

THE TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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ANNUAL MEETINGS

This is the time of year when public meetings abound, including Parish Council, Hall Management, Church Parochial and Vestry, etc. Between them they will deal with much of what will go on throughout the year ahead, and we owe it to ourselves and to the existing members to make an effort - just once a year - to go along and support them in what they are doing voluntarily on our behalf.

Even more important, it is our opportunity to let our personal views be known on any subject concerning the village; views which the councils or committees would be only too glad to hear - and to act upon if at all practicable.

Remember it is no use just talking among ourselves about what 'They' ought to do. get along to the meetings and put your views forward. They cannot do anything about it unless they know what you want.

Come to think of it, it is just possible that you may feel that something they have done actually deserves a little thanks. This can best be expressed by going along and making the meetings, as they should be, truly representative of the village as a whole..... See you there !?

PARISH COUNCIL

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

There was a full attendance at the recent meeting chaired by Mr. Villar.

Mowing equipment. Mr. O'Reilly informed the council that new contacts had been made regarding the purchase of mowing equipment for the playing field. He and Mr. Friend were to be responsible for the viewing and purchase of any machine they considered suitable. A tractor and cutters have now been purchased.

Footpaths. Mr. O'Reilly also gave a report on the meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee. He stated Mid-Suffolk's agreement to extinguish the long dis-used footpaths which ran diagonally across both the football and cricket fields, and to the establishment of a new footpath to replace them.

S. A. L. C. Mr. Hoadley gave a brief report on his recent attendance as the council's representative to the Suffolk Association of Local Councils.

Annual Parish Meeting. THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HAS BEEN FIXED FOR FRIDAY 6th. APRIL at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Hall, when it is hoped to have a speaker from the Suffolk Accident Rescue Team, County Cllr Erskine, and District Cllr. Siffleet, a Police Officer and village organisation reports. If any parishioner would like an item to be included on the agenda please inform the clerk.

Bus Shelter. Would parishioners please note that the pick-up point for the journey to Bury is at the bus shelter, and not New Road corner. This was agreed with the Bus Company, the police, and Suffolk Highways Authority.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE ANNUAL MEETING. THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

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

- April 1. 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion (at Norton)
2.30 p.m. Special Mothering Sunday Service (Pakenham)
8. 11.15 a.m. Family Service
15. 9.30 a.m. Communion with hymns
20. 2.15 p.m. GOOD FRIDAY Devotional Service
22. 8.00 a.m. EASTER DAY Holy Communion
6.00 p.m. "Songs of Praise" (see below)
29. 9.30 a.m. Communion with hymns.

Mothering Sunday; We invite all children to bring their parents to church on April 1st. The special service will be followed by tea. Do come.

Easter Day; There will be Holy Communion at 8 a.m. but also a very special service in the evening, modelled on "Songs of Praise" We hope this will be a village occasion, and have already delivered to every house an invitation to suggest a hymn and/or to join in making music that evening. Easter Day is the great Christian festival and we want this to be a service worthy of the day. Archdeacon Donald Smith will be preaching.

- May 6. 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion (at Tostock)
13. 11.15 a.m. Family Service
20. 9.30 a.m. Communion with hymns
26. 12 Noon Wedding
27. 6.00 p.m. ROGATION SUNDAY. Evensong (see below)

Family Communion. We have made a few small alterations to our service on the First Sunday, to make it easier for the children to take part. Please remember it is now at 10 a.m.

Rogation Sunday. The first part of the service will be Prayer Book Evensong as usual, but instead of a sermon, we will go outside (weather permitting) to pray for God's blessing on the fields and gardens of our village.

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Mrs. June Wright, "Homeleigh", Norton Rd. Tel.70079)

There will be "Tea at the Croft" at 2.30 p.m. on Thursdays 26th April, and 31st May.

On Saturday May 19th. we are holding a Barn Dance at the Village Hall, starting at 7.30 p.m. Admission will be £1.75 and will include refreshments. Tickets available from Mrs. Pat Reynolds, or any other member of the committee. Please come and join us for a very enjoyable evening.

The Church Social Committee are very sorry to be losing the services of June Wright, our hard-working secretary, who is having to give it up due to her increasing commitments elsewhere. June has been a loyal and generous member, and she will be greatly missed. Our loss will assuredly be somebody else's gain.

Pat Reynolds. Chairman:

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT

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

Our village hall is now ten years old, and it is interesting to note how intensively the hall is used - in fact one now has to book it some months in advance.

Annual General Meeting: All parishioners are invited to the Annual general Meeting on Friday 13th. April at 8 p.m. in the main hall. Items on the agenda include the election of officers for the coming year. The committee consists of 4 elected members, a treasurer, secretary, booking manager, and a representative from each of the village organisations. The chairman is one of the elected members.

Treasurer. Mr. J. Cartwright, who has been our hardworking treasurer is leaving the village, so we are looking for a new treasurer. The committee appreciates Mr. Cartwright's good management of their finances.

Tennis: Another item to be discussed fully at the A.G.M. is the question of the hard tennis court - whether the project should be undertaken, and ways and means of raising the money.

Art Exhibition: The Art Exhibition - in its fifth year - will be run on the usual lines in the Church on the 16th, 17th, and 18th. of June. Over one hundred invitations have been sent out to artists already. If there are any newcomers to Tostock who are artists, and would like to exhibit, please contact the secretary above, or Mrs. Joanna Patterson at Chapel House, who has kindly agreed to be organiser this year in place of Mrs. Simone Rochford who will be on holiday. The committee is most grateful to Mrs. Rochford for all her hard work in establishing this exhibition over the years as being popular with many local artists.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

(Mrs. D. Buckle, "Crosswinds" Flatts Lane. Tel 70605)

The speaker arranged for February's meeting was unable to attend, but Mrs. Joy Howlett kindly stepped in at the last minute. She started by telling us how she first began make-up demonstrations some years ago.

Mrs. Mulley was welcomed as a visitor to the meeting. Four new members, Mrs. M. Chant, Mrs. M. Chapman, Mrs. H. Spencer, and Mrs. J. Swallow were welcomed.

Mrs. Hutchinson was the speaker for the March meeting. She gave us an informative talk about lampshade making, and brought a large selection of attractive lampshades that she had made.

There will be an Open Meeting on Wednesday 18th. April at 8 p.m. in the village hall, when Mr. Acker and Mr. Woodhouse will be giving an illustrated talk on "Suffolk Wildlife", Please come along and join us. Anyone welcome. Admission 30 p. including coffee and biscuits.

Medicine Collection Rota.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Morning</u> | <u>Afternoon</u> |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Wednesday 25. April | Miss O. Phillips | Mrs. J. Thomas |
| " 23. May | Mrs. E. Thomas | Mrs. J. Livingston. |

Prescriptions etc. collected from the Post Office at 10 a.m.
Medicines etc. to be collected from Miss Phillips, "Tobermory",
on the Green, between 4.30 and 6 p.m. please.

TOSTOCK OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY. (T.O.A.D.S.)

(Miss Lynn Canning, 6, mitre Close, Woolpit. Tel.40070.)

The TOADS apologise sincerely for any inconvenience caused by the enforced change of dates for "The Papertown Papurchase" which now takes place on Friday and Saturday 4th. and 5th., and Saturday 12th. May.

Set in the fantasy world of Papertown, and peopled by such intriguing characters as Lady Carrier Bag, Professor Paperback, Tishoo - a timid little paper tissue of a heroine, and many others, this is a colourful lively show linked with catchy musical numbers.

Despite the fantasy, there are real 'life and death' situations with the dreaded threat of Papertown being burnt to the ground by the Salamander from the Land of Fire, aided by the Chief Firefly and all the other fiery creatures. How the Papertown people manage to avoid this disaster calls for plenty of audience participation, resulting in a most entertaining show, with lots of fun and a suitable happy ending. Details of tickets etc will be announced later.

BROWNIES.

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

This term we have a new Guider. Mrs. Doreen Buckle has started her training to become a Warranted Guider. Her place as Unit Helper has been taken by Mrs. Linda Lovegrove. We are very grateful to both of them for their help.

This year we chose France as our country for Thinking Day. Brownies attended the annual Thinking Day service at Gt. Barton church on February 19th. Amy, Faith, and Jemma Mason carried our flag while Penny Lister and Zoe Redwood were dressed in French national costume and in the uniform of a French Brownie.

On 27th. February our meeting took the form of a French evening, when we were very pleased to welcome Mrs. Simone Rochford who showed slides of her parts of France and answered many questions. Afterwards we tucked into some French food.

During the Easter holidays we hope to have our annual litter pick-up round the village.

PLAYRGROUP

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

At the beginning of March, all the children and mothers joined forces with Hessett and Beyton playgroups for a session on the Softroom at Woolpit Village Hall.

We have made plans for a visit to see some lambs before the end of term - the children particularly looking forward to bottle feeding one of the pet lambs.

We are at present looking for a Playleader to take over from Carolyn Heywood, who leaves at Easter. Four children are starting school after Easter, and our Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 6th. April.

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BUS SERVICES

(Transport Liaison Representative: Mrs. H. Spencer, "Bosmere", Perkins Way. Tel.70395)

Some of the timings have again been changed, and the new service is summarised as follows,- with new timings marked \$

TOSTOCK -- BURY -- TOSTOCK.

| <u>To Bury:-</u> | | \$ | | | | |
|-------------------|---------|----------|---------|------|-------|--|
| Leave Tostock: | 8.19 am | 10.22 am | 1.07 pm | 3.31 | 7.24. | |
| Arrive Bury : | 8.43 | 10.56 | 1.41 | 4.00 | 7.48. | |
| <u>From Bury:</u> | | | | | | |
| Leave Bury | 8.50 | 1.50 | NS | SO | NS | |
| Arr. Tostock. | 9.19 | 2.22 | 4.10 | 4.50 | 5.15 | |
| | | | 4.34 | 5.24 | 5.55 | |

TOSTOCK - WOOLPIT - STOWMARKET - WOOLPIT - TOSTOCK.

| <u>To Stowmarket</u> | | \$ | | | | |
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| Leave Tostock | : 9.19 am. | 2.22 pm | NS | SO | NS | |
| Woolpit | 9.25 | 2.28 | 4.34 | 5.24 | 5.55 | |
| Stowmarket: | 9.48 | 2.51 | 4.40 | 5.30 | 6.01 | |
| | | | 5.03 | 5.53 | 6.24 | |
| <u>From Stowmarket</u> | | \$ | | | | |
| Leave Stowmarket: | 7.50 am. | 9.53 | 12.38 | 3.02 | 6.55 | |
| Woolpit | 8.13 | 10.16 | 1.01 | 3.25 | 7.18 | |
| Tostock | 8.19 | 10.22 | 1.07 | 3.31 | 7.24 | |

NS - Not Saturdays. SO - Saturdays only.

There are a few copies of the full new timetables at the Post Off.

GETTING IT TOGETHER.

An Editorial "Thank you" to Mr. Austin Higgins for responding so quickly to our request for a stapler in the last issue.

Our grateful thanks also to Mrs. Heather Spencer for reproducing the Chronicle for the last couple of years. She is unable to continue in view of the many other calls on her time, but we have been fortunate in finding a willing volunteer in Mr. Edward Nunn to take on the somewhat onerous task for us.

LITTER BUGS BEWARE.

The Government has just announced that as from next May, the maximum fine for dropping litter is being doubled to £400. Let's hope that those responsible for the litter and rubbish deposited around this village do not respond by doubling their efforts as well.

BLOW HOT -- BLOW COLD.

Throughout the bleak Winter months anyone wishing to use the phone kiosk on the Green has had to endure icy blasts and driving rain through the panels left glassless by marauding post-disco hooligans at the turn of the year.

Presumably British Telecom are waiting for the advent of hot Summer weather, when a little fresh air in the kiosk would be quite a relief. Only then will they attend to it, and ensure that it is again hermetically sealed to create maximum stupefying discomfort for the luckless users.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS.

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

After a good spell in the middle of the season we have unfortunately hit a lull at the close. We have taken only three points out of our last ten, so it seems, with five matches remaining, the best we can do is to hope for a middle of the table position.

On March 14th. our club had a sponsored 'stone pick' in aid of the Help the Children Fund. Although we do not yet know the total raised, it is hoped to be in excess of fifty pounds. We would like to thank all the people from the other village clubs for their help, which is greatly appreciated.

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| Results: | February | 12. | v. Black Boy | away | lost | 1 - 3 |
| | | 19 | v. Academicals. | away | lost | 1 - 7 |
| | | 26 | v. Fen Tigers | home | won | 6 - 0 |
| | March | 4 | v. Ixworth | home | lost | 0 - 3 |
| | | 18 | v. Black Boy | home | drew | 1 - 1 |
| Fixtures: | April | 1 | v. Elveden | home | | |
| | | 8 | v. Bardwell | away | | |
| | | 22 | v. Elmswell Res. | away | | |
| | | 29 | v. Elmswell Res. | home | | |

Please remember that all Home games are being played at Norton for the rest of the season. All spectators welcome. k.o. 10.30.

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

Now is the time to prepare for the coming season. By the time these notes are read it is hoped that the raking, stone-picking, levelling and seeding of the reclaimed boundary strip will have taken place on Sunday March 25th. Further work is planned for the 15th. of April. All interested in the Cricket Club are invited to come at 10 a.m.

In the past, the captain has borne the total responsibility for team selection, and wicket preparation, in addition to his duties during the match. To share the burden changes have been agreed. The secretary and captain will select the team, and the wicket will be prepared on a rota basis by team members. Ian Robertson will organise this rota, and we look forward to the co-operation of all members of the team.

A practice match will be held on the afternoon of 22nd. April, when all interested in playing cricket are invited to attend.

Opening fixtures of the season are:-

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| April | 29..... | v. Wetherden | : away |
| May | 6..... | v. Hawstead | : home |
| | 13..... | v. Battisford | home |
| | 20..... | v. Coldham Hall | away |
| | 27..... | v. Rougham | home |

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

To encourage new recruits, the Committee has decided to admit new members immediately at £7 each, this to include present year's membership, and also next year's.

The annual general meeting of the club will be held at the "Gardeners' Arms" at 8 p.m. on Tuesday 3rd. July. All members are urged to make an effort to attend.

THE CLUBS (cont)

TENNIS: (Miss Joanna Pearson, "Trenance", Norton Rd. 70533)

The Beetle Drive went extremely well and was enjoyed by everyone who came. We will be having another one on Wednesday 4th. April, and everybody is welcome to attend and support us, we assure you of an enjoyable evening. A special "Thank You" to all those who gave donations to the club. Much appreciated.

On Sunday afternoon 29th. April, we are having another fundraising event, a sponsored walk through the King's Forest. All competitors will be walking the distance of nine miles where refreshments will be given. All those interested in joining the walk please contact Graham Spencer of 'Bosmere', Perkins Way, (Tel.70395) and collect a sponsor sheet. Any volunteers for being a marshall? If so, please ring Mrs. Pamment or Miss Pearson. Tels. 70066, and 70533 respectively.

There will be an Annual General Meeting for all members, and new members, at the Village Hall, on Wednesday 2nd May at 7.30.

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

The new season starts in the middle of May. Anyone interested in learning to play the game - which is played at the rear of the "Gardeners' Arms" - should contact Peter Buckle.

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DARTS: (Mr. Peter Buckle - as above.)

Both teams are still going strong, playing on Wednesday nights in the Greene King league, and on Friday nights in the Ingham league.

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STOP PRESS

TENNIS CLUB are holding a COFFEE MORNING
at "Bosmere", Perkins Way.
10.30. Thursday 24th. May.

TOSTOCK YOUTH CLUB. Confirmation. It is now positive.

A Tostock Youth Club has been formed, and a committee elected.
Ages from twelve years onwards. All welcome.
Active interests for all tastes. Under adult supervision.
Enquiries; Dale Brown or Nicholas Pearson of Tostock.
Paul Thurlow of Drinkstone.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All events at the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.)

APRIL:

- Wed. 4th. Beetle Drive (Tennis Club notes)
- Fri. 6th. 7.45 pm. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (Parish Council Notes)
- Mon. 9th. Mobile Library.
- Fri. 13th. 8. pm. VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (see notes)
- Wed. 18th. 8. pm. "Suffolk Wildlife" Illustrated Talk (W.I. Notes)
- Fri. 20th. Good Friday.
- Sun. 22nd. Easter Day.
- Mon. 23rd. Easter Monday. No library.
- Wed. 25th. 10 am. Prescriptions collection. (W.I. Notes)
- Thur. 26th. 2.30 pm. "Tea at the Croft" (Church notes)
- Sun. 29th. Sponsored Walk in King's Forest. (Tennis notes)

MAY:

- Fri. 4th. "Papertown Paperchase" (T.O.A.D.S. notes)
- Sat. 5th. do do
- Mon. 7th. MAYDAY HOLIDAY - No library.
- Sat. 12th. "Papertown Paperchase" (T.O.A.D.S. Notes)
- Sat. 19th. Barn Dance. (Church notes)
- Mon. 21st. Mobile Library
- Wed. 23rd. 10 am. Prescriptions collection. (W.I. Notes)
- Thur. 24th. 10.30. Coffee Morning. (see Stop Press)
- Mon. 28th. SPRING HOLIDAY.
- Thur. 31st. 2.30 pm. "Tea at the Croft."

AN ADVANCE NOTICE.

- June 16th.
- June 17th. Tostock's Fifth Art Exhibition. (see Hall notes)
- June 18th.

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