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PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

On Thursday, 5th May we shall be called upon to elect the nine members who are to serve us on the Parish Council for the next ~~three~~ ^{four} years.

"They ought to do this" or "Why don't they do that?" How often we hear remarks like these but what do we do about it? Parish Councillors are much maligned but let's face it, volunteers have to be found if the village is to function as a co-ordinated community, and to make its voice heard at County level.

Could you do the job or do you know somebody able and willing to be nominated for election? Now's the time for action and the nomination forms are available at the Post Office.

Incidentally the retiring council has laboured under a considerable handicap in that it has included only one lady member. A more balanced representation should surely be in the Village's interest so, ladies of Tostock, what are you going to do about it? How about a few more nominations from the distaff side, and remember that the latest day for submitting them is the 9th of April.

PARISH COUNCIL

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

Leys Pond : At our last meeting a member of the Suffolk Conservation Corps was present and they have agreed to clear the pond on the Leys in two stages starting after the nesting season is over - probably in July. They will clear half the pond this year starting at the southern end and complete the work in 1984. This enables the wild life to adjust without too much disturbance. The Corps would welcome anyone willing to assist with this work under their supervision. Dates will be advertised on the notice board.

Parish Council (Cont'd)

Grant of Easement : The Council have received a cheque for £2,500 for wayleave to the building plot on the Green. This money has been placed in a deposit account for the time being and the Deed of Grant together with the Wayleave Consent to the Eastern Electricity has been lodged with the Parish Council's Solicitors.

Highways : The Council is very concerned with the loss of verges throughout the village over the winter months and has taken the matter up with the Suffolk County Council. Parish land is consistently being claimed by the Highways Department and it is felt that some compensation is due to the village. They have agreed to kerb Leys Road corner and we are awaiting further suggestions to remedy the other 'black spots'. A request for any photographs showing the verges of the Green and Leys before damage by vehicles has been made and these would be appreciated.

Croft Corner : Complaints have been received about the danger at this junction due to bad visibility. This matter has been referred to the Suffolk County Council Highways Department, supported by a letter from the W.I., who also show concern. Road users are requested to exercise extreme caution when turning right from The Green into Norton Road until a possible solution can be found.

Water Workers Strike : Fortunately now over. The Council say a big 'Thank you' to all those who offered help in the event of the water supply being withdrawn from this village. We were indeed lucky that the need did not arise but it shows once again the unique community spirit which exists within the village of Tostock.

The Village Sign is now completed and it is hoped to erect this on site during the Easter holidays.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY, 19th APRIL at 7.30 p.m. Come along and hear what is going on in the village. If you have something to say this is the time and place to say it and also to hear the views of others.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, TOSTOCK

(Rev. Richard Addington, The Vicarage, Pakenham - 30287)

April :

- 1st : Good Friday - 2.15 p.m. Devotional Service
 3rd : Easter Day - 11.15 a.m. The service will be suitable for all the family, but will include Holy Communion (Series 2)
 10th : 11.15 a.m. - Family Service continuing on the Easter theme.
 17th : 6.00 p.m. - Evensong.
 24th : 8.00 a.m. - Holy Communion.

May :

- 1st : 10.30 a.m. - Joint Communion (at Norton).
 8th : 11.15 a.m. - Family Service (Rogation) will include (weather permitting) a short walk outside to ask God's blessing on our fields and gardens.
 15th : 6.00 p.m. - Evensong.
 22nd : 8.00 a.m. - Holy Communion.
 29th : 10.30 a.m. - Joint Communion (at Tostock).

Ascension Day (May 12th) : There will be a Deanery Service (Communion) taken by the Bishop, at Walsham-le-Willows - 7.30 p.m.

Weekday Communion : We have a service at Pakenham at 11.30 a.m. on the last Friday of the month (29th April and 27th May) for those who like a Prayer Book service but cannot manage 8 a.m. at Tostock. At Pakenham cars can come right to the church door making the journey from car to altar that much easier.

Pathfinders : Our group for children of Middle School age meets at Woodend Green Cottage on Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

What do we believe? This is the title and subject of a new series of meetings, roughly monthly, during term-time, timed to suite mothers with children in school. We will meet at the Vicarage, Pakenham, from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. on Fridays 22nd April and 20th May. All welcome.

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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

Croft Teas : At our Tea in February, we all enjoyed a talk by Brig. R. B. T. Daniell, who spoke of his travels in India. Our next Teas are on 28th April and 26th May at 2.30 p.m.

Whist Drives will be held on 13th April and 11th May at 7.30 p.m.

A Barn Dance and Barbeque will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday, 7th May. Dancing to The Suffolk Bell and Horseshoe Band. Proceeds to the Church.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT

(Sec: Mrs. H. Spencer, "Bosmere", Perkins Way, tel.70395)

(Bookings: Mr. P. Buckle, "Crosswinds", Flatts Lane, 70605)

Are you interested in YOUR VILLAGE HALL? If so, come along to the OPEN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on Thursday, 21st April at 8 p.m. in the Main Hall.

To comply with the new Local Government Act 1982 for a Public Entertainments Licence, various additional facilities are being installed in the hall, including an emergency secondary lighting system.

Hirers of the hall are requested to return the Hall keys PROMPTLY to the Key Holder, Mr. S. Reynolds, after hirings.

Plans for the year include the Fourth Annual Art Exhibition in the Church on 18th, 19th and 20th June - proceeds to be shared equally between the Village Hall and the Church Fabric Fund. This year, as an added interest, local crafts people are being invited to demonstrate their crafts and display their work in the village hall on the afternoons of 18th and 19th June. If there is anyone else who would like to participate, please contact H. Spencer.

A new idea for the autumn - a Medieval Banquet in the Village Hall on November 26th.

BROWNIES

(Mrs. C. Cartwright, "Fairlawns", Leys Rd, tel.7013)

The annual Thinking Day Service was held on 20th February at Thurston Church. Some of our Brownies attended and joined with Brownies and Guides of the Thedwastre District to celebrate the birthdays of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. Our chosen country for Thinking Day was Greece and on February 28th we held an Open Evening for parents and friends who saw the work the Brownies had done on Greece. Mrs. Pillars showed some slides of a holiday in Greece and we finished the evening with cakes and biscuits made from Greek recipes.

Three of our Brownies have left us to go to Guides so after Easter we shall have three new Brownies. We do still have a Waiting List but should be able to reduce that later this year when some more girls are going to Guides.

On April 7th we shall be having our annual Litter Pick-up round the village. Last year this inspired us to start collecting ring-pull tops from drink cans and these go towards the cost of buying a Kidney Dialysis Machine. If anyone would like to help us by collecting some we would be very pleased to receive them.

PLAYGROUP

(Mrs. C. Heywood, King's Acre, Leys Rd, tel.70101)

Our A.G.M. was held on 24th March when the Chairman reported a successful year. The Playgroup Mums were thanked for all their fund-raising efforts without which we couldn't carry on. A new Committee was elected and the Officers are - Chairman : Mrs. B. Pearce of Bradfield St. George, Secretary : Mrs. M. Redwood of Hessett, Treasurer : Mrs. Sharon Hall of Tostock.

During this term, the children had a trip to Stowlangtoft to see some lambs - a visit greatly enjoyed by all.

WOMENS' INSTITUTE

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

A talk about the W.R.V.S. was given to members at their February meeting. The local organiser of the Stowmarket branch, Mrs. N. Birch was the guest speaker. She told members that the W.R.V.S. was always on call to help in local emergencies as well as national ones. The organisation's best known service is probably 'Meals on Wheels' but help is also given at hospitals providing a refreshment service for visitors and out-patients. Hospital shops and 'Books on Wheels' for the housebound are two more of the many ways help is given to the community. The latter is provided in conjunction with the local librarian. Volunteers are always needed and no special qualifications are required. Mrs. Birch was thanked for her talk by Mrs. M. Walters who had been a member of the W.R.V.S. before moving to Tostock.

Mrs. R. Baumann, a newcomer to the village, was welcomed to the meeting by the President.

Three members and a visitor had their hair styled by Gavin Ashley of Bury when he demonstrated his art at the open meeting during March. He also answered questions on hair care.

The President, Mrs. J. Thomas, was pleased to welcome visitors from the village and W.I. members from neighbouring villages. Mrs. P. Hopkins gave members a lively report of the Annual Federation Meeting she attended recently where Madame Ginette Spanier was the guest speaker. Mrs. M. Coe told members of the enjoyable evening she and Mrs. D. Buckle had when they attended the dinner given by Woolpit W.I. to celebrate their Golden Jubilee.

Whist Drives attendances have been down recently and without increased support they will probably have to be discontinued. This event gives considerable enjoyment to all who attend. Please give us your support whist players. Come to the Village Hall on the fourth Wednesday in the month!

T. O. A. D. S.

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

'Splashback' is the name of our forthcoming production in April. There is a large cast of approximately forty, all doing their piece to make this a fast moving show to remember for our twenty-first anniversary year. Everybody is very busy at the moment putting final touches to the terrific variety of costumes that should make this show very colourful indeed. Further details below :-

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 * A revue of the last 20 years *
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 * At Tostock Village Hall on : *
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 * 8th/9th/15th/16th April 1983 *
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 * Tickets : 8th April - 50p *
 * 9th/15th/16th - £1 *
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 * Box Office : Andrew Cobbold, *
 * Elmswell 41285 *
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 * Final Performance at : *
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 * The Theatre Royal, Bury St. Edmunds *
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 * Saturday, 23rd April 1983 *
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 * Box Office : Bury St. Edmunds 5469 *
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THE AUSTRALIAN BUSH FIRES

We have received a comprehensive report and some truly horrendous photographs showing in considerable detail the areas most affected by the Ash Wednesday fires and the extent of the widespread destruction. If anyone in the village is still without news of relatives or friends whose homes they fear might have been in the affected areas we shall be pleased to make our information available.

Editor.

Editor : A. W. Hoadley, "Romans Croft", Flatts Lane, Tostock.
tel. 70424.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS :

CONGRATULATIONS to our Football and Darts teams for successes in their respective leagues this Winter. They have done Tostock proudly. Keep it up!

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

Tostock have completed their season on a winning note, winning their last 6 league games with a convincing goal difference of 23 - 5. Currently top of their Division, they cannot possibly finish lower than Runners-up and have therefore earned promotion next season into Division Three of the Bury and District Sunday League.

Top of league positions to date

	<u>P.</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>A.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
TOSTOCK	20	14	4	2	61	27	32
Academicals	18	11	6	1	75	36	28
Stanton	20	11	3	6	63	56	25

An earlier Cup run came to an abrupt halt in the semi-finals when the team went down 0 - 5 to Academicals.

The Club is having an end-of-season Dance and Presentation Evening on Saturday 14th May at 8 p.m. and tickets will be available from club members from 1st April.

DARTS : (Mr. P. Buckle, "Crosswinds", Flatts Lane, tel.70605)

"The Gardeners' Arms" team have had a very good season, finishing top of their league. Presentation Night will be at Ixworth Village Hall.

A team has been entered for the Dick Talbot Summer league.

CRICKET : (Mr. M. L. Spencer, "Bosmere", Perkins Way, tel.70395)

We prepare for the 1983 season with much optimism, rather like emerging from a dark tunnel into the light. The knowledge that painstaking preparation of the cricket square will be of more lasting benefit in the future due to the relocation of the football pitch gives us fresh heart. It is our aim to work towards a steady improvement of both the square and the outfield. In this connection we must record our thanks to Simon Reynolds on whose grass cutting expertise we so much rely.

Due to the time required to repair the ravages of the winter our first four matches are played away. The first home match is on 15th May against Battisford. Net practise starts on Wednesday evening 6th April - all aspiring cricketers welcome.

The objective of the Club is to provide cricket for those in the village who wish to enjoy it. Subscription for a Playing Member is £3.00, while a Non-Playing Member may join for £1.00. The Junior Member subscription of 50p is purely nominal but it ensures that they are covered by the Club's insurance for players.

All we need now is for the sun to shine to give us some warm summer Sunday afternoons for players and spectators to soak up the cricket.

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

The new season starts on Saturday 14th May and as usual we hope to run two teams in the Rougham and District Steel Quoits League.

For the benefit of newcomers, games are played on Saturday evenings at the rear of "The Gardeners" and new members will be welcome. Please contact Peter Buckle as above.

WE'RE RATEHER CUT UP ABOUT IT

The Parish Council are achieving success in their fight to preserve our Village Green against the ravages of heavy traffic cutting into the Leys Road corner. (See Council notes).

Unfortunately, the Green, which is such an attractive feature of the village, has also been rutted and gouged out recently at several other points and the scars will take a long time to heal.

Every golfer is required to preserve the fairway by replacing divots he may cut out. What a pity the Highway Code does not similarly obligate drivers of tractors and trucks to do likewise, where practicable, when they scar or damage our Green or, for that matter, our garden verges.

WATER CRISIS EVAPORATES

So the water crisis came and went and thankfully left us in Tostock virtually unaffected other than to the extent of our self-imposed restrictions in the use of that vital commodity.

Wasn't it reassuring though to see how quickly steps were taken by our Emergency Adviser to make sure that nobody would be left waterless had the main supply to the village been cut off.

The 'Chronicle' adds its thanks to Mr. Fred Armstrong and to all the would-be water carriers who answered his call for volunteers.

The spirit of Gunga Din lives on in Tostock!

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All events at the Village Hall unless otherwise stated)

APRIL :

- Fri. 8th)
 Sat. 9th) 'Splashback' (See T.O.A.D.S. notes)
 Mon. 11th : MOBILE LIBRARY
 Wed. 13th : 7.30 p.m. Church Whist Drive
 Fri. 15th) :
 Sat. 16th) 'Splashback' (as above)
 Tues. 19th : 7.30 p.m. Annual Parish Meeting
 Wed. 20th : 7.30 p.m. W.I. Speaker, Miss Sarah Thane
 of the I.B.A. "Broadcasting and its place
 in society today."
 Thur. 21st : 8 p.m. Village Hall Annual General Meeting
 Open to all.
 Sat. 23rd : 'Splashback' Final Performance at Theatre Royal,
 Bury (see T.C.A.D.S. notes)
 Mon. 25th : MOBILE LIBRARY
 Wed. 27th : 7.30 p.m. W.I. Whist Drive
 Thur. 28th : 2.30 p.m. 'Tea at the Croft'

MAY :

- Mon. 2nd : May Day Bank Holiday
 Thur. 5th : Parish Council Election Day
 Sat. 7th : Barn Dance and Barbeque (See Church Social
 Committee notes)
 Mon. 9th : MOBILE LIBRARY
 Wed. 11th : 7.30 p.m. Church Whist Drive
 Sat. 14th : 8.00 p.m. Football Club Presentation & Dance
 Wed. 18th : 7.30 p.m. W.I. 'Talents of our Members'.
 Mon. 23rd : MOBILE LIBRARY
 Wed. 25th : 7.30 p.m. W.I. Whist Drive
 Thur. 26th : 2.30 p.m. 'Tea at the Croft'

AND SOME ADVANCE WARNING

Arts and Crafts Exhibition at the Church and Village Hall on
 18th, 19th and 20th June (See Village Hall notes).