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BRITISH SUMMER TIME

One of the most pleasant entries in the 'Chronicle Diary' each year is the announcement of the starting date for official 'Summer Time', even if like last year the weather for the next few months really makes it seem like a bit of a misnomer.

This year it starts in the wee small hours of Sunday 30th March (Easter Day - a happy coincidence) so be sure to remember to put your clocks and watches FORWARD one hour before retiring to bed on Saturday 29th.

Just for the record it will end on the weekend of 25th/26th October but we'll jog your memory about that in due course.

PARISH COUNCIL

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

There was a full attendance at the last meeting, chaired by Mr. A. Villar.

Flatts Lane excess water problem has been dealt with by Suffolk County Highways Department.

Footpath from Flatts Lane to Church Road. Correspondence has been taking place and it is hoped that the problem will soon be resolved.

The Cricket Club have still not paid their agreed share towards the cost of mowing the playing field and have been written to again.

Walters Memorial Seat. Mrs. Laverick has kindly carved the inscription and it is hoped to erect the seat as soon as the Manpower Services have laid the concrete base.

Pond Clearance. Mr. R. Douglas volunteered to clean and tidy up the pond unaided. This has now been done and the Council are very grateful to him for the hard work he has put into this and also to Mr. Mann for removing the 'spoils'.

Planning Applications. Mid Suffolk informed the Council that the applications for the building of a cottage in Church Road and extensions to another property had been passed, but that outline planning for a property and a garage had been refused.

Suffolk's Structure Plan 'Towards 2000' was discussed. Each Councillor was to read the report and if necessary a meeting would be held in December to discuss any points raised, but it was found that the proposals made little or no difference to this village.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

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

Services :

FEBRUARY 2nd : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Norton
 9th : 11.15 a.m. Family Service
 16th : 11.15 a.m. 1662 Communion
 23rd : 11.15 a.m. Matins

MARCH 2nd : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Tostock
 9th : 11.15 a.m. Mothering Sunday Family Service
 16th : 11.15 a.m. 1662 Communion
 23rd : 11.15 a.m. (Palm Sunday) Matins
 28th : 10.00 a.m. Good Friday Service
 30th : 11.15 a.m. (Easter Day) Family Communion

APRIL 6th : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Fakenham

Ash Wednesday (12th February) : There will be services at Norton at 10.30 a.m. (in the Community Room in School Close) and at Fakenham at 7.30 p.m.

Lent Course : The Archdeacon will be leading our meetings at Norton School on Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. beginning on February 18th. He will be talking about the Christian Faith and these meetings should be of interest to those who find our religion difficult to accept as well as to church members.

Good Friday : This year we plan a Family Service at Norton at 11.15 a.m., a One Hour Devotion at Fakenham at 2 p.m. and a service at Tostock at 10 a.m.

Easter Day : The Archdeacon will celebrate at the Family Communion at 11.15 a.m. There will be a special Festival Evensong for the three villages at Fakenham at 6 p.m.

"Keep Sunday Special" : There will be meetings throughout the country on 14th February but I have not yet received details of the local one.

Mothering Sunday : We will have posies for the children to give their mothers at the Family Service on March 9th.

Carol Singing : A cheque for £77.40 was sent to the "Save the Children" Fund, the result of carol singing in the village.

New Year's Party : 17 young members of the church were invited to a New Year's Party at 'The Croft', organised by Mrs. Pat Reynolds, assisted by Mrs. Jeanne O'Reilly and Miss Olga Phillips. Each child on leaving received sweets given by Mrs. Doris Armstrong.

ANNUAL MEETING : The Church Annual Meeting will be held late in March. I hope all church members will try to be there.

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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

"Tea at the Croft" on Thursdays 27th February and 27th March.

Forthcoming Events : "All Secretaries of other village organisations please note the following dates :-

March 22nd (Sat.) : Jumble Sale & White Elephant
 July 12th (Sat.) : Fete
 October 3rd (Fri.) : Harvest Supper
 November 15th (Sat.) : Christmas Bazaar

Any gifts for the Jumble and White Elephant sale can be received at "Better View" at any time.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 21st March at 8 p.m. Everyone in the village is invited to come along for the annual election of officers and to express any views you may have on your Village Hall.

The Art Exhibition - now an annual event - will be held this year on 21st, 22nd and 23rd June in Tostock Church ; and we are planning to hold a Craft Show once again in the Village Hall to run in conjunction with the Art Exhibition. Further details will be published at a later date.

It has been decided to enter the 1986 Village Hall of the Year Competition - especially as we were a finalist last year. This event is sponsored by the East Anglian Daily Times.

We would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Simon Reynolds for their kind donation of glasses and a jug for the hall, which is much appreciated.

Photographs : Sadly the response to our search for photographs of village events has been very poor. If anyone has a photograph of a village event which we could borrow and take a copy of to frame and hang in the Hall we would be delighted to hear from you. Does anyone have a photograph perhaps of a very happy Victoriana week in Tostock?

BROWNIES

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

Eight Brownies attended the Sixers and Seconders day held at Great Barton in November. This is an all-day event which enables Brownies from other packs to meet.

A large audience attended the Annual Carol Concert. All the Brownies took part, either with recorders, violin, guitar, reciting or singing. A short play was also acted, and three carols were played on the handbells. We would like to thank all those who came along and as a result of this successful evening we were able to send £60 to the Asthma Research Association.

We would also like to thank parents and friends who supported our Webb Ivory fund, raising £55 for the Pack funds.

PLAYGROUP

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

The children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas Party with games, songs, etc., with the arrival of Father Christmas completing their day, and for which we thank Mr. Shimmons very much for his time and patience.

We said goodbye to two children at the end of last term to start school, Melissa Cocksedge and Gemma Carberry, and welcomed three new children Jess Cotton, Andrew Seago and Francesca Hyett.

At the end of November Sarah Martin had an 'Open House' at "Strawberry Cottage" where there were various handicraft items for sale, plus ploughman's lunches, cream teas, coffee etc. We would like to thank everyone who went along on a very snowy, slippery day, and we are pleased to say that due to the success of the day we now have £70 towards the Playgroup funds.

T.O.A.D.S. (TOSTOCK OPERATIC & DRAMATIC SOCIETY)
 (Miss Lynn Cammin, 6, Mitre Close, Woolpit, tel. 40070)

We thank all members who attended last term's classes and hope that they learnt something as well as enjoying themselves. We ended the term with a party where we laid on a buffet, played games and danced to records.

Rehearsals are now under way for the Spring Production which is yet to be named. It will take the form of a short one-act Play followed by a Revue, with dances, sketches and jokes. Everybody's sort of entertainment! The dates for this show are Friday 11th, Saturday 12th and Friday 18th and Saturday 19th April, 1986. We will keep you posted with information on titles, times and tickets!

TOSTOCK'S ANNUAL 'FUN RUN'

(organised by Tostock Joint Sports Committee)

It has been proposed that this should take place on May Bank Holiday Monday 5th May. It is hoped that more will take part this year. Rules the same as last year.

Calling all Clubs or Committees who need to raise funds for their organisations. THIS IS THE EVENT TO DO IT IN ONE BIG EFFORT. Further information in the next 'Chronicle' but in the meantime any enquiries please contact Peter Jones, "Helvellyn", School Road, Elm swell, tel.40130).

WHIST DRIVE IN AID OF SUFFOLK BLIND

A WHIST DRIVE is to be held in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Easter Monday, 31st March. Admission is 60p. including refreshments. Come along and see if you can win a ticket to the yearly Whist Drive to be held in Bury St. Edmunds.

Lots of PRIZES, a RAFFLE and also a large DRAW. The tickets for the draw can be bought beforehand at 10p each from Mrs. Betty Evans, "The Snave", Platts Lane. (I will be calling on each householder later selling these draw tickets).

If you would like to donate a gift or small food item towards a hamper in the draw these would be greatly appreciated. These can be left in a box at the Post Office (by kind permission of the Post Office ladies) or delivered to me at "The Snave". Many thanks.

Betty Evans.

ARMSTRONG'S WOOD

(Bordering Church Road all the way from the bridge to the church)

The Woodland Trust who own the wood are weeding, cleaning and thinning out to give younger trees more space to grow and develop large crowns. The Bury St. Edmunds Conservation Volunteers are carrying out the actual work for the Trust and we are indeed fortunate that this attractive approach to the village is being so well looked after.

The Trust, which is a nationwide organisation, has two voluntary wardens in Tostock, Mr. Fred Armstrong and Mr. Chris Buxton. The Regional Officer is Mrs. Diana MacHullen of "Braeside", Stoke Road, Lower Leyham, Nr. Ipswich, IP7 5RB (tel. 0473-822699) who will be only too pleased to give further information about the Woodland Trust to anyone who is interested in its work or would like to join.

NOT SO FINE FOR MOBILE LIBRARY USERS

At the moment, conditions for borrowing from the Mobile Libraries have been very much more relaxed than for those using Branch Libraries. Mobile borrowers have also been able to take any number of books at a time and no 'fines' have been levied on overdue books.

All that is about to change. As from 17th March, 1986 :

1. The number of books you may borrow at any one time will be SIX, which must be returned on or before the SECOND subsequent visit of the library van - usually FOUR WEEKS later. (If for any reason the van misses its regular visit then the date your books are due back will be extended automatically by one visit).
2. If you keep books beyond the four weeks as above (without having them properly re-issued at the van), you will be charged ('FINED') at the rates shown below :-

<u>Visits overdue</u>	<u>Adult books</u>	<u>Children's books</u>
1	25p	2p
2	50p	4p
3	75p	6p
4	£1.00	8p
5	£1.25	10p
6	£1.50	12p
7	£1.75	14p
8	£2.00	16p
9	£2.25	18p
10	£2.50	20p

and if you keep your books more than 10 weeks overdue you may expect an account to be sent to you!

The charges are being introduced partly so that all Suffolk County Library users, Branch and Mobile, are treated equally, but also to speed up the circulation of popular books on the Mobile Libraries.

You have been warned so make sure that you clear up any differences with the Mobile Librarian about missing books BEFORE the 17th March and start the new regime with a clean slate, when the van pays its next visit to Tostock on the 24th March.

THE LEYS POND

Isn't it nice to see the pond being tidied up, with a good area of clear water again after one feared that it was in danger of reverting to its pre-1984 conditions. We have to thank our new Pond Warden Mr. Bob Douglas for this, not forgetting of course Mr. Hector Mann's invaluable help in clearing away and disposing of the 'spoil'.

When the idea of appointing a Warden was first mooted it was never the intention that he should be expected to do all the work himself, although Bob says he is quite prepared to do the jobs that can reasonably be done with one pair of hands. From time to time, however, it must become necessary to look for a little assistance and it would be a great help to him if anyone with the village's interest at heart who would be willing to lend a hand occasionally, would let him know now so that when the time comes he will know where to turn.

Bob's address is "Beauregard", (next to the Post Office) on the Green and his telephone number is 70211.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS :

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

A well supported Annual General Meeting was held at the Village Hall on the 19th December last when new officers elected were :-

Chairman : Michael Dean Secretary : Mick Spencer
Treasurer: Mike Martin Fixtures : Michael Dean Pitch Rota : David Plane

Election of the 2 team captains was deferred until the next meeting. This, an open meeting for all members and interested parties was fixed for TUESDAY 18th FEBRUARY at 7.30 p.m. at "THE GARDENERS' ARMS". Interested? Then please make a diary note, and come along.

The 1986 season opens on Sunday 27th April at 2.30 p.m. for a practice match. This is an important event for rusty limbs, and an opportunity for new talent. Evergreen players and stalwarts, need I say more?

M. Dean.

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

During the recent cold spell there has been little activity on the court.

Dave Mullinger, ex Hon Treasurer is now married and living in Norwich. He has been presented with an inscribed tankard for his endeavours for Squash.

CARPET BOWLS : (Mrs. M. Loverick, "Glentor", Norton Road, tel. 70964)

The club is now playing in the West Suffolk League and so far two games have been played, both against Needham Market. In spite of some skilful play by several members, we were beaten on both occasions. However we are hoping for better results next time, when we play Barrow.

The following matches have been arranged for the coming months :-

Sunday, February	2nd	: 7 p.m. :	Chairman's Cup - at Woolpit
"	"	9th	: v. Cockfield - at home
Wednesday, "	12th	: v. Barrow	- away
Sunday, "	23rd	: v. Cockfield	- away
Thursday, March	6th	: v. Syleham	- at home
Monday, "	17th	: v. Syleham	- away

There will be a free Bowls Evening for any newcomers to the game on Thursday, 6th February, so do come along if you are interested. Any new players are always welcome.

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

The Magnum Disco organised by Susy Grooms in December was very successful and raised £78. The Committee is very grateful to Susy and all those who helped.

The Christmas Beetle Drive was another happy occasion and enjoyed by our regular supporters, mostly the youngsters. Once again our thanks to Mrs. Myra Coe for her delicious mince-pies.

Subscriptions are now due for the 1986 season - Adults £5 :
Intermediate £3 and Children £2, payable to the Treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Grooms, "Sandlappers", New Road, or the secretary above. New members welcome. On the social side, the next Beetle Drive will be on Wednesday, 5th March at 8 p.m. when we hope to see all our old friends. The A.G.M. of the Club will be on 23rd April at 8 p.m. and we are hoping to run a Barn Dance at the end of April or beginning of May. Details later.

FOOTBALL :

TOSTOCK F.C. : (Mr. Peter Jones, "Helvellyn", School Road, Elmswell, tel.40130)

How can one start a report faced with little to cheer about and facing relegation? Certainly not like last season when I could easily have doubled the size of the "Chronicle" !

After starting well in the Suffolk County Shield, getting through to the last 64, we lost 2-1 to Rickenhall, probably one of the weakest sides we have had to meet this season. Readers can draw their own conclusions from this bottom of the league tables :-

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
St. Edmunds :	15	4	2	9	20	40	10
Barningham :	14	3	3	8	18	34	9
TOSTOCK F.C. :	9	4	0	5	16	19	8
Travenol :	12	0	1	11	13	52	1

(With all those games in hand and with a very small adverse goal difference the situation is surely not all that grim. Ed.)

Social Activities :

On Saturday 15th February we have a Valentine's Dance featuring 'Jailbreaker' at Norton Village Hall from 8 - midnight. Bar and buffet are included. More music from right out of the 60'ies. Tickets from any F.C. member.

The application forms are now available for our "100 Club" Draw. The draw starts as soon as 40 members have subscribed. Those interested please contact Peter Jones as above.

Tostock F.C. Annual Snooker Championship will be held at 'Pot Black' on Saturday 15th March. Entrants close at 32 so be sure to put your name forward to avoid disappointment. There will be a buffet. Further details once again from Peter Jones as above.

'TOSTOCK 85' : (Mr. Martin Durrant, 4 Orchard Close, Roughan, tel.70076)

The club finished 1985 with a good win against Chedburgh and Debden at home by 3 - 1, then drew disappointingly 3 - 3 against lowly Black Horse of Thetford.

On the last Saturday we had an organised trip to the Norwood Rooms, Norwich which was well supported by the club, their friends and people from the village. Many thanks to all who made the evening very enjoyable.

The club have started 1986 very unsuccessfully, losing away to Beck Row Reserves 6 - 0 in the league. G. Styles, deputising in goal for our regular keeper G. Baldry, did quite well under the circumstances. The following week we lost 3-1 at home to Sicklesmere Reserves, our consolation goal being scored from the penalty spot by S. Neal after R. George was unlucky on several occasions. On the 18th January we travelled to Stanton hoping to reverse a recent Cup defeat but unfortunately we lost again to a very good team 7-1, our goalscorer being R. Neal.

We can only improve on our recent results and we are going into Saturday's match against local rivals Elmswell Reserves with high hopes. Although our results are disappointing it is very nice to see all the members turning up for matches although many know they are not playing.

I draw my report to a close with an urgent request. The club are urgently in need of a FIRST AID BOX, so if you have a medium sized box in the shed, garage or attic and it is collecting dust please contact Martin Durrant, as above. Thank you.

SOLE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All events at the Village Hall unless otherwise stated)

FEBRUARY :

Thursday 6th : Free Carpet Bowls Evening (Carpet Bowls notes)
 Monday 10th : MOBILE LIBRARY
 Saturday 15th : 8 - Midnt. Football Club Dance at Norton (Tostock F.C. notes)
 Tuesday 18th : 7.30 p.m. Cricket Club Meeting (Cricket notes)
 Monday 24th : MOBILE LIBRARY
 Thursday 27th : 2.30 p.m. "Tea at the Croft"

MARCH :

Wed. 5th : Beetle Drive 8 p.m. (Tennis notes)
 Monday 10th : MOBILE LIBRARY
 Saturday 15th : Snooker Championship, Bury (Tostock F.C. notes)
 Friday 21st : 8 p.m. Village Hall A.G.M. (Hall Management notes)
 Saturday 22nd : Junble Sale and White Elephant Stall (Church Social notes)
 Sunday 23rd : LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING COPY FOR NEXT 'CHRONICLE'.
 Monday 24th : MOBILE LIBRARY (Start of 'fines' for overdue books, page 5)
 Thursday 27th : 2.30 p.m. "Tea at the Croft".
 Saturday 29th : SUMMER TIME BEGINS TONIGHT - CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR
 Monday 31st : Easter Monday : 7.30 p.m. Whist Drive for the Blind (page 4)

AND SOME COMING EVENTS :-

April 23rd : 8 p.m. : Tennis Club A.G.M.
 April 11th/12th and 18th/19th : T.O.A.D.S. 'next' production
 April 27th : 2.30 p.m. Cricket Club's first practice match (Club notes)
 May 5th (May Bank Holiday) : Tostock's second 'FUN RUN' (page 4)
 June 21-22-23rd : Art Exhibition and Craft Show
 July 12th : Church Fete

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