

IT'S APOLOGY TIME!

The Gremlins were well and truly among us on the production line for the last issue of the Chronicle. First of all our mighty presses refused to roll - or to put it another way our duplicator showed itself in its true colour as a black-hearted malevolent and cantankerous contrivance churning out nothing but ink-splodged pages which we could not possibly put before you. We were compelled to turn to Pakenham for help and we are particularly grateful to Mrs. Addington who immediately came to our aid and enabled the issue to be printed, albeit a few days late for distribution.

The Duty Gremlin still had the last laugh however by transferring to our typewriter and jumbling up the sequence in which the pages were stencilled, whereby the first and last pages were transposed as will not have escaped your notice.

Ah well. All that happened way back in 1982. Here's to a Gremlin-free 1983 for the Chronicle. Keep your fingers crossed for us.

PARISH COUNCIL

(Clerk : Miss J. Wheeler, The Post Office, tel. 70278)

Bus Shelter : A letter has been received from the Department of the Environment who now deny any responsibility for the provision of a bus shelter despite their verbal promise. However this matter will continue to be pursued.

N.H.S. Prescriptions : A request for a rota system to collect prescriptions from the Health Centre at Woolpit has been referred to the Womens' Institute.

Planning : Four planning applications have recently been dealt with.

Rates : It is proposed to precept for £500 (1½p rate) for the 1983/4 budget. This is ½p lower than last year.

Parish Council (Cont d)

Leys Pond : The proposed survey of the Village pond by Thurston School has not taken place and the Council has now written to the Conservation team for discussion and possibility of the pond being cleaned out this year.

Use of Village Green by cars : Complaints have been received about cars driving too quickly along the bridle way to the North of the Village Green. It is pointed out that this is in fact part of the Green and the track is for access only for residents along the Green and users of the Post Office and should not be treated as part of the highway.

Council Elections : A reminder that there is an election of a new Council this year. Why not consider putting YOUR name forward? Don't leave it to the 'other person'.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, TOSTOCK

(Rev. R. Addington, The Vicarage, Pakenham 30287)

Feb.	6th	: 10.30 a.m.	: Joint Service at <u>Norton</u>
"	13th	: 11.15 a.m.	: Family Service
"	20th	: 3.30 p.m.	: Evensong
"	27th	: 8.00 a.m.	: Holy Communion
Mar.	6th	: 10.30 a.m.	: Joint Service at <u>Tostock</u>
"	13th	: 11.15 a.m.	: Family Service (Mothering Sunday)
"	20th	: 6.00 p.m.	: Evensong
"	27th	: 8.00 a.m.	: Holy Communion
Apr.	1st	: 2.15 p.m.	: Devotional Service ( <u>Good Friday</u> )
"	3rd	: 11.15 a.m.	: Family Communion ( <u>Easter Day</u> )

Ash Wednesday : Holy Communion at Norton at 10.30 a.m. (1662) and at Pakenham at 7.30 p.m. (Series 3).

Lent Bible Study on the theme "Death and Resurrection". First meeting on Ash Wednesday at 8.15 p.m. at the Vicarage, then on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. (in Tostock on March 2nd and 23rd).

Women's World Day of Prayer : Friday, 4th March. Both Norton and Pakenham have services at 2.30 p.m.

Mothering Sunday : I hope we will have posies for the children who come to Family Service to give to their mothers.

St. Andrew's Church (Cont'd)

Evensong : The clocks go forward on Sunday 20th March, so Evensong that day is at the summer time of 6 p.m.

Good Friday : As well as the service in Tostock at 2.15 p.m., there will be Matins at Norton at 10.30 a.m., and a Musical Service at Pakenham at 7 p.m.

Easter Day : As well as the Family Communion here at 11.15 a.m., there will be services at Norton at 8 a.m. (1662) and 11 a.m. and at Pakenham at 9.30 a.m. (Series 3).

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

(Mrs. June Wright, "Homeleigh", Norton Rd, tel.70079)

Valentine Dance : We are holding a Valentine Dance on February 12th at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall. Tickets £2.50, including supper will be available from Committee members.

Whist Drive : The next one will be on Feb. 9th at 7.30 p.m.

Croft Teas : Thursdays 24th Feb. and 24th March at 2.30 p.m. All retired friends are welcome.

Barn Dance : Advance notice : Please note we shall be holding a Barn Dance at the Village Hall on May 7th.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT

(Sec. - Mrs. H. Spencer "Bosmere", Perkins Way, tel.70395  
(Bookings - Mr. P. Buckle, "Crosswinds", Flatts Lane, tel.70605)

It had been agreed at the last Committee meeting to purchase various items of equipment this Spring, e.g. step-ladders and four card tables. Later on it was hoped to acquire a polisher for the main hall floor and also to redecorate the main hall ceiling in May.

Carpet tiles had recently been bought for the Committee room and Mr. Hines had kindly laid these for us.

The Committee is also on the look-out for a secondhand piano stool for the hall. If anyone has one they would like to sell or donate, please contact Mrs. Spencer.

Future dates to bear in mind please, the A.E.M. on 21st April at 8 p.m. and the Art Exhibition on 18th and 19th June.

BROWNIES

(Mrs. C. Cartwright, "Fairlawns", Leys Rd. tel.70323)

On 10th December we had a Christmas Carol Evening in aid of the Spastics Society. The Brownies performed a Nativity Play and we sold teas, juice and mince pies. The proceeds from this evening came to £51 and we are most grateful to everyone who came along and joined us. On 20th December, Brown Owl, Tawny and several Brownies visited the Spastics Unit in Shakers Lane, Bury St. Edmunds, where we handed over the money we raised. We had a lovely afternoon there and the Brownies, if somehow tentative at first, thoroughly enjoyed playing with the five children who were to be there over Christmas. They hope to buy some toys with the money and we were invited back again to see the toys - a visit we hope to do this term.

We enjoyed a visit to the pantomime "Cinderella" which was performed by the 2nd Norton Guide Company at Elmswell Village Hall on 6th January.

PLAYGROUP

(Mrs. C. Cartwright, as above)

We finished 1982 with our Christmas Party on December 16th. As well as our usual Playgroup children we invited their younger brothers and sisters and all under-threes in the village. A great time was had by all culminating in a visit from Father Christmas. We have to thank Mr. Shimmins for his help. A small gift was presented to Mary Hogg who gives her time freely every Playgroup session to help us. We must also thank Mr. Villar who once again provided a Christmas Tree which the Playgroup decorated and this was left in the Village Hall for everyone to enjoy over the Christmas period.

"UNDER SIXTEEN'S DISCO" - SATURDAY 5th FEBRUARY '83

7.30 - 10 p.m. Village Hall. Ossie's Discs.

Admission - 60p. Refreshments available.

Footnote from the Organisers : Adult help (over 18's) would be appreciated for future events. Will anyone willing to lend a hand please contact Mrs. Jennifer Thomas, Elm Cottage, The Drift, tel. 70005.

WOMENS' INSTITUTE

(Mrs. E. Barnes, "Fermain", Wood Close, tel. 70311)

There was a festive air at the last two meetings for the W.I. In December members and guests enjoyed a Christmas tea. The village hall had been decorated by members who also provided the food. A Christmas cake was made for the occasion by Mrs. M. Roberts who cut it at the appropriate moment with the help of Mrs. M. Sage. After tea, board and card games were played and the afternoon ended with everyone singing well-known songs. They were accompanied at the piano by Mrs. P. Reynolds. Each guest was presented with a card and small gift.

Instead of inviting a guest speaker in January, members had an Entertainment Evening. Mrs. M. Beales delighted her audience with tales of Sidney, George and other 'little horrors' - which recalled memories of Joyce Grenfell. Mrs. M. Walter's recitations about the very young generation were also enthusiastically received. In keeping with the party mood, the meeting finished with members having an hilarious game of 'Give Us a Clue'. Mrs. D. Hart supervised the 'fair' play. Food and wine for the evening was provided by the committee. Mrs. Croxton, the Voluntary County Organiser, was a welcome guest to the meeting, also Mrs. Rowse.

The flower arrangement, made by Mrs. M. Coe for the President's table, was presented to Mrs. Croxton. Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Moore received birthday posies. Mrs. P. Reynolds and Mrs. Sulman won raffle prizes.

The W.I. /Darts Club dance held on New Year's Eve proved to be very successful. Music was again provided by 'Sidewalk'. Thanks are due to all who gave raffle prizes for this event, members who provided food and helped with the preparations for the buffet supper, the Darts Club who organised the bar also friends from surrounding villages and without whose help the dance would not have been such a success.

Whist Drives are being held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. All will be welcome to an Open Meeting on Wed., 16th March. The speaker at this meeting will be Gavin Ashley who will talk about Hair and Beauty. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance. The cost will be 30p. including refreshments. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall at this meeting.

T. O. A. D. S.

(Miss Lynn Canning, 6, Mitre Close, Woolpit,  
tel. 40070)

Rehearsals are now well under way for our next production which is to be a celebration of twenty years of performing, in the form of a review.

The dates for this show are planned as Friday, 8th April, Saturday, 9th April, Friday, 15th April and Saturday, 16th April, with a Grand Final Performance at the Theatre Royal, Bury St. Edmunds on Saturday, 23rd April, 1983.

We hope you will come along for an evening full of pleasure.

### THE SAGA OF THE LEYS POND

To those who have wondered what has happened to the much heralded Pond Preservation Project the answer seems to be "Not a lot!"

The eulogy delivered by the Conservation Expert at the Annual Parish Meeting last May has not been matched by any noticeable show of enthusiasm from anyone so far approached to carry out the necessary field study and report, upon which the Council can act.

In consequence the Flora and Fauna supported by the pond have enjoyed another year of untended and unchivied existence, which although not such a bad thing for the long-term object of their preservation, gets us no nearer to its fulfilment.

Let us hope that something positive emerges from the Council's latest approaches so that a specific plan of operation may be presented before the next growing season is upon us - which won't be long now.

In the meantime, the Leys Green itself is recovering well from the controlled ravages of the Bonfire Night and continues to present its well manicured approach to the Village from the South, thanks to Mr. Hector Mann's much appreciated ministrations.

WHEN IS A ROAD NOT A ROAD ?

The concern expressed at the Parish Council meeting about cars using the track along the North side of the Green is shared by many in the village, particularly parents of young children. There is very real fear that someday someone will be hit by a car swooping past only a few feet from the front door of the shop or nearby cottages.

It is a well-known truism that if circumstances are such that an accident CAN happen then sooner or later it WILL happen. So what can we all do to prevent it ?

The track exists solely to give access to the Post Office and residences fronting onto the Green. It is not and never has been a through road recognised by the Authorities and the Parish Council ask that Parishioners use it only if they are visiting these premises, and not as a short cut to Flatts Lane.

Incidentally not only is there the very real risk of somebody getting hurt but the cost of repairing heavy wear and tear to the track has to be borne by all residents of Tostock in their rates. It makes good sense therefore in every way to use the proper roads round the Green unless one is actually calling on a frontager.

Please also draw the matter to the attention of any regular visitors to Tostock whom you know and who might otherwise be in the habit of using the track without appreciating the position.

BUS SHELTER BLUES

Alas, our hopes that the bus shelter was about to materialise have suffered an almighty setback, (see P.C. notes). It seems that verbal assurances received from the official at an on-the-spot conference have now been totally repudiated by the 'Faceless Ones' at Departmental level. As the Red Indians discovered to their cost many years ago in their dealings with representatives from the Great White Chief, "White man speaks with forked tongue!"

Our indomitable Parish Council have still not given up the struggle, but one cannot escape the fear that it may still take so long that if and when we eventually get our shelter it may just about coincide with the Bus. Company's decision to withdraw the service.

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1982 - THE YEAR OF THE BUTTERFLY?

After last year's harsh winter, one feared that such fragile creatures could never again re-appear, but what a splendid year it actually turned out to be for butterflies.

The colourful Tortoiseshells and Peacocks were more numerous than ever and a resplendent Red Admiral displayed itself in our garden. We are even told that Painted Ladies were also to be seen.

Are these that common in Tostock, we wonder ?

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NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

FOOTBALL (Mr. A. Leeks, "Homewood", Cross St., Elmswell 40067)

Since our last report the Club has played seven matches without defeat. Our good form has lifted us into second position in the league, one point behind the leaders. With only six league matches remaining three of these are home games and support is always welcomed.

Results : C. & Depden (away) drew 1 - 1 : (home) won 2 - 1, Stanton (away) won 6 - 1, Woolpit (away) won 2 - 1, (home) won 2-1, Academicals (away) drew 1 - 1, Barningham (home) won 3 - 0.

League tables (top positions) :

	<u>P.</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>A.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Academicals	14	8	5	1	58	28	21
TOSTOCK	14	8	4	2	38	22	20
Glad Abbot	13	7	3	3	40	41	17

Forthcoming Fixtures :

Feb. 6th (home) v. Stanton : Feb.13th (away) v. Buxhall  
 Feb.27th (home) v. Travenol : Mar.13th (home) v. Wickhambrook

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SQUASH (Mr. Austin Higgins, The Drift, tel. 70439)

The Club continues to attract support and has been used continuously by the fifty or so members. There was a slight hiatus after Christmas when the door lock jammed - or did some humorist change the combination on the lock? With the fitting of a new one all is well again.

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NEWS FROM THE CLUBS (Cont'd)

QUOITS (Mr. Peter Buckle, "Crosswinds", Flatts Lane, tel. 70605).

The new season will start in early May. New members always welcome.

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DARTS (Mr. Peter Buckle, as above)

The joint organisers of the New Year's Eve Dance would like to thank all the people who helped to make it a very successful night. A vote of thanks to all the helpers.

Once again the village support was disappointing. Without friends from the outside the dance would have been a flop. A special word of thanks to Mrs. Margaret Grooms for her brilliant effort selling tickets, seeing that she isn't a member of the Darts Club or W.I. I can safely say that without her friends the organisers would have had nothing much to feel pleased about.

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SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All events at Village Hall unless otherwise shown)

FEBRUARY

- Fri. 5th : 7.30 - 10 p.m. "Under 16's" Disco
- Wed. 9th : 7.30 p.m. Church Whist Drive (See Church Social notes)
- Sat. 12th : 8 p.m. Valentine Dance
- Mon. 14th : MOBILE LIBRARY DAY
- Wed. 23rd : 7.30 p.m. W.I. Whist Drive
- Thur. 24th : 2.30 p.m. "Tea at the Croft"
- Mon. 28th : MOBILE LIBRARY DAY

MARCH

- Wed. 9th : 7.30 p.m. Church Whist Drive
- Mon. 14th : MOBILE LIBRARY DAY
- Wed. 16th : 7.30 p.m. W.I. Open Meeting "Hair and Beauty", (see W.I. notes)
- Wed. 23rd : LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING COPY FOR NEXT CHRONICLE
- Wed. 23rd : 7.30 p.m. W.I. Whist Drive
- Thur. 24th : 2.30 p.m. "Tea at the Croft"
- Mon. 28th : MOBILE LIBRARY DAY

AND SOME ADVANCE WARNINGS

- April 8th, 9th, 15th, 16th and 23rd : TOADS Revue, (see TOADS notes)
- April 21st : Village Hall A.G.M.
- May 7th : Barn Dance (Church Social Committee)
- June 18th and 19th : Art Exhibition in the Church.

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