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"TOSTOCK 85"

We welcome further sporting activity in the village - the formation of another Football Club under the name of Tostock 85, who will play on Saturdays in the T.S.B. Bury League sharing our splendid new pitch with the established club who already carry our name with considerable success in the Sunday League.

We wish the new club good fortune and look forward to receiving regular reports on their progress in our "News from the Clubs" section. This will increase the number of our regular contributors to seventeen, which means that with production and distribution helpers, no fewer than twenty-seven people are directly involved in every single issue of 'The Chronicle'. Can we not be justifiably proud of co-operation on this scale in a village of our size?

PARISH COUNCIL

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

Eight Councillors were present at the meeting held in early October.

All footpath problems have been resolved except for the path from Flatts Lane to Church Road. Enquiries are still taking place to determine the owner of the hedge and who will be responsible for its cutting.

The Walters Memorial seat has arrived and Mrs. M. Laverick has agreed to carve the inscription. The seat will be positioned at the North-Western corner of the playing field after the laying of a concrete base by the Manpower Services Commission.

A full planning application for a dwelling in Church Road was discussed and also an outline planning application for a proposed dwelling and garage in Church Road. Both applications were agreed with no objections.

Miss J. Sherwood, Mr. M. O'Reilly and Mr. A. W. Hoadley were picked to represent the Parish Council in the Village Quiz and subsequently won the contest.

CHRISTMAS 1985 POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS

Deliveries : From Monday 9th December to Tuesday 24th December, there will be only ONE DAILY DELIVERY OF LETTERS AND PARCELS.

Collections : Normal collections will be suspended during the period from 9th December to 24th December and on the 31st December. The first collection will be made during the course of delivery. One afternoon collection will be made, generally earlier than the time shown on the letter box.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

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

Services :-

DECEMBER : 1st : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Tostock
 " : 3.00 p.m. Christingle Service at Tostock
 8th : 11.15 a.m. Family Service, followed by
 " : 12.10 p.m. 1662 Communion
 15th : 11.15 a.m. Family Communion
 19th : 7.30 p.m. Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at Pakenham
 22nd : 11.15 a.m. Matins
 " : 3.00 p.m. Family Carol Service
 24th : 3.00 p.m. Children's Crib Service at Pakenham
 " : 11.45 p.m. Midnight Communion at Norton
 25th : 8.00 a.m. 1662 Communion at Norton
 " : 9.00 a.m. Series 2 Communion at Tostock
 " : 10.30 a.m. Series 3 Family Communion at Pakenham
 29th : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Norton

JANUARY : 5th : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Tostock
 12th : 11.15 a.m. Family Service
 19th : 11.15 a.m. Communion
 26th : 11.15 a.m. Matins

FEBRUARY : 2nd : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Norton

Bazaar : Our very sincere thanks to Pat Reynolds and all who worked with her to make such a success of our Christmas Bazaar, and to all who contributed to the stalls and the draw and those who came to buy. For the first time the takings were over the £400 mark.

Christingle : This service marks the beginning of our Christmas season. The children bring their gift envelopes for the work of the Church of England's Children's Society and receive a decorated orange, the Christingle. This year the service for the three villages is at Tostock. Gift envelopes from Mrs. Rosemary Lister and Mrs. Sarah Martin.

Carol Services : The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols for the three villages will be at Pakenham on December 19th, and is to be attended by the Mayor of St. Edmundsbury. I hope we will have a full church to welcome him. Our Family Carol Service here in Tostock will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday 22nd December. It will include the Christmas Operetta "Only a Baby", with participants from the three villages.

Christmas Services : The short Crib Service at 3p.m. on Christmas Eve appeals particularly to the younger children. This year it will be at Pakenham. The Midnight Communion is at Norton. The Christmas Day service at Tostock will be at 9 a.m. which we hope will be a more convenient time than last year's 11.15 a.m.

Sunday after Christmas : So few people came to the three separate services last year that we have decided to unite this time, at 10 a.m. at Norton.

Services in 1986 : There may be minor alterations from the 1985 arrangements, to be confirmed at a PCC meeting after this issue has gone to press, but the regular time of 11.15 a.m. every Sunday, except the First Sunday of the month, will remain.

SUFFOLK CHURCH SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

The final amount collected for this event in September exceeded all expectations and over £580 was the total. St. Andrew's Church was already received it's half-share. Grateful thanks to the Sponsors who gave so readily and to the stewards, and congratulations to all the riders.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

Bonfire Night : The Bonfire on the Leys was enjoyed by a small crowd this year following the torchlight procession from the Village Hall. We are grateful to Mr. Hoadley for judging the Guy Competition - the first prize being awarded to the Brownies.

Once again the Committee is indebted to many helpers. Firstly to the tractor drivers and people who collected loads of rubbish on the preceding two weekends ; to Mr. Villar for the loan of the tractor and trailer ; to Mr. Alan Baully for building up the bonfire with his fork-lift and to the many who provided delicious barbeque food and refreshments on a cold and very windy night.

Best Kept Village Hall : We were invited to attend the Community Council for Suffolk's Annual Meeting to receive the framed certificate from the East Anglian Daily Times as a finalist in the competition. Unfortunately no-one was able to attend but they are arranging to deliver the certificate to us, which will shortly therefore be on display in the hall.

BROWNIES

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

We would like to thank all those who supported us with the Webb-Ivory cards. Our funds should benefit by about £50.

We will be holding our annual Carol Concert on Friday 13th December at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall. Brownies are already rehearsing for this. We are hoping to borrow the handbells again this year. There will be no entrance charge but a collection will be taken for Asthma Research. Refreshments will be available. Please come along and join us.

PLAYGROUP

(Mrs. Lin McAlinden, "Brierley", Leys Rd. tel.70591)

After a freezing cold start at 7 a.m. to set up our market stall in Bury (I think the temperature was minus two degrees during the night), we did a fairly brisk trade through the morning, and to compensate for cold hands, cold feet and wondering why we were mad enough to volunteer in the first place! we managed to raise £100. So we would like to thank everybody who generously gave us items to sell. The money will now go towards the running costs of the Playgroup.

We have the children's Christmas Party on Tuesday 17th December, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. when we hope Father Christmas will be making us a visit. As usual, any children aged three and under in the village are invited to come along and join in the fun.

We would like to wish all supporters of the Playgroup a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY DAY

The house-to-house and Church collections realised over £127. Sincere thanks to the Church, all the street collectors, the Post Office and the "Gardeners' Arms".

T. O. A. D. S. (TOSTOCK OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY)
 (Miss Lynn Canning, 6 Nitre Close, Woolpit, tel.40070)

Since the last edition of the 'Chronicle' we have been enjoying evenings of varied topics. We have read through and acted out many short plays, done lots of exercises, learnt to do ballet, tap dancing and even to waltz, and attempted various forms of stage make-up on ourselves and each other. One evening was taken up with a Hat Competition. Members were asked to make a hat depicting the title of a song/film/book.

On Tuesday 3rd December we are having an end-of-term party where we can all have another go at the things we have learnt.

Rehearsals for the next production (yet to be named) will begin after Christmas when we hope to see members again after a short break (and any new ones of course!).

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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

Christmas Bazaar : The annual Church Christmas Bazaar held on Saturday 16th November made a record sum of £408 for the Church Fabric Fund. Our sincere thanks to all who contributed to the many stalls and who manned them and of course to those who came along and supported the event so generously. A special thanks also to Paul Chapman and Betty and Arthur Evans. The children's Paper Hat competition with 12 entries was won by Sally Lister, Laura Glenister, Penny Lister and Tansy Harrison. The judge who's task was a very difficult one was Mrs. Mary Addington.

"Afternoon Tea at the Croft" : As usual this will not be held in December but will resume on Thursday 30th January, 1986. If anyone would be willing to give a talk or show slides on general subjects at these afternoons it would be much appreciated. A word to Mrs. Reynolds please if you think you can help.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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

The Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday 20th November. As mentioned in the last 'Chronicle' the Committee were concerned by the lack of support by the members. The need for an increase in our numbers was also expressed. As only a few attended this Annual Meeting it is with regret that a decision was taken to suspend Tostock W.I. Thanks was extended to the Committee for their work during the year.

GETTING IT TOGETHER

Our appeal for a new stapler did not go unheeded and very thankfully we are now adequately re-equipped in that respect. It has also encouraged us to know for certain that people do actually read the 'Chronicle'. Whatever the merits - or otherwise - of future issues we can at least promise that they will be impeccably stapled!

REFUSE COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS FOR
CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

The Mid Suffolk District Council have advised us as follows :-

If your normal collection day is :

MONDAY : No changes for you.

WEDNESDAY : No collection on Christmas Day 25th December.
No collection on New Year's Day, 1st January.

There will be a special collection from you on THURSDAY 2nd January, and you will have received a polythene sack before Christmas to store the extra week's rubbish.

FRIDAY : The collection due 3rd January will be made on SATURDAY 4th January.

BUS TIMETABLES

The new Winter timetables came into effect in September and for the benefit of those who do not use them frequently we summarise the current scheduled times to and from Bury and Stowmarket :-

<u>TO BURY</u>	<u>FROM BURY</u>	<u>TO STOWMARKET</u>	<u>FROM STOWMARKET</u>
8.19 a.m.	8.50 a.m.	9.19 a.m.	7.50 a.m.
10.22 a.m.	1.50 p.m.	2.22 p.m.	9.53 a.m.
1.07 p.m.	4.10 " (not Sats)	4.41 " (not Sats)	12.38 p.m.
3.31 "	4.50 " (Sats only)	5.22 " (Sats only)	3.02 "
7.24 "	5.15 " (not Sats)	5.53 " (not Sats)	6.55 "

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASSOCIATION

A cheque for £25 was sent to the Association during the National Appeal Week in October. This consisted of the contents of the collecting box in the Post Office together with the proceeds from the sale of some second-hand paperbacks.

The Suffolk Court of the International Order of Foresters has, during the past year, collected 12,000-lb. of foil. This has been sold and raised £1,000 towards the training of a guide dog. All foil left at the Post Office has gone towards this total. The Suffolk Court has won the award for the fifth year out of six for collecting most foil in the Central England area.

LOCAL HISTORY RECORDING

Several photographs of 'Old Tostock' have been submitted for copying. If anyone has any further photographs and would be willing to lend them for copies to be made please let Miss Wheeler know. Any stories of 'Old Tostock' and memories of the way of life or events in past years would also be of interest.

DO YOU ENJOY A FRIENDLY GAME OF CARDS?

A small number of retired residents meet in the Community Room at The Croft on Tuesday afternoons at 2.30 p.m. for an informal game of cards. These are essentially social occasions, with no recriminations and certainly no 'inquests' and an invitation is extended to any other like-minded retired residents who might care to join them.

WAITING FOR "LOVEJOY"

"And just who may he be?" You may well ask but very soon all will be revealed. Early in the New Year B.B.C. Television will be presenting a new 13-part series entitled "Lovejoy", which we understand will chronicle the somewhat questionable activities of a dubious antiques dealer, and in the very first episode Tostock House, the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Inskip, will appear as the scene of a dastardly night-time art robbery. Those who were fortunate enough to be passing the house on the night when it was being recorded were treated to a most attractive spectacle of its flood-lit facade on a perfect Autumn evening.

(A thought for the future. When Tostock stages its first "Son et Lumiere" for the tourists which the Suffolk County Council are so keen to attract to the area one need surely look no further for a perfect back-drop!)

The B.B.C. unit has been operating in this region for some months, including other locations in and around Tostock, and when "Lovejoy" eventually hits our screens we shall all have a secondary interest in playing 'Spot the Familiar Landmarks' if the plot itself fails to absorb all our interest.

AND THE COW JUMPED OVER THE

We recently joined the A1088 as a number of Col. Bowlby's young cattle were being taken across at a point where there are double white lines down the middle of the road. It was most entertaining to watch. Almost without exception the animals stopped dead at the lines, studied them very carefully for several seconds - and then leapt about a foot high over them!

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NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

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

To start, a mention of the A.G.M. which is scheduled for Thursday, 19th December at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Please would all players make an effort to attend and offer their vocal support. Other interested folk are very welcome to come along as well.

The 1985 season was a mixed one for Tostock, a season of two halves as it were. The weather played a major hand from time to time, and some matches were punctuated by raindrops or bad light: Nevertheless we won about 60% of the matches that were played, thanks to a bright start to the season which grew rather tarnished as the months progressed. Our flirt with the Jubilee Cup was but a short one as the club was knocked out in the first round.

Finally, a word of thanks to all those who helped prepare the pitch or who offered sustenance to the players. We will need you all again for 1986!

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

We successfully eliminated East Bergholt in the first round of the Chairman's Cup, winning both matches against them. In the second round, we have lost the first match with Woolpit but hope to redeem the situation on our return visit to them.

On 31st October, members enjoyed a sociable evening amongst ourselves. We have also arranged an away match with Barrow for 12th February 1986.

The Bowls Club takes this opportunity to wish all members and villagers a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

FOOTBALL :

Tostock 85 (Mr. Martin Durrant, 4 Orchard Close, Rougham, tel.70076)

The Saturday club was formed for the start of the 1985/6 season with many thanks to players and friends who took part in and sponsored a 12-hour Pool match. The players were G. Styles, M. Durrant, D. Brown, G. Hurley and P. Thurlow who deserve a special 'Thank You'. Our grateful thanks also to Mr. and Mrs. Ransome of the "Gardeners' Arms" for all their hospitality. The event made a clear profit of about £85 after the purchase of a football and payment of our entry fee to the T.S.B. Football League.

The club has been formed mainly for the youngsters in the village and for those who are unable to play in the very successful Sunday side. However we do have several who have signed on for both clubs. We now have 20 players on the books and obviously we try to play everyone as often as possible. I must thank all players for their support and patience as every week we have a minimum of 14 members available for selection.

After two pre-season friendly matches we started our assault at Hepworth, losing 3-0, and unfortunately we have also lost subsequent away games. At home, however, we have been more successful and at the time of writing are undefeated here, both in the League and in the two cups for which we have entered.

We are fortunate to be sponsored in our first season by Webb Agriculture who have kindly donated a set of football shirts for which we are most grateful. Finally many thanks to the committee of the Sunday club for the use of their goal nets and flags, and to Mr. Spencer for his kind support. Anyone interested in the club in any way should contact M. Durrant as above.

TENNIS : (Mrs. Heather Spencer, "Bosmere", Perkins Way, tel. 70395)

Magnum Disco : A Disco is being organised by Susy Grooms, to be held at the Village Hall on Saturday evening, 7th December. Admittance by ticket only, obtainable @ £1.50 from Susy Grooms, "Sandlappers", New Road, tel.70688 or Denise Parnment, 6 New Road, tel.70066.

Christmas Beetle Drive : On Monday, 16th December at 8 p.m. in Village Hall. Good prizes. Special Christmas Draw and hot mince-pies! Entry fee 50p. Come and join the fun.

Subscriptions : These are now due for the 1985/6 season - Adults £5 : Intermediate £3 : Children £2, payable to the Treasurer, Margaret Grooms, "Sandlappers", New Road. On payment of subs, members will be given the new combination lock number. New members welcome.

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

A Presentation Night was held at the "Gardeners' Arms" on 12th October. The David Clarke Shield was won by C. Buckle, with I. Friend as runner-up. The Club Singles Cup was won by E. Largent with T. Largent as runner-up and the T. Villar Cup by C. Buckle and R. Brown with runners-up A. Cowling and T. Largent.

The Club wish to thank Reg and Mary for the food provided.

The new season will start in early May, 1986 when it is hoped that anyone interested in this traditional game will come along.

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

At the very sparse turn-out for the Annual General Meeting in November, it was agreed to return last year's Committee 'en bloc'.

There is to be no increase in subscriptions, i.e. £6 annually for adults and £1 for teenagers. All paid-up members should have received the new lock number.

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SOLE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All events at the Village Hall unless otherwise stated)

DECEMBER :

- Sunday 1st : 3.00 p.m. 'Christingle' Service (Church notes)
- Monday 2nd : MOBILE LIBRARY
- Tuesday 3rd : T.O.A.D.S. End of Term Party (T.O.A.D.S. notes)
- Saturday 7th : Magnum Disco (Tennis notes)
- Friday 13th : 7.00 p.m. Brownies Carol Service (Brownie notes)
- Monday 16th : 8.00 p.m. Christmas Beetle Drive (Tennis notes)
- " " : MOBILE LIBRARY
- Tuesday 17th : 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Children's Christmas Party (Playgroup)
- Thursday 19th : 7.30 p.m. Cricket Club A.G.M. (Cricket Club notes)
- Sunday 22nd : 3 p.m. Family Carol Service (Church notes)
- Monday 30th : MOBILE LIBRARY

JANUARY, 1986 :

- Monday 13th : MOBILE LIBRARY
- Monday 27th : MOBILE LIBRARY
- Thursday 30th : 2.30 p.m. "Tea at the Croft" resumes (Church Social notes)

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THE CHRONICLE EXTENDS TO ALL ITS READERS THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON AND LOOKS FORWARD TO RECEIVING THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN THE COMING YEAR.

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