

THE TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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Once again Action Time approaches for all of us. As you will see from the Parish Council notes below, the Annual Parish Meeting will be on Friday, 19th April. Throughout the year residents are always invited to sit in at the periodical council meetings - although disappointingly few choose to do so - but at the Annual Meeting we are not only entitled to attend but to have our say on anything relevant to the interests of the village. So why not make a note to come along this year, with your brick-bats (metaphorically speaking of course) or even bouquets (there are three lady Councillors and a lady Clerk!)

As the Council notes say, "This is YOUR meeting. Please attend if you can."

PARISH COUNCIL

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

The recent meeting was chaired by Mr. A. Villar and attended by seven other councillors.

Mr. O'Reilly reported that the tractor repairs were making progress but that a spare part was being sought.

District Councillor Siffleet attended the meeting and discussed the apparent misleading statements from certain areas regarding the possibility of a large percentage being added to Mid-Suffolk rates to cover the cost and upkeep of the Stowmarket Swimming Pool.

Because of bad weather and the fact that the pond had been frozen over for so long, consultations had not yet taken place with the Conservation Society with regard to the cleaning of the pond.

Mr. Hoadley gave a brief report on his recent attendance at the meeting of S.A.L.C. As a result of this our council are supporting the request for an ambulance to be placed at Stowmarket, and enquiries are taking place about the help given by the newly appointed Trees Officer with a view to help for this village.

It was noted that the kerbing of Leys Road corner had greatly helped to stop the erosion of the verge in this area and the Clerk was asked to enquire if further kerbing could be arranged.

A letter of thanks to be sent to Mr. Ken Chapman for his help in snow clearance during the bad weather enabling Flatts Lane to be kept open.

The Police have suggested a meeting between Parish Councillors, Parents, Public and Teenagers to discuss problems that have arisen during the past year with a view to solutions on all sides. This was considered to be an excellent idea and the date of such a meeting would be advertised.

The date of the Annual Parish Meeting is fixed for Friday, 19th April at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Hall. If any parishoner has an item to be discussed please inform the Clerk or any Parish Councillor.

THIS IS YOUR MEETING. PLEASE ATTEND IF YOU CAN.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT

(Sec : Mrs. Sarah Martin, "Strawberry Cottage", Norton Rd. tel.70360)
(Bookings : Mr. Peter Buckle, "Crosswinds", Flatts Lane, tel.70605)

Invitations have been sent out to over one hundred artists inviting them to exhibit their work in the Church at our Sixth Art Exhibition to be held on Saturday, 22nd June (11 a.m.- 9 p.m.), Sunday 23rd June (2 - 9) and Monday 24th June (11 - 5). Any profit will be split equally between the Church Fabric Fund and Village Hall funds. If there are any artists in the village who we have missed, who would like to exhibit please contact the organising secretary, Mrs. Heather Spencer, tel.70395.

The same weekend a small Mini Flower and Produce Show will be held in the Village Hall. A schedule is enclosed with this 'Chronicle'. We hope there will be at least one class which will appeal to each member of the family. More entry forms and further details are available from Mr. and Mrs. Barney Harrison, the organisers, "Apple Trees", Perkins Way, tel.70247. Entry forms will also be available at the Post Office. If this show is successful, it may well be the fore-runner of a much bigger flower and vegetable show to be held probably in the Autumn of 1986.

A new heater has recently been purchased for the Committee Room and the room has now been redecorated by some Committee volunteers. There are still several maintenance jobs to be carried out in the hall.

At the Annual General Meeting on the 22nd March, which, regrettably, was rather sparsely attended, the following officials and committee members were elected for the coming year :-

Secretary : Mrs. Sarah Martin

Treasurer : Mrs. Sharon Hall

Booking Manager : Mr. Peter Buckle

Committee Members : Mr. M. Spencer,
Mr. E. Grooms, Mrs. Jenny Thomas and
Mrs. Julie Harrison.

At the committee meeting which followed, Mr. Mick Spencer was elected Chairman and Mr. Mike O'Reilly was co-opted onto the committee. The names of the elected representatives from other organisations in the village will be given in the next issue of the 'Chronicle'.

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

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

It was with regret and great sorrow that we decided to postpone the performances of our Pantomime "Jack and Jill", due to the sudden death of Matthew Thomas who was a lively and active member of the T.O.A.D.S.

The performances will now take place on Thursday, 25th, Friday 26th and Saturday 27th April, all commencing at 7.30 p.m, so please do book these dates.

"Jack and Jill" was written by Sheelagh Millman and has a cast of about 35, all acting out a range of characters including Old Mother Hubbard and her dog Fido, her daughter Betsy, and of course her nephew and niece Jack and Jill. There is Roland Butter, the Baker and Miller, Mr. Chump the Butcher, and a chorus of Village Folk. Along the way you will find Tommy Tucker, a wandering Troubador, Stuffy the Scarecrow, and Magdalena Mudpack with her Gypsies to mention but a few! All are enhanced by an array of colourful costumes, lively music, attractive scenery and, of course, a lot of hard work from back stage.

Tickets are available from Mick Spencer, "Bosmere", Perkins Way, tel. Beyton 70395.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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

The February meeting was the first of the year. Mrs. O'Reilly welcomed members and also Mrs. Huffey as a visitor. Two outings have been arranged, one for a tour of Lavenham Priory in June followed by a snack at the "Greyhound" pub and later in the year a tour of Haughley Bakery.

Mrs. Rosemary Lister and Mrs. Michele Faiers were welcomed to the March meeting. A donation is to be sent to the British Heart Foundation on behalf of Mrs. Molly Walters who was a loyal member for many years. Mrs. Julie Krickmore from the Electricity Board was the speaker for the meeting. She explained the advantages of 'Economy 7', the running costs of electricity and various economies that can be made.

On Saturday 11th May at 8 p.m. there will be a 'Sociable Supper' in the Village Hall to which anyone from the village will be welcome. Tickets £1.50 which includes supper and a free glass of wine. Please book this date.

On Wednesday 17th April, there will be an open meeting on 'Conservation' at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Those who came to the illustrated talk by Mr. Acker and Mr. Woodhouse on 'Suffolk Wildlife' last year will welcome a further visit from them. The admission charge of 25p will include coffee and biscuits. Please come along. All will be welcome. A poster will be displayed at the Post Office nearer the date.

Prescriptions Collection Rota :

Wed. 24th April : Morning - Mrs. E. Nunn. Afternoon - Mrs. J. Livingston.
Wed. 22nd May : Morning - Miss O. Phillips. Afternoon - Mrs. D. Buckle.

BROWNIES

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

Members from our Brownie Pack joined other Packs and Guide Companies in the district for the 'Thinking Day service in Badwell Ash Church. The colour party was Caroline Buckle (flag-bearer), Sally-Ann Lister and Sally Harrison. Penny Lister and Elizabeth Honeywood dressed as Brownies of Japan.

Our Fashion Party raised £26. Our thanks to all who gave their support.

The annual 'Litter Pick-up' will take place on Tuesday 2nd April.

PLAYGROUPE

(Mrs. Sarah Martin, "Strawberry Cottage", Norton Rd. tel.70360)

A happy term now draws to a close and we say Goodbye to one who is starting school next term.

Our numbers are still very low and to this end we are holding two large fund-raising activities in April. The first is a Jumble Sale to be held at the Thorntree Day Centre in Stowmarket on Saturday, 13th April from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. We hope many people will support this and please let us know if you have any jumble.

We are also planning several mini Pyramid lunches - the funds raised being divided equally between the Playgroup and Ethiopia. We hope you will also lend your support.
Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd April.

SEE HOW THEY RUN !!

The Tostock Joint Sports Committee have organised a 'FUN RUN' around the village of Tostock starting at 10 a.m. on EASTER MONDAY, 8th APRIL.

The course will be about TWO MILES and there will be trophies for 5 and 6 laps duration.

The event will be fully supervised and marshalled and there will be SIX AGE CLASSES for entrants.

COME ALONG AND RUN - OR JOG - FOR THE CHARITABLE CAUSE OF YOUR CHOICE. APPLY QUICKLY PLEASE. TIME IS SHORT.

Further information, rules and entry forms from :-

Mr. Peter Jones,
"Helvellyn",
School Road,
Elmswell.
(tel.40130)

Mrs. Denise Pamment,
6 New Road,
Tostock.
(tel.70066)

Mr. Michael Dean,
Coach House,
Ixworth.
(tel.30292)

"JOB WEEK" FOR SCOUTS AND CUBS

It's Job Week again for Scouts and Cubs belonging to the 1st Thurston Cub and Scout Group. If you possibly can please have a job available for them when they call on you sometime over Easter.

Although Tostock itself has no units of its own, our youngsters are more than welcomed by any of the undermentioned :-

Thurston Scouts (Leader - Ian Turner, tel.31523) meet on Tuesday evenings at Thurston Upper School. 7 - 9 p.m.

Thurston Cubs (Leader Marie Houston, tel.30936) meet every Tuesday evening at Thurston Primary School. 6.30 - 8 p.m.

Norton/Thurston Cubs (Leader - Vince Courtney, tel.41024) meet every Thursday evening at Norton Cub Hut. 6 - 7.30 p.m.

"CALL MY BLUFF"

The "Call my Bluff" contest on 27th February proved to be a very entertaining evening at the Village Hall. Although Tostock did not win (Norton won quite handsomely) we can perhaps infer from our defeat that we are such nice people that it is not really in our nature to trick and mislead others - although we did manage to beat Pakenham marginally for second place.

Our representatives in the hot seats were Mr. and Mrs. G. Rouse and Mr. M. Heywood. Mr. Barney Harrison was an excellent Master of Ceremonies and the devious and highly imaginative 'definitions' contrived for us by Miss Olga Phillips had the spectators every bit as baffled as the unfortunate contestants. L avish display of tasty titbits during the interval completed a most enjoyable occasion.

LET'S BE A LITTER BIT MORE CAREFUL!

You will see from the Brownies' notes that they will be out again on 2nd April making their annual effort to tidy up our lovely village - and perhaps putting us to shame in the process.

What an example they set for us all. One wonders if the day will ever dawn when they come back after a fruitless search with empty baskets and buckets, bemoaning "But we couldn't FIND any litter."

That will be the day!

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

CRICKET : (Mr. Michael Dean, CoachHouse, Ixworth, tel.30292)

Summer will soon be with us! With it comes the buzz of insects, the smell of fresh mown grass, lazy days and the sight of white clad players on the village field.

That would be the ideal, but sadly the club is very short of village players and there was some doubt during the snowy months that it would emerge from it's Winter hibernation. Happily that has been resolved but if there are any budding cricket players out there, old hands or newcomers, then please step forward.

The season commences with a practice match on Sunday 28th April at 2 p.m. All players please make a diary note. Prospective players please just turn up or register your name with the Secretary.

A year's subscription is £5 (Juniors 50p) while match fees are 50p. Make 1985 a cricketing year to remember !!

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

Efforts to persuade teen-agers to take up squash have met with some success. The offer of free tuition and use of rackets and balls is still open.

A new lock is being fitted to the door and paid-up members (Teenagers £1 a year and the more elderly £6) will receive a Membership Card and the combination number.

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

The new season starts on Saturday, May 4th, and Tostock are entering one team in the league this year. They play at the rear of "The Gardeners' Arms" and new faces will be very welcome.

DARTS : (Mr. Peter Buckle as above)

Nothing to report this time but a summary of the Winter's results and awards will appear in the next 'Chronicle'.

CARPET BOWLS : (Mrs. M. Laverick, "Glentor", Norton Rd. tel.70964)

We now have two carpets and more players are able to play at one time. We still need more players. We could then form a team and join the Bowls League so do come along on any of the following dates :-

April : Thursday 4th and 18th (2.30 - 4.30 p.m. and 7.30 - 9.30 p.m.)
Sundays 7th and 21st (7.30 - 9.30 p.m.)

May : Thursdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th - as above
Sunday 19th only - as above.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd May at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, followed by a Knock-out competition.

FOOTBALL : (Mr. Peter Jones, "Helvellyn", School Rd., Elmswell, tel.40130)

League Table positions at 17th March

	<u>P.</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>A.</u>	<u>Points</u>
TOSTOCK	16	11	3	2	46	19	25
Elveden	16	10	4	2	71	29	24
Fen Tigers	14	9	3	2	46	25	21
Travenol	15	9	1	5	48	35	19

As you can see the tables speak for themselves ; the only cloud on the horizon was our recent exit from the Jubilee Cup, being beaten by 1st Division Tuddenham 2 - 0 with Tostock putting up a very spirited display against the elite of the Bury Sunday League.

Forthcoming dates :- 7th April v Pakenham F.C. (Home)
8th April Charity Fun Run (see page 5)

Tostock F.C. Snooker Tournament results :-

Winner - Trevor Conway . Runner-up - Ray Corbyn

The evening was enjoyed by players and guests at the "Pot Black Snooker Club" with a buffet for players and a visit to the restaurant by wives and girl friends, the event being supported by some 40 people.

Club President

We the players and officials of Tostock F.C. would like to wish Dave and Ivy Clarke all the best for the future upon their retirement from the licensed trade.

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

As the new Tennis playing season nears, a gentle reminder to all existing and potential members that payment of the new season's subscriptions would be most welcome. They are as follows :-

Adults - £5 Intermediate - £3 Juniors - £2

Payments to be made directly to the Club Treasurer, Mrs. M. Grooms, "Sandlappers", New Road, Tostock. Guest players pay a subscription of 50p per session but must be a guest of and accompanied by a fully paid-up member.

Thanks to the generous donation by Mr. and Mrs. J. Laverick, the Club possess two rackets for hire.

Fund-raising events will continue in the form of the popular Beetle Drives through the summer plus a shared FUN RUN with the Tostock Football Club, to be organised by our good friend Peter Jones (See page 5 for further details). Support is absolutely necessary please.

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SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All events at the Village Hall unless otherwise stated)

APRIL :

- Tuesday 2nd : Brownies' "Keep Tostock Tidy" pick-up
- Wednesday 3rd : Playgroup Annual General Meeting
- Monday 8th : BANK HOLIDAY. NO LIBRARY.
TOSTOCK'S FIRST "TUN RUN" (Page 5)
- Saturday 13th : 10 a.m. Jumble Sale - Stowmarket (Playgroup)
- Wedn'day 17th : 7.30 p.m. Illustrated Talk on "Conservation" (W.I.)
- Friday 19th : 7.45 p.m. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
- Monday 22nd : MOBILE LIBRARY
- Wedn'day 24th : Prescriptions collection (W.I.)
- Thursday 25th : 2.30 p.m. "Tea at the Croft"
- Thursday 25th)
Friday 26th) : PANTOMIME "JACK AND JILL" (T.O.A.D.S.)
Saturday 27th)
- Sunday 28th : 2 p.m. Cricket Club's first practice match.

MAY

- Thursday 2nd : 7.30 p.m. Carpet Bowls Annual General Meeting
- Saturday 4th : Quoits Club season starts at "Gardeners' Arms"
- Monday 6th : BANK HOLIDAY. NO LIBRARY.
- Saturday 11th : 8 p.m. "Sociable Evening" (W.I.)
- Monday 20th : MOBILE LIBRARY
- Wedn'day 22nd : Prescriptions collection (W.I.)
- Thursday 23rd : LAST DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NEXT 'CHRONICLE'
- Thursday 30th : 2.30 p.m. "Tea at the Croft"

AND SOME ADVANCE WARNING DATES :-

- 19th June : W.I. organising an 'Open' visit to Lavenham Priory
- 22nd - 24th June : Art Exhibition in the Church and Mini Flower
and Produce Show in the Village Hall.

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