cllr. Siffleet gave the outline of District Rates and was questioned regarding possible savings on cost of refuse collection and the rating system. Various proposals are being looked into.

The Leys : Mr. Barnett gave an interesting illustrated talk on Conservation with special reference to our own pond on the Leys. Everyone present was keen on the idea of conserving this pond and it is proposed to carry out a survey to record flora and fauna throughout the next 12 months and decide on a plan of action for 1983. It has been requested that an area of aprox. 12 meters be left uncut around the pond and Parishioners are respectfully asked not to disturb this during the time of the survey.

Reports were given by the Chairman, Clerk, Treasurer and 12 village organisations.

Footpaths : Mr. Beales gave the latest position with regard to footpaths in the village which will be walked in the near future. Notice of these walks will be placed on the notice board at the Post Office and it is hoped that many will join in this healthy activity.

Best Kept Village : On a show of hands it was agreed not to enter the competition again this year.

Street Name Signs : A proposal was put from the floor for names of roads to be displayed. Clerk to make enquiries.

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Annual Parish Council Meeting : This was held in May and the following officers were elected :-

Chairman	-	Mr. A. Villar
Vice-Chairman	-	Mr. M. O'Reilly
Treasurer	-	Mr. F. Ammstrong
Rep. S.A.L.C.	-	Mr. C. Buxton
Rep. Village Hall M.C.	-	Mr. D. Beales

Parking on Green : Concern has been expressed regarding vehicles parked on the Village Green and respective vehicle owners have co-operated by ceasing to park their cars. A problem still remains at the eastern end of the green and parishioners visiting the "Gardeners Arms" are requested not to park on the green there. It is hoped to fix 'Rumble Strips' at each end of the bridle path along the Green to discourage cars from driving too fast.

Speed Limits : Despite the Council's efforts to obtain speed limit notices in the village, a recent survey and census of traffic has revealed that there is not enough evidence to support our request.

Duplicator : The Parish Council has recently purchased a second-hand duplicator in order to print this Chronicle. This machine is under the care and responsibility of Mrs. Spencer. The Council is willing to let any village organisation have any literature duplicated for the current cost of materials involved. Enquiries to be made to Mrs. Spencer, "Bosmere", Perkins Way, Tostock, tel. Beyton 70395.

A45 TRUNK ROAD - THE 'CONCRETE CURTAIN'

The new A45 Trunk Road was like a concrete curtain drawn between Tostock and Drinkstone and completely cut off one of the old direct roads between the two villages. We are asked to draw attention to the fact that the underpass under the new A45 is on private property and there is no public right of way either across the road or under it at this point.

Furthermore the gravel workings on the far side may seem inviting to children but it is by its very nature a place where accidents could so easily happen to them and parents are particularly asked to warn their children to keep right away from this potentially dangerous location.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, TOSTOCK

<u>JUNE</u>	Sun. 6th	10.30	a.m.	: <u>Joint Service</u> at Tostock
	Wed. 9th	7.30	p.m.	: Whist Drive
	Thurs. 10th	6.30	p.m.	: Music Group at Greenlees, Flatts Lane
	Fri. 11th	8.00	p.m.	: Priestland's Progress
	Sun. 13th	11.15	a.m.	: <u>Family Service</u>
	Fri. 18th	8.00	p.m.	: <u>Priestland's Progress</u>
	Fri/Sat. 18th/19th			: Art Exhibition
	Sun. 20th	6.00	p.m.	: <u>Evensong</u>
	Fri. 25th	8.00	p.m.	: Priestland's Progress
	Sun. 27th	8.00	a.m.	: <u>Holy Communion</u>

St. Andrew's Church (Cont'd)

<u>JULY</u>	Fri. 2nd	:	8.00 p.m.	Priestland's Progress
	Sun. 4th	:	10.30 a.m.	<u>Joint Service at Pakenham</u>
		:	4.30 p.m.	Deanery Picnic at Haughley Park
	Thurs. 8th	:	6.30 p.m.	Music Group
	Fri. 9th	:	8.00 p.m.	Priestland's Progress
	Sat. 10th	:		Church Fete
	Sun. 11th	:	11.15 a.m.	<u>Family Service</u>
	Wed. 14th	:	7.30 p.m.	Deanery Service at Sapiston
	Fri. 16th	:	8.00 p.m.	Priestland's Progress
	Sun. 18th	:	6.00 p.m.	<u>Evensong</u>
	Sun. 25th	:	8.00 a.m.	<u>Holy Communion</u>
	Sat. 31st	:		Sponsored Cycle Ride

Priestland's Progress : This will be the title of an Evening Class, to be held at Norton School on six Fridays from June 11, and seven more Fridays in the Autumn. We will listen to, and discuss, the tapes of the BBC Radio 4 Broadcasts in which Gerald Priestland made "One man's search for Christianity now". I hope these meetings will appeal to a number of people who think Christianity has something to offer but are not quite sure what, and perhaps have found some versions difficult to accept. Priestland interviewed a wide range of Christians He formed his opinion but leaves the listener to form his own. The discussion will be aimed at helping class members to come to their own conclusions, without anybody pushing their views on anybody else. (The one disadvantage of Norton School as a venue is that the chairs are small, and some people may like to bring their own).

Deanery Picnic : The Pathfinders will probably be going to this as a group, and it is intended as a pleasant summer outing for all churchmembers.

Sponsored Cycle Ride : This is organised by the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, who will take half the proceeds leaving half to the cyclists' own church. People will be sponsored according to the number of churches they visit. Mr. Higgins will be arranging things in Tostock.

Art Exhibition : The Village Hall Management Committee have kindly agreed that half the proceeds will go to the Church Fabric Fund, and I trust that Church members will be giving the Exhibition their full and active support.

Church Council : Since the last Tostock Chronicle was published, we have had the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Church officers are now : Churchwardens - Miss Phillips and Mr. Harrison, Secretary - Miss Sherwood, Treasurer - Mr. Lister, Sunday School - Mrs. O'Reilly, Village Hall Rep. - Mrs. P. Reynolds, Organist - Miss Mash. These, with the Rector and Mrs. Andrews form the P.C.C.

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

At the April 'Tea at the Croft' the retired residents were entertained by Brig. R. Daniell to an interesting talk on his experiences with the quite unique Masai tribe in Africa.

The May meeting took the form of a very enjoyable visit to Horringer House at the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Lainson.

The first monthly Whist Drive arranged by the Committee was very successful.

The Committee are manning the Tea Marquee for the Art Exhibition at the Church on June 18th/19th.

The Church Fete is to be held on the Playing Field on Saturday 10th July. There will be Maypole Dancing, Children's Fancy Dress, Junior T.O.A.D.S. performing and other attractions. All proceeds will be for the Church Fabric Fund.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We shall be finishing for the Summer on Sunday, 13th June, with a little 'Prizegiving' for our members and will be resuming in September. Notice of this will be given in the next issue of the Chronicle.

KEEP IT CLEAN

How many can remember what the weather was like on Thursday, 8th April? The Brownies will certainly not have forgotten. To say merely that it was 'wet and windy' would be a masterly understatement but through it all the Pack turned out and squelched their way valiantly round the village on their promised pilgrimage to pick up our litter.

The village should be proud of them for the example they set us. Much of what they pick up had probably been dropped quite unthinkingly by some of their older playmates, with two of the problem areas being the area around the seat under the chestnut tree and the hedges of the playing field.

Litter is not only left by children of course - the dustcart inevitably contributes it's weekly quota, especially on windy days, but it would be in everyone's interest if we all followed the

Keep it Clean (Cont'd)

Brownies' example, or better still improved on it by not depositing the litter in the first place for them to pick up.

Tostock is not entering this year to win the BEST kept village award but we still have a reputation as a WELL kept village to live up to, so let's keep it clean shall we? In an Australian town which had the same problem they adopted a dreadful slogan which they stuck up everywhere "LET'S BE A LITTER BIT MORE CAREFUL". To our eyes the cure seemed worse than the complaint.

SOMETHING TO POND-ER OVER

Those of us who thought that a pond was, well, just a pond, had our eyes opened at the Annual Parish Meeting when we learned from an expert in these matters that our overgrown silted-up depression on the Leys is potentially a veritable Kew Gardens among ponds in the eyes of a true pond enthusiast.

Agreement that it must be cleaned out and spruced up was unanimous but clearly a detailed Field Study over a full growing and breeding season is essential before the bucket and rake brigade eventually wades in to complete the prescribed treatment.

No village is really complete without its village pond and Tostock is fortunate to have this attractively sited amenity on the Leys. Wouldn't it be ironical though, if we made such a good job of restoring and preserving the beauty of it that we then had to erect an ugly concrete and barbed wire fence round it to protect it from invading hordes of pond-happy naturalists!

VILLAGE HALL

At the A.G.M. and subsequent Committee Meeting, the following were elected to the Committee :-

Mr. M. O'Reilly	-	Chairman
Mr. D. Livingston	-	Vice-Chairman
Mr. J. Cartwright	-	Treasurer
Mrs. H. Spencer	-	Secretary
Mr. P. Buckle	-	Booking Manager

and Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. J. Thomas, and Mrs. S. Rochford. Organisations are represented on the Committee as follows :-

Mr. D. Beales (Parish Council), Mrs. P. Reynolds (P.C.C.), Mrs. Walters (W.I.), Mr. P. Buckle (Darts & Quoits), Mr. C. Bennewith (Cricket Club), Mrs. Millman (T.O.A.D.S.), Mr. M. Spencer (Bridge Club), Mrs. K. Cartwright (Playgroup), Mr. A. Leeks (Football Club) and Mrs. R. Lister (Brownies).

Arrangements for the Art Exhibition are in hand. This will be held in the Church on :-

Friday, 18th June : 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Sat. , 19th June : 10 a.m. - 5.30 p.m.

Proceeds will be split equally between the Church Fabric Fund and the Village Hall. Posters and car stickers - a new innovation - will soon be available. Anyone willing to help in any way, please contact Mrs. Rochford, the Organiser, tel. Beyton 70216. Many local artists will be exhibiting (12 Tostock artists have been invited to exhibit). Refreshments organised by the Church Social Committee will be available.

Sports Day with a few new ideas - sideshows, and a tombola again, will be held on Saturday, 11th September. A 'mini-marathon' for all ages will be run round the village. Mrs. Thomas will be on hand with stimulants!

Anyone for Tennis? It is hoped to prepare the ground for a hard tennis court. Please let the Secretary H. Spencer, know if you would be interested in forming a Tennis Club (tel. Beyton 70395).

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mr. Sulman gave a talk about the Red Cross at the April meeting of the W.I. He explained about the founding and varied work of this world-wide organisation. Many people have cause to be grateful to the Red Cross, for peace as well as war, can bring problems where the Red Cross is called upon to help. Money and practical help is always needed to further the work.

Mrs. M. Beales was welcomed as a new member and Mrs. Turner as a visitor. At the end of April, members entered an exhibit for the W.I. Co-operative Cup Competition which was held at the Corn Exchange in Bury St. Edmunds. Mrs. S. Rochford designed and co-ordinated the entry.

At the May meeting, Mr. R. Walton spoke on Some East Anglian Mysteries and among them he mentioned mysteries at Rougham Green, 'The Green Children of Woolpit' and Sudbury's Mill Hotel. Mrs. Bradley was welcomed to the meeting. Mrs. Maureen Beales was presented with her membership card. Birthday posies were presented to Mrs. Beales and Mrs. Pillars.

A Summer Dance is to be held on Saturday, 17th July at the Village Hall. Tickets £2.25 including refreshments available from Mrs. Doreen Buckle (70605) and Mrs. Delia Hart (70815). Dancing to "Sidewalk", 8 p.m. - midnight. Proceeds in aid of Cancer Research and W.I. Funds.

On Thursday, 8th July, there will be an outing to the Wedgewood Factory at King's Lynn. There are still seats available on the coach for members and guests. For more information, contact Mrs. Doreen Buckle (70605).

T. O. A. D. S.

The Annual General Meeting took place on Tuesday, 11th May with the following officers being duly elected :-

Chairman	-	Sheelagh Millman
Vice-Chairman	-	Gordon Cummings
Treasurer	-	Maureen Beales
Secretary	-	Lynn Canning
Village Hall rep.-		Sheelagh Millman
Committee Members-		Andrew Cobbold, Mark Stwart, Rebecca Woodley & Sara Livingst

Items discussed included plans for the winter production and being our twentieth anniversary it was decided to perform a musical revue containing items from all past productions. Rehearsals to start in the autumn. It was also decided to have several evenings of a 'Theatre Workshop' to practice voice production, movement, dance, projection etc. Anyone will of course be welcome at these evenings.

The first reading for the entry in the One Act Drama Festival to be held in Ipswich during October will take place shortly. Full details of this and other events will be consolidated by the new committee as soon as possible.

The T.O.A.D.S. have great pleasure in welcoming two new members, Peter Stocksborough and Charles Buchanan.

PLAYGROUP

Our A.G.M. was held on March 30th. The Chairman's Report showed that we had a successful year but still have to rely on fund-raising to keep the Playgroup going. At the moment there are not many 3 - 5 year olds in the village and we depend on children from other villages to make the Playgroup viable. The new Committee is - Chairman - Mrs. M. Redwood, Treasurer - Mrs. S. Hall, Secretary - Mrs. K. Cartwright.

On 13th May, a 'Softroom' of large inflatables built by Thornham Magna Playworks visited the Playgroup. This was greatly enjoyed by all the children and we look forward to another visit from them next term. A picnic for all the Playgroups in the Mid-Suffolk Branch of Pre-School Playgroups Assoc. is to be held at Thornham Magna on 21st June.

This year is the 5th anniversary of the start of Tostock Playgroup and we hope that it will continue to run for many years to come.

BROWNIES

During the Easter holidays a rose bush was planted at the Church in memory of Mrs. Errington. On the same afternoon, the Pack carried out their annual litter pick-up in the village.

Nine Tostock Brownies together with a similar number from Elmswell Pack enjoyed a Pack Holiday weekend at Felixstowe at the end of April. Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Andrews accompanied them. They have now retired from Guiding and Mrs. Rosemary Lister is the new Brown Owl and Mrs. Kathleen Cartwright is Tawny. Mrs. Delia Hart is carrying on as Unit Helper.

Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Andrews started the 1st Tostock Brownie Pack nearly thirteen years ago. On May 24th, they were entertained at a Party given by Tostock Brownies and were presented with gifts and flowers. Parents, friends and many former Brownies were there to show their appreciation for everything Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Andrews have done to make the Tostock Brownies into the happy, thriving pack that it is.

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MOBILE LIBRARY

Scheduled visiting days for Tostock are :-
(Mondays)

June 7th, 21st. July 5th, 19th. August 2nd.

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IT'S A TOPSY TURVY WORLD WE LIVE IN

To those residents who had to stand on their heads to read the centre pages of some copies of the last Chronicle we offer our apologies, and assure them that it was purely coincidental that they received it on the FIRST OF APRIL.

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NEWS FROM THE CLUBSCRICKET

Results to date :-

Brettenham - Won by 43 runs
 Rattlesden - Won by 4 wickets
 Wetherden - Lost by 4 wickets
 Hawstead - Won by 94 runs
 Battisford - Match abandoned - rain stopped play
 Coldham Hall - Drawn.

The high-light of the Hawstead match was the once in a life-time bowling feat by Hillyud Armstrong in returning bowling figures of 10 wickets for 28 runs. No other Tostock bowler has ever taken all wickets in an innings.

On the social side, a Disco-Barbeque is planned for later in the month.

FOOTBALL

The club has now reached the end of its league season. Our last report stated that the club was likely to gain promotion. However, we failed by a single point to do this, taking only two points from our last three games which gave us third position. Although this was a disappointment to the club, it was a tremendous improvement on last season which saw us finish one from the bottom.

Hopefully now we can look forward to next season and go one better to clinch promotion. Below are listed our last three match results and final league positions :-

Ixworth lost 1-2 : Travenol won 2-1 : C & Depden lost 1-3.

		P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
1st.	Elmswell Res.:	22	15	6	7	76	18	36
2nd.	Ixworth	: 22	14	3	5	69	40	31
3rd.	Tostock	: 22	14	2	6	65	34	30

DARTS

Tostock have one team in the Dick Talbot League. Games are played on Friday nights at the "Gardeners Arms".

QUOITS

The season has started well for the 'A' Team by winning their first game. The 'B' Team is not off to such a good start, losing their first two games, but the season is young yet.

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SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARYJUNE :

7.30 Wed. 9th : Church Whist Drive, Village Hall.
 Fri. 18th :) Art Exhibition at Church
 Sat. 19th :) (see village hall notes)
 7.30 Wed. 23rd : W.I. Whist Drive, Village Hall.
 Thur. 24th : "Tea at the Croft"

JULY :

7.30 Wed. 7th : Church Whist Drive, Village Hall
 Thur. 8th : W.I. Outing to Wedgewood Factory
 at King's Lynn (see W.I. notes)
 Sat. 10th : Church Fete (see Social Comm. notes)
 Sat. 17th : Summer Dance (see W.I. notes)
 Fri. 23rd : LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING 'COPY' FOR
 NEXT CHRONICLE
 7.30 Wed. 28th : W.I. Whist Drive, Village Hall.
 Sat. 31st : Sponsored Cycle Ride (see Church notes)

Early Warning for SEPTEMBER

Sat. 11th : Sports Day.