

1. Local Government Elections - Once more the time has come to elect representatives to:-

- a. West Suffolk County Council; election date is Saturday 15th April.
- b. Thodwastre Rural District Council.
- c. Tostock Parish Council;

The election date for the District Council and the Parish Council, if one is required, will be Tuesday 9th May.

Mr. John Walters, who has served us well during the past three years, will again be asking for our votes.

Capt. R. H. Errington is the present representative on the Rural District Council. The Chronicle understands he is not seeking re-election.

The Parish Council at present consists of:-

- Mr. A. Henderson, Chairman.
- Mr. F. G. Armstrong.
- Mr. L. Moore.
- Mr. R. I. Mulley.
- Mr. A. Cutting.
- Mr. C. Haselwood.
- Mrs. G. Waylett.
- Captain R. H. Errington.

Mr. F. R. Fisher, who was a Councillor, has just left the village.

Readers of Tostock Chronicle No. 8 will remember that permission was obtained to have 9 Councillors on the Parish Council; the idea being to avoid an election which costs about £15 and has to be paid by Tostock Ratepayers. Our Parish Council made it known that they welcomed anyone who wished to serve on the Council and, if the number exceeded nine, it seemed probable that the membership could be amicably arranged. This was successful in 1958 and it is hoped it will be successful again. Anyone wishing to be on the Parish Council is requested to inform the Clerk of the Council.

2. Clerk of Tostock Parish Council - Mr. A. S. Layng of "Ardentallen", Norton Road, Tostock has been appointed Clerk of the Council. The Council were very grateful to him for undertaking this appointment; particularly as he is a newcomer to Tostock. It is a splendid thing for Tostock when newly arrived residents show a practical interest in the village as he has done.

3. The Sub-Postmaster - A year ago the Chronicle welcomed Mr. W.H. Buckley. Now he has left and the post has been filled by Mr. E. J. Woodcock. He is really Major Woodcock but, like General Eisenhower, he has relinquished his title on accepting an appointment in civil life.
4. Annual Parish Meeting - Every year, in March, a village is bound by law to hold a Public Parish Meeting. Tostock's Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Monday 20th March at 8 p.m. NOTE THAT DATE PLEASE. The Chronicle urges everyone to come. There are several interesting things to be discussed. A well attended Parish Meeting is a sure sign of an active village. The Parish Council would indeed welcome not only residents of long standing, but also newly arrived residents, and temporary residents as well.
5. The Lord of the Manor - Sir John Wood, Bart. has presented to the Parish Council "the Manors or Lordships of Tostock or reputed Manors or Lordships of Tostock and Loricocks in Tostock." The Deed of Gift has been handed to the Chairman. By this generous action Sir John has anticipated what would have happened in a few years time, under the terms of an Act of Parliament, which is designed to give Parish Councils jurisdiction over Common Lands. Tostock is possibly the first village in England to own its Manorial Rights.
6. State Registered Nurses - Tostock has another distinction. Seven State Registered Nurses are residing in the village.
7. Best Kept Village Competition - Mr. N. Parker has changed his opinion since September last when he optimistically said that Tostock could win the competition with flying colours. In view of the deplorable state of the Green opposite the Post Office he now says it would be foolish to enter for the competition. The track across the Green at this point looks as if a bull-dozer had been at work, and new tracks are being made beside it. Mr. Parker has always contended that the only solution is to make a gravelled sweep in front of the Post Office. And that would cost money. At a recent meeting of the Parish Council it was suggested that a volunteer party - one recalls the building of the wall at the Graveyard - might be the answer.
8. Sewerage - When will Tostock be on a main sewer? Thedwastre Rural District Council have approved that "the first stage of the scheme (to serve Council houses at New Road and Church Road) will be integrated with the Elmswell and Woolpit scheme." It seems probable that this cannot be done for another two years.
9. The Tostock Chronicle is open to take over bids.