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A WELCOME VISITOR

Tostock has been enduring more than its fair share of noisy visitors lately, especially since our bus shelter has been appropriated as a rendez-vous for the neighbourhood, but there is at least one recent visitor to the village who is more than welcome.

A nightingale has taken up residence near us - there may be others - and sings to us on and off by day (provided it's nice and sunny - he's very choosy) as well as into the night.

Unfortunately he fills in a lot of the time between his daytime recitals with a most monotonous and irritating succession of 'cheeps' and 'croaks' rather like an asthmatic chaffinch. This is a side of his character of which we were blissfully unaware and it has somewhat dented our image of this highly acclaimed songster.

PARISH COUNCIL

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

Annual Parish Meeting : Nine councillors and twenty-two parishioners were present at this meeting chaired by Mr. A. S. R. Villar. The guest speaker was Mr. Bailey, secretary of the Suffolk Accident and Rescue Service who gave a very interesting and informative talk on the work of the service. The meeting voted to donate £20 to their funds. Reports were given by the Clerk, Treasurer and various village organisations.

A Warden is needed for the Village Pond and to arrange a working party when necessary during the year. Any volunteers please contact the Clerk.

The village is also urgently in need of an Emergency Advisor and anyone who feels he or she could undertake this important job if the need arises is also asked to contact the Clerk for further details.

Footpaths : A discussion took place and the Footpaths Committee undertook to investigate complaints regarding the footpath from Norton Road to Flatts Lane.

Best Kept Village : The Mid-Suffolk competition is now to be held on a population basis and Tostock will not be eligible until 1985.

The newly acquired tractor and gang mowers are now in use on the playing field and have proved a valuable asset.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

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

June 3rd : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Pakenham  
" 10th : 11.15 a.m. Family Service  
" 17th : 9.30 a.m. Communion with Hymns  
" 24th : 6.00 p.m. Evensong  
July 1st : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Norton  
" 8th : 11.15 a.m. Family Service  
" 15th : 9.30 a.m. Communion with Hymns  
" 22nd : 6.00 p.m. Evensong  
" 29th : 9.30 a.m. Communion with Hymns  
Aug. 5th : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Service at Tostock

Informal Services : We are holding a series of informal worship services in Pakenham Church at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays in June and July. Singing items from 'Mission England Praise', informal prayer, teaching on 'Jesus and Life Today'. Everybody welcome.

Art Exhibition : (Full details appear on page 3) We hope that this event will be as well supported as in previous years. The opening time on Sunday has been arranged so as not to interfere with the service at 9.30 a.m.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH (CONT'D)

Archbishop at Abbey Gardens : The Archbishop of Canterbury will be taking part in a Eucharist at the Abbey Gardens, Bury St. Edmunds on the morning of Saturday, 23rd June to celebrate the seventieth anniversary of the founding of the diocese. They expect a congregation of ten thousand. I hope Tostock will be well represented.

Billy Graham will be preaching at Portman Road, Ipswich on July 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th. We have booked coaches, which will pick up in Tostock, for the Tuesday and Thursday nights and will be glad to take everybody who cares to join us. Please let one of the church members know if you would like to come.

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

(Mrs. Pat Reynolds, "Better View", The Green, tel.70341)

The Jumble Sale on 31st March made a profit of £108, and the best of the unsold clothes were taken to the W.V.S.

A happy social occasion took place on Sat. 19th May in the form of a Barn Dance. Many thanks to everyone who helped and supported this successful evening.

A Garden Party will be held at Elmswell New Hall, by kind permission of Col. and Mrs. P.T. S. Bowlby, on Sat. 14th July at 2.30 p.m.

At "Tea at the Croft" on Thursday 28th June, Brig. R. B. T. Daniell will give us another of his very interesting and entertaining talks. This time the subject will be "The Royal Household".

We shall have a summer break with no "Tea at the Croft" in July and August but will resume these popular afternoons in September.

Many thanks to Mrs. B. Daniell, Mrs. J. O'Reilly, Miss O. Phillips, Mrs. P. Reynolds and Mrs. H. Spencer for providing lillies for the chancel on Easter Sunday.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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

There was a good attendance by members and visitors to the April meeting when Mr. Woodhouse and Mr. Acker gave a talk on Suffolk Wildlife, illustrated by slides. These were mainly taken in Bradfield Woods Reserve and Hossett Nature Reserve.

On 27th April members and friends visited the Wolsey Theatre in Ipswich to see "Jesus Christ, Superstar".

Resolutions were discussed at the May meeting after which there was some energetic Country Dancing under the direction of Mrs. J. Stanners. She has been a regular visitor for the last few years.

Medicine Collection Rota :

Wednesday 20th June (Morning and Afternoon) : Mrs. H. Spencer  
" 18th July ( " " " ) : Mr. J. Barnes

It is hoped that more people will make use of this service.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT

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

Following the A.G.M. on 13th April, the following were elected to serve on the Committee :-

Four elected members : Mr. M. O'Reilly (Chairman), Mrs. J. Thomas (Vice-Chairman), Mr. L. Grooms, Mrs. J. Harrison.  
Treasurer : Mrs. S. Hall, Ifold, New Road, Tostock, Sec. : Mrs. H. Spencer,  
Booking Manager - Mr. P. Buckle.

Representatives from other organisations in the village on the Committee are :-  
Mr. P. Buckle (Darts & Quoits), Mrs. Carberry (Playgroup), Mrs. Coe (W.I.), Mrs. S. Millman (TOADS), Mrs. E. Nunn (Parish Council), Mrs. D. Pamment (Tennis Club), Mr. P. Jones (Football Club), Mr. E. Pearson (Cricket Club), Mrs. P. Reynolds (P.C.C.) & Mr. M. Spencer (Bridge).

VILLAGE HALL (Cont'd)

The Chairman gave a resume of the year's events, particularly mentioning the fact that Mr. Cartwright would be leaving the village and thanked him for all his hard work with the Village Hall finances.

The Chairman also recorded a vote of thanks to Mr. S. Reynolds for his many hours of dedicated work on the playing fields and to Mr. P. Buckle for his duties as booking manager.

The main item of discussion on the Agenda was the proposed hard tennis court to be sited behind the village hall. It was agreed to go ahead with this scheme. Since the A.G.M. the grant of £2,326 had been confirmed by Mid-Suffolk D.C. and a most generous donation of £2,000 from the Huntingford family had been promised. Several members of the Committee had again met Mr. Elliott from R. & R. Contractors of Ipswich who would be carrying out the work very shortly. Mr. P. Jones (Football Club) had kindly agreed to help with the early preparation of the court.

It was agreed to enter two competitions this year, firstly the 1984 Village Hall of the Year Competition (sponsored by East Anglian Daily Times) to be judged early in July. All aspects of the hall, maintenance, accounts, booking, minute book, safety regulations, housekeeping will be taken into account. Secondly, the Suffolk Playing Fields Cup Competition (sponsored by McNeil Sports Ltd.) which is a competition for new voluntary projects contributing to sport and recreation facilities in local communities. The new proposed hard tennis court will be our entry for this. Both competitions are organised by Suffolk Community Council.

Art and Craft Exhibitions : Replies were beginning to come in for this year's Art Exhibition. Once again it was decided to hold a simultaneous Craft Exhibition/Demonstration in the Village Hall on the afternoons of Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th June, with many Tostock residents taking part. This year the Tennis Club will be looking after the staging of this event and anyone in the village who would like to demonstrate a craft/skill, please contact Mrs. D. Pamment, no. 6 New Road (tel.70066). The many young 'budding' artists in the village are invited to exhibit drawings, models or crafts in the Committee Room. Teas will be served by the Church Social Committee in the Hall on the Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

As already announced, arrangements for the Art Exhibition in the Church on Saturday, 16th, Sunday 17th and Monday 18th are in the hands of Mrs. Joanna Patterson, Chapel House, The Green (tel.70913).

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

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

We have pleasure in reporting that our TEEN-TOADS and TADPOLES' production of "The Papertown Paperchase" was well received by our audiences, despite a rather low turnout on the first two nights. Our grateful thanks to all those who came along to give us their support.

Our next plans are for organising the Village Quiz, usually held in late September/early October. No future arrangements for shows have been made as yet.

StopPress : T.O.A.D.S. Annual General Meeting : Tuesday 5th June : 7.30 p.m.  
Tostock Village Hall. All members welcome. Anyone interested with Backstage work also welcome.

BROWNIES

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

This year we are celebrating 70 years of Brownies. In connection with this a County Pack Holiday was held near Lowestoft on the weekend of 11/13th May. Three of our Brownies went there and had a very good time. On July 14th Brownie Packs all over the country are having parties and we are joining with other packs in our District and with Blackburn District for a big party at Honington Base. At 4 p.m. on that day each party has to cut a celebration cake.

On Tuesday, 5th June between 2p.m. and 4 p.m. we will be serving Cream Teas in the garden of Mrs. D. Buckle, "Crosswinis", Flatts Lane, and we shall also have a Tombola stall. Proceeds will go to our Pack funds. If the weather is bad it will be held indoors.

PLAYGROUP

(Mrs. S. Martin, "Strawberry Cottage", Norton Road, tel. 70360)

We were very sorry to lose Carolyn Heywood as our Playleader at the end of last term, but as you know the post has been filled by Margery Ashford, and Theresa Barker is kindly helping us out on a temporary basis.

Three new children have joined us this term, four having left to start school.

We are planning a visit to Norton Bird Gardens shortly. In addition, the children and Mums are looking forward to a picnic at the Playworks at Thornham Magna at the end of June where there will be several playbuses which are always greatly enjoyed.

TOSTOCK'S 'TIT WILLOW' ?

A sad little scene in Flatts Lane just recently. In the road lay a Blue Tit, a pathetic blue-feathered scrap, still warm and soft but alas quite dead. Hopping frantically around it was its tiny mate, trying desperately to nudge it back into movement, even rolling it over with its back in the attempt.

Somehow one accepts such actions from animals but it came as a surprise that these delightful little creatures who always appear to be so bright and cheerful are not immune from the bewilderment and sadness which we mortals endure at such times.

Who knows, perhaps W.S. Gilbert was nearer the truth than he thought when he wrote into "The Mikado" his pathetic little ballad of the suicide of poor love-lorn 'Tit Willow'.

HAVE YOU GOT MOGS IN YOUR GARDEN ?

..... or Toads or Newts or even Snakes ?

If you have, Mark Jones at the Museum, High Street, Ipswich would like to hear from you. He is compiling a survey of "Suffolk Herpetofauna" ('Reptiles' to you and me - Editor), and wrote a nice letter back when I reported some Tostock frogs to him recently. He needs to know :-

- (1) The specific English name for the reptile or amphibian, e.g. common lizard, great crested newt etc.
- (2) The name of the place, and if at all possible a grid reference.
- (3) An indication of how many individuals you have seen. In the case of amphibians it helps to know if they are breeding at the time, if they are in water.
- (4) The date of the sighting.
- (5) Name and address of the observer.
- (6) Any other notes or information considered relevant. Records as far back as 1970 are welcome.

Another project also being surveyed is "Suffolk Butterflies" but only during 1983 and 1984. Howard Mendel, also at the Ipswich Museum, would welcome volunteers to list the species they see in their gardens, churchyards or local parks during 1984.

My own interest is in Wild Flowers which stay still long enough for one to get out the book and identify them. This year I am trying to make a comprehensive list of flowers in Tostock parish - mostly searching in the early morning before starting my day's work. I am probably finding most of the field and woodland plants (with landowners' co-operation) but realise I am missing out on things that grow in gardens. For example Greater Celandine, Yellow Corydalis, Ivy-leaved Toadflax, Green Alkanet and Dusky Cranesbill are all flourishing in my vicarage garden at present (without any help from me), but I've not seen any of these in Tostock. If you have any wild flowers like these in your garden, may I come and have a look round - I would like to visit once a month through this summer to try to catch everything.

Richard Addington  
(tel. Pakenham 30287)

STOP PRESS - Village Disturbances

The Parish Council met last Friday (25th May) to consider the nuisance now disrupting the village. A number of residents had complained of the behaviour of young people, most of whom live outside Tostock, who scatter their litter everywhere, 'rev up' their motorcycles and tear recklessly around the village. Above all they objected to the offensive and obscene language shouted about, particularly in and around the bus shelter and the chestnut tree. The parking of motorcycles and vehicles on the Green and the riding of horses there also contributed to the problem.

As a first step towards deterring these unwanted visitors the Council decided, reluctantly, to have the seat removed from the shelter and have asked the Police to attend the next meeting to advise on what further steps can be taken to stop this loutish behaviour which is despoiling our green and pleasant village. In this connection a note of the registration numbers of the offending machines would no doubt help them in dealing with the riders concerned who do not confine their noisy activities to Tostock alone.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

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

Although the first two matches against Wetherden and Battisford ended in defeat, the cricket was enjoyable and morale is high. Fixtures for June/July are:-

Sun.	June	3rd	: Stowupland	:	Home
"	"	10th	: Wetherden	:	Home
Wed.	"	13th	: Greene King (6.30)	:	Home
Sun.	"	17th	: Rougham	:	Away
Wed.	"	20th	: B.F.P. (6.30)	:	Home
Sun.	"	24th	: Shrinks et al	:	Home
Wed.	"	27th	: Mid-Suffolk (6.30)	:	Home
Sun.	July	1st	: Brettenham	:	Away
Thur.	"	5th	: Greene King (6.30)	:	Away
Sun.	"	8th	: Stowupland	:	Away
Wed.	"	11th	: Barningham (6.30)	:	Home
Sun.	"	15th	: Jackdaws	:	Home
Thur.	"	19th	: Single Wicket (6.30)	:	Home
Sun.	"	22nd	: Elmswell	:	Home
Wed.	"	25th	: Rattlesden (6.30)	:	Away
Sun.	"	29th	: Woolpit	:	Home

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

Since I last reported that we hoped to gain a middle-of-the-table, the Club has actually finished its season in fourth position, managed by dropping only one point out of a possible ten. This is very pleasing especially as this is our first season in the third division after promotion.

Results : April 1st : Home v. Elveden : Won 5 - 4.  
 " 8th : Away v. Bardwell : Won 2 - 1.  
 " 15th : Away v. Elmswell Res. Won 3 - 0.  
 " 22nd : Home v. Elmswell Res. Won 3 - 0.

The Club's end-of-season Dinner and Dance was held at the Grange Hotel, Thurston on May 5th and was a great success enjoyed by all, we hope. At the dinner, the club trophies were presented. The winners were :-

Player of the Year - Stuart Fuller  
 Player of the Year (Matrix) - Stuart Fuller (Avg.6.95)  
 Top Goalscorer (17 goals) - Raymond George  
 Club Sportsman - Trevor Conway.

We would like to thank the people who have supported us this year, especially the loyal gentleman who cycled to Norton and Elmswell to watch our games. It is nice to see away supporters who are devoted and free from hooligan mania !! See you next season.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS (Continued)

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

The two teams had an average season in the Winter League, and we are running one team in the Summer League.

QUOITS : (Mr. Peter Buckle, as above)

The season started well on May 12th with both the A and the B teams winning their first matches. New players are still welcome.

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

There has been little activity on the Squash Court during the last two months but the advent of the Annual General Meeting at 8 p.m. at the "Gardeners' Arms" on Tuesday 3rd July may stir some interest. It is hoped that the meeting will be well attended.

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

Our A.G.M. was very well attended, and as a result the following officers were elected for the coming year :-

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| Chairwoman : Mrs. D. Pamment | Treasurer : Mrs. M. Grooms                          |
| Secretary : Miss J. Pearson  | Representatives : Nicholas Pearson<br>Paul Thurlow. |

'T' shirts are now available from Mrs. H. Spencer, "Bosmere", Perkins Way, with our own motif @ £3.50 each.

Will all those who participated in the Sponsored Walk please try to collect your sponsorship money and hand it to Sara Livingston as soon as possible. Thank you.

On Friday 13th July, we will be holding a fund-raising event. It will be a dance, with the "Willie and the Wallies" band, at the Village Hall, including a barbeque. Further details will come later.

As a result of the Coffee Morning held at "Bosmere" on 24th May, a sum of £80 was raised for Tennis Club funds. We would like to thank all the many generous friends who donated money, draw prizes, luscious cakes and came to support this happy event.

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SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All events at the Village Hall unless otherwise stated)

JUNE :

- Mon. 4th : MOBILE LIBRARY
- Tues. 5th : 2 - 4 p.m. CREAM TEAS at "Crosswinds" (Brownie notes)
- " 5th : 7.30 p.m. T.O.A.D.S. Annual General Meeting (see notes)
- Sat. 16th : ART EXHIB'N IN CHURCH : 11 - 9 p.m. CRAFTS IN HALL 2.30-5.30 p.m.
- Sun. 17th : " " " " : 11 - 8 p.m. " " " 2.30-5.30 p.m.
- Mon. 18th : " " " " : 2 - 5 p.m.
- " 18th : MOBILE LIBRARY
- Wed. 20th : Prescriptions collections (W.I. notes)
- Thur. 28th : 2.30 p.m. "Tea at the Croft" (Church Social notes)

JULY :

- Mon. 2nd : MOBILE LIBRARY
- Tues. 3rd : Squash Club A.G.M. - "Gardeners' Arms" 8 p.m.
- Fri. 13th : Tennis Club Dance.
- Sat. 14th : 2.30 p.m. Garden Party at ELMSWELL NEW HALL (Church Social notes)
- Mon. 16th : MOBILE LIBRARY
- Wed. 18th : Prescriptions collection (W.I. notes)
- Mon. 23rd : LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NEXT 'CHRONICLE'.
- Thur. 26th : NOT "Tea at the Croft".
- Mon. 30th : MOBILE LIBRARY.

AN ADVANCE NOTICE

Sports Day this year is provisionally arranged for Saturday, 15th September hopefully on an Inter-Village basis.

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