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WATCH OUT WIMBLEDON !

Whilst the rest of this country seems prepared to accept the pathetically poor ranking of its players in the world of international tennis today, Tostock is preparing to do something about it. A village Tennis Club has been formed at last, for details of which see "News from the Clubs." We wish them well.

Can we hope to see some new but familiar names on Centre Court soon?

PARISH COUNCIL

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

Reports : At the last meeting, a report was given by Mr. Hoadley on his recent attendance as our representative to the Suffolk Association of Local Councils. The items discussed included the need for a crematorium in Bury, the up-dating of the County Structure Plan and lack of co-operation at County level.

Mrs. Nunn reported on the Village Hall Management Committee meeting.

Bus Shelter : Confirmation has been received from Mid-Suffolk District Council agreeing to a grant towards the cost of our bus shelter. The building of this is hoped to commence at any time and it will be sited midway between "Better View" and "Beech Tree House".

Church Fabric Fund : A letter was received requesting a donation towards this. This was discussed at length but all agreed that the money should only be donated from the 'free 2p rate' and only after a public meeting, as it was understood that a house-to-house appeal had already taken place in addition to many fund-raising activities.

Parish Council (Cont'd)

Rotary Mower : The Council has received a gift of a second-hand rotary mower and this will be used for cutting the smaller areas of the greensward.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, TOSTOCK

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

August :

7th : 10.30 a.m. : Joint Communion at Pakenham
14th : 11.15 a.m. : Family Service
21st : 6.00 p.m. : Evensong
28th : 8.00 a.m. : Holy Communion

September :

4th : 10.30 a.m. : Joint Communion at Norton
(& Confirmation)
11th : 11.15 a.m. : Family Service
18th : 6.00 p.m. : Evensong
25th : 8.00 a.m. : Holy Communion

Church Grass : At the request of the Suffolk Trust for Nature Conservation, most of the churchyard was left uncut till July 23rd when they sent a working party to do it. Next Spring we will probably arrange to leave some smaller areas uncut till July, for the sake of the wild flowers.

Harvest Festival : Our Harvest Supper will be on Friday, October 7th, and the Harvest Service at 11.15 a.m. on Sunday, October 9th.

Congratulations to Peter Reynolds of Perkins Way, on his marriage to Julie Turner at the church on July 2nd, and to Rosemary Huntingford on her marriage at Woolpit church on July 9th.

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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

The 'Family at Home' held by Mrs. Jagger at "Greenlees" commenced with a Teddy Bears' Picnic for the tiny tots. We all enjoyed tea on the lawn and the White Elephant and Cake stalls along with the Draw tickets were most popular. Later, teenagers enjoyed live music, video games, darts, snooker, outdoor activities and hot refreshments. A total of £62 was contributed to church funds.

A Garage Sale also for church funds was organised by Mrs. P. Reynolds at "Better View". A wide range of household articles were sold and over £100 realised.

At our Church Fete there were a variety of stalls, a draw, guessing competitions, games and pony rides. Winners of the children's fancy dress competition were :- Daneil Heywood as 'Wee Willie Winkie', Kate Heywood as 'Queen of Hearts', Sara Harrison as a 'Flower Girl' and Sally Ann Lister as a 'Pirate'. Best decorated bicycle winners were T. Benedict and Melissa Coe. Members of the TOADS entertained us with their dancing under the direction of Mrs. S. Millman and Teas and Refreshments did a brisk trade. A profit of over £300 was raised towards the Church Fabric Fund.

Croft Teas : There will no Croft Tea in August and the next tea will be on Thursday, September 29th.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT

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

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

Improvements : The main hall ceiling was redecorated in May as well as other painting. The emergency lighting has been installed in the main hall, which means if there is a power cut, the emergency lighting will come into effect automatically. A further fire extinguisher has been bought for the hall, also another first aid box has been provided (kept in the red cupboard in entrance hall).

Art Exhibition : This proved more popular than ever, with many more visitors, particularly on the Sunday. A total of 65 paintings (just under £1,500) were sold. The Craft Exhibition/Demonstration also attracted visitors, who were impressed with the many talents of local people on display. Teas were served by the Brownies on Saturday and the Church Social Committee on the Sunday. The profit from the two events - which included commission on the sale of paintings, sale of catalogues, entrance fees to village hall, commission on craft sales and teas amounted to approx. £365 which will be shared between Village Hall and Church Fabric Fund.

Tennis Club : This is now under way and enquiries are being made re. cost of a hard court, grants etc. Good luck to Mrs. Pamment and the young people involved.

Village Sports : on 10th September - 2.30 p.m on the same lines as previous years with one or two extras - Tombola, Refreshments, side-shows by Football Club and Cricket Club, a five-a-side football tournament, and a special humorous light-hearted 'it's a knock-out' team race, each organisation being invited to send along a team of 6.

Dogs on the Playing Field : Once again, complaints have been received about dogs fouling the playing field, and once again we would ask dog owners not to exercise dogs on the field. The field is extensively used by play group children, Brownies and visiting Brownie packs, footballers, cricketers and now tennis players, practice golfers, apart from general use. Thanks to the dedication of Simon Reynolds we have a very well cared for playing field, which is the envy of many surrounding villages, please help to keep it clean, healthy and hazard free!

WOMENS INSTITUTE

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

At the June meeting Mrs. J. Thomas, the President, gave a report of the Annual General Meeting held at the Albert Hall which she attended and obviously enjoyed.

The speaker arranged for the evening was unable to attend but Mrs. Rowlands of Elmswell kindly stepped in at the last minute. The subject of her talk was macrame. She spoke of the origins of the craft and displayed samples of her work. It is amazing what intricate patterns can be made from knotting string! After her talk, Mrs. Rowlands handed around some string and showed members how to do some basic knots.

Mrs. Stannors made a welcome return visit in July for a Folk Dancing evening. Fortunately there was a respite from the recent high temperatures so it was not too much of an effort to use energy for dancing. After everyone had recovered their breath and been refreshed with coffee and biscuits served by Mrs. Jeffrey and Mrs. Farslow, members discussed the planning of the programme for next year.

Mrs. D. Buckle, Mrs. J. Thomas and Mrs. M. Walters were presented with birthday posies made by Mrs. M. Beales.

Mrs. D. Hart has moved from Tostock and as a consequence has relinquished the post of treasurer. Mrs. M. Beales has agreed to be the new treasurer.

Two theatre outings have recently been organised by Mrs. Thomas. One in June to the Theatre Royal, Bury to see 'Murder at the Vicarage', an Agatha Christie thriller and the second to Felixstowe in July where Harry Secombe was appearing at the Spa Pavilion.

Volunteers are needed for a rota to collect prescriptions from the Health Centre at Woolpit. This is being co-ordinated by Mrs. D. Buckle and Mrs. J. Thomas. Help would be very much appreciated and anyone willing to go on the rota please contact Mrs. D. Buckle, "Crosswinds", Flatts Lane (tel.70605).

W.I. (Cont'd)

By kind invitation of the ladies from the Village Shop, the W.I. will be having a stall on the forecourt on Saturday, September 17th from 10 a.m. There will be Crafts, Produce, White Elephant etc. on sale. Proceeds for the Bury Hospice Fund. Please come along!

TOSTOCK OPERATIVE & DRAMATIC SOCIETY (T.O.A.D.S.)
 (Miss Lynn Canning, 6 Mitre Close, Woolpit, tel.40070)

The Annual General Meeting was held on 7th June, in the Village Hall, when the following Committee was elected :-

Chairman : Mrs. Sheelagh Millman, Vice-Chairman : Mrs. Michele Faiers, Secretary : Miss Lynn Canning, Treasurer : Mrs. Maureen Beales.

Other members : Miss Rebecca Woodley, Miss Sara Livingston, Miss Nicola Pearce, Mr. Mark Stewart, Mr. Peter Stockborough.

A short entertainment was provided at the Village Church Fete, when the theme of the dances was 'The Sea'.

A Natter-jack evening is being arranged for Tuesday, 13th September and we hope all members will be able to come. More details later.

BROWNIES

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

On May 31st we enjoyed an Outing to Fritton Lake. It was a lovely day and the Brownies enjoyed pony rides, boating, walks through the park and most of all the Adventure Playground.

The Brownies enjoyed serving Cream Teas at the Craft Exhibition in the Village Hall on 18th June and were kept very busy by the large numbers of visitors who came to view the crafts.

We joined with five other packs in our District at Gt. Barton on Saturday, 9th July for Brownie Revels. It was an ideal day and in lovely surroundings, we all had a great time joining in the many games, all with the theme of Pirates.

Brownies (Cont'd)

We all went dressed as Pirates and have to congratulate our Brownies on their super costumes. Events came to a close in the early evening with singing round a camp-fire.

Four new Brownies were enrolled this term and three girls are moving to Thurston Guides in September. Also we are sorry to be saying good-bye to Mrs. Delia Hart, our Unit Helper, who is moving away from Tostock. She has given her time each week very willingly and ably and we shall miss her. Our good wishes go with her and her family to their new home. Mrs. Doreen Buckle has very kindly offered to be our new Helper.

ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITIONS

The decision of the organisers to widen the scope of the exhibition this year proved that not only have we a flourishing 'Arty' community hereabouts but that we are decidedly 'Crafty' with it. A wide range of skills was demonstrated and nearly every one was from within the village itself. It really makes some of us feel so inadequate, but then it would surely spoil the fun if we were all do-ers. Where then would we find the necessary viewers to "Ooh" and "aah" over our handiwork? As the late W. S. Gilbert put it, "When everyone is somebody, then no-one's anybody."

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIAL

Overheard between visitors at the Art Exhibition,
"How nice to find a church being used in this way."

CARRY ON MOTORING

In today's hectic road conditions, it sometimes seems quite an achievement just to reach one's immediate destination safely. To have done so continuously over a period of sixty years is therefore no mean feat and the Chronicle adds its congratulations to Mr. John Walters on receiving his 60-year certificate from the Company of Veteran Motorists.

OUR PARISH CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

A good start has been made and readers will be interested in details of the fund to date :-

Art & Craft Exhibitions	£212.48
Garage Sale (Mrs. P. Reynolds)	104.70
Open House (Mr. and Mrs. B. Jagger)	62.30
Church Fete	328.37
Donations	355.00
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Thanks to all who have contributed in time, effort and funds.

ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

The annual house-to-house collection for the R.N.I.B. which helps blind people in West Suffolk, amounted to £47 this year. Our grateful thanks to all those who contributed. The collectors were Miss Jane Hines, Mrs. Eileen Jagger, Mrs. Gwen Stewart and Mrs. Heather Spencer.

CHURCH REPAIRS

Do you have any new ideas for fund raising? Would you be prepared to hold a Coffee Morning or something similar? We need inspiration! If you can help please contact Mr. B. Harrison at 4, Perkins Way or ring 70247.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

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

Results to date : Won 6. Drawn 2. Lost 4.

Fixtures :

August	7	: Beyton	:	Away
"	14	: Rattlesden	:	Home
"	20	: Stowupland	:	Home
"	21	: Beyton	:	Home
"	27	: Walsham	:	Home
"	28	: Coldham Hall	:	Home
Sept.	4	: Hawstead	:	Home
"	11	: Woolpit	:	Away
"	18	: Mendlesham	:	Home
Oct!	2	: Brettenham	:	Home

On the social side the younger members enjoyed the Disco on 9th July and the funds benefitted by £30. Tickets for a Grand Draw with a Portable Television as First Prize are now available from any Cricket Club member.

TENNIS (Sec. Joanna Pearson, "Trenance", Norton Rd. tel.70533)

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TOSTOCK HAS A TENNIS CLUB - BORN JUNE 23rd, 1983

The first meeting was very well supported by both adults and juniors. After a general discussion, the following were elected to serve on the Committee :-

Chairwoman - Mrs. Pamment
 Secretary - Joanna Pearson
 Treasurer - Sara Livingston

Membership tickets have been printed and can be obtained from the Secretary, with emphasis on Tostock residents only at an annual subscription of :-

£2 per annum for playing members : 50p for playing members under 14 and 75p per annum for non-playing members.

Tennis Club (Cont'd)

Members are welcome to bring along a guest for a fee of 25p per child and 50p per adult per session.

As^a/newly formed club, our first task is to raise money to finance the purchase of equipment, ultimately a hard court, and we have decided upon a car boot sale, details of which will be posted in the village as soon as possible on the notice board.

Our thanks go to Mrs. Pillars, for providing us with a net and the supporting posts were originally donated by the late Capt. Errington, R.N. If any resident could help in supplying chain link fencing or substitute, the Club would welcome receiving this, or alternatively, know of any source where this can be obtained preferably free, "every little helps."

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

The A.G.M. of the Club was held at the 'Gardeners' Arms' on 8th June and the following elected as officers :-

Hon Treasurer - Dave Mullinger, Hon. Secretary - Austin Higgins, Committee Members - Julie Reynolds, Mike O'Reilly, Terry Green, Roger Lister and Bernard Bedingfield. At a later meeting of the Committee, Mike O'Reilly was elected as Chairman.

It was agreed that subscriptions for 1983/4, beginning on 1st August, 1983, would be £6 for adults and £1 for teenagers. All old members would be notified and membership cards and combination lock number would be issued on payment of subscriptions.

The new committee would discuss the renovation of the stairs and balcony and the fitting of a shower and heating unit.

BRIDGE (Mr. M. Spencer, as above)

As from August, 1983 meetings will be on Fridays at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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

Tostock "Gardeneffs' Arms" have a 8 point lead in the Summer League and if they keep to form it could mean another trophy for the club this year.

QUOITS (as above)

Tostock 'A' are top of their league and Tostock 'B' are in the first three in their league. Tostock 'A' have just had two more individual successes. Mr. P. Manning was runner-up in the Rougham League Singles. Messrs. C. Churchyard, P. Manning and C. Buckle won the 'Threes' title, also in the Rougham League. Who knows, at this rate we could win the 'Pairs'.

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

The club is now very busy preparing for the new season. Training began the first week in July and Friendlies being in August. Our first League game is at Ixworth on Sept. 11th. Our first home League match will be on October 2nd when we take on Wyverstone.

At the Village Sports Day (Sat. 10th Sept.) the Club are organising a Five-a-side competition. If any village club or individuals would like to enter a team please contact me for an entry form. Whilst on the subject of 5-a-sides the Club congratulates the 5 players who won the Felsham & Gedding Shield. With temperatures in the high 80's and playing on rock hard surfaces they adapted very well and thoroughly deserved their victory.

When the new season starts all players will be kitted out alike, which after last season is an improvement. The club has two new sponsored kits, for which we would like to thank East Anglian Disco's & Presentations and Wilcon Homes. I would also like to thank Northgate Motors and Cecil Larters for their generous donations.

Tostock's opening Friendlies are :-

31st July : Squad Match	7th Aug. v. Mendlesham
14th Aug. v. Gestingthorpe	21st Aug. v. Felsham
28th Aug. v. Cupola	

All these matches are at home. 10.30 K.O. ALL SUPPORT WELCOME.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All events at Village Hall unless otherwise stated)

AUGUST

- Mon. 1st : MOBILE LIBRARY
 Mon. 15th : MOBILE LIBRARY
 Thur. 25th : NO 'Tea at the Croft' this month
 Mon. 29th : BANK HOLIDAY. NO LIBRARY TODAY.

SEPTEMBER :

- Sat. 10th : 2.30 p.m. Village Sports
 Mon. 12th : MOBILE LIBRARY
 Sat. 17th : 10 a.m. W.I. stall outside village shop.
 Wed. 21st : 7.30 p.m. W.I. Speaker Mrs. J. Lillis
 "Transcendental Meditation".
 Fri. 23rd : LATEST DATE FOR MATERIAL FOR NEXT CHRONICLE
 Mon. 26th : MOBILE LIBRARY
 Wed. 28th : W.I. Whist Drive
 Thur. 29th : 2.30 p.m. "Tea at the Croft".

AND SOME ADVANCE NOTICES

- Fri. 7th October : Harvest Supper
 Sun. 9th " : Harvest Service
 Fri. 21st " : 7.30 p.m. Village Quiz
 Sat. 5th November : Bonfire Night Celebrations
 Sat. 19th " : Medieval Banquet

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