

The Tostock Chronicle

No. 155

APRIL/MAY, 1986

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (Tuesday, 22nd April)

With an Electoral Roll of well over three hundred it is both disappointing and disheartening if only some twenty or so make the small effort required to support this annual event. There are of course many for whom evening outings are for health reasons not possible but there must be very few of us who have not at some time said, or at least thought, "Why don't 'they' do this?" or "I think 'such and such' would be an improvement for the village."

The Annual Parish Meeting is the very place to put forward those views and also to hear from representatives of all the village clubs and organisations a summary of what has gone on during the year. Please make the effort to attend if you can.

Incidentally there were one or two clubs last year who for some reason were not represented on the night. If any secretaries find that they cannot manage to be there will they please at least send along a short report which can be read out by the Clerk on their behalf. The village is interested in the progress of its various clubs.

PARISH COUNCIL

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

Two councillors were absent from the last meeting but Cllr. Siffleet was in attendance.

The Cricket Club had still not paid their share of costs for cutting the playing field and were to receive another letter. This has since been paid.

Two outline planning applications were discussed and were agreed in principle. All councillors expressed very grave concern regarding access to and from both sites which are situated at the junction of Church Road and Leys Road. Mid-Suffolk District Council have been notified accordingly.

It has been noted that the Green is again being churned up at the Eastern end and also cars are being driven across the Green and Leys in order to get to properties. Residents and visitors are requested to refrain from this practice in order to prevent further damage.

Complaints have been received about dogs fouling the footpath in Norton Road and a request is made that owners exercise more control over their pets.

The Treasurer requested authorisation for payment of five cheques all of which were agreed. The Precept for 1986/7 was discussed and finally agreed to request for £500 as last year. Any shortfall in expenditure to be met from the Deposit Account which at present stands at £2,159.

The date of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING is fixed for TUESDAY 22nd APRIL at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Hall. Mr. Beckett from Mid-Suffolk District Council will be guest speaker and will be talking about the Community Emergency Organisation. Please make a note of the date. THIS IS YOUR MEETING.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

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

Services :-APRIL 6th : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Pakenham

13th : 11.15 a.m. Family Service

20th : 11.15 a.m. 1662 Communion

27th : 11.15 a.m. Matins

MAY 4th : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Norton

11th : 11.15 a.m. Family Service

18th : 11.15 a.m. 1662 Communion (Whit Sunday)

25th : 11.15 a.m. Matins

JUNE 1st : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Tostock

Annual Meeting : There were few surprises at our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on March 19th. We are grateful to our church officers for agreeing to continue in office. Ray Rouse has resigned from the P.C.C. and Pat Reynolds will represent us on the Village Hall Committee in his place. The accounts showed that we have just covered our ordinary expenditure in 1985 and have a healthy balance in the Fabric Fund - though most of it will go when we have the church re-decorated later this year.

Bereavement : Our sincere sympathy to the Editor of the 'Chronicle' on the sudden death of his wife in February.

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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

"Afternoon Tea at the Croft" started the year with a New Year Party when about 22 guests were received and given a glass of wine on arrival. Mr. Bill Hoadley then entertained us with slides of Norway and Summer Cruises, after which a party tea was served. The next 'Croft Teas' will be on Thursdays 24th April and 29th May.

We had a wonderful response for our sale on 22nd March, for which we are most grateful. On the day our total takings amounted to £172 and after deducting expenses there was a resulting profit of £150 for the Church Fabric Fund. Thank you everyone.

CAN YOU HELP PLEASE ?

We are looking for one or two more volunteers for cleaning at St. Andrew's Church, Tostock. Working in pairs it will only mean being called upon once in six weeks, starting from 11th April.

If you can help or would like further particulars please get in touch with Mrs. Smith, Fox and Goose Cottage, Tostock, tel. 40384.

My grateful thanks to everyone for the cards, letters and other expressions of sympathy and support and offers of help which I have received following the death of my dear Christine. It has been quite overwhelming but a great comfort and help to me in adjusting to life without her. Thank you Tostock.

Bill Hoadley

"Death ends a life but it does not end a relationship. None of us can really erase a meaningful loving relationship when death closes the door on it."

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT

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

Invitations have been sent out to artists inviting them to exhibit their work in the Church at our Seventh Art Exhibition to be held there on Saturday, Sunday afternoon and Monday, 21st, 22nd and 23rd June. Any profits will be split equally between the Church Fabric Fund and Village Hall funds.

The same weekend a Craft Show will be held in the Village Hall. Will anyone from the village wishing to exhibit who we may have missed, please contact the Secretary.

At the Annual General Meeting on 21st March which again, regrettably, was rather sparsely attended, the following officials and committee members were elected for the coming year :-

<u>Secretary</u> : Mrs. Sarah Martin	<u>Booking Manager</u> : Mr. Peter Buckle
<u>Treasurer</u> : Mrs. Sharon Hall	<u>Committee Members</u> : Mr. M. Spencer, Mr. L. Grooms, Mrs. Jenny Thomas and Mrs. Julie Harrison.

The names of the elected representatives from other organisations in the village will be given in the next issue of the 'Chronicle'.

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

"IT'S SPRING" is the title of the TOADS production Friday 11th, Saturday 12th, Friday 18th and Saturday 19th April. Performances commence at 7.30 p.m., in the Village Hall as usual. Tickets cost £1.50 for Adults and £1.00 for Children and O.A.P.'s and are available from the Box Office, Mick Spencer on Beyton 70395.

Rehearsals are of course nearing the finishing stages with the show being staged next week. The show consists of a one-act comedy play entitled "Frankenstein Slept Here", followed by a revue of dances, sketches and jokes.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at what we think will be a most enjoyable evening.

BROWNIES

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

On Wednesday, 12th February the pack invaded the Bury Fire Station. The tour started with the communications room where the emergency calls come through from Ipswich. During the visit we were fortunate to see a fire engine go out of the station on an emergency call.

Members from our Brownie Pack joined other Packs and Guide Companies in the district for the Thinking Day celebrations at Norton Village Hall. Each unit chose a different country to represent - this included traditional food-stuffs from that country to sample and the costume. Our pack chose the U.S.A. and Brownies came dressed as Cowgirls and Indians.

The annual Litter Pick-up will take place on Wednesday 2nd April, when refreshments will be available afterwards.

PLAYGROUP

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

In March a very successful Coffee Morning was held at the home of Mary Myatt and after the sales of cakes, coffee and a raffle, the sum of £60 was raised towards Playgroup funds and we thank all those who supported it.

The children have been busy making various things during the term including a lovely pendant necklace made out of clay and painted, which each mother was given for Mothering Sunday.

Another term is nearly finished and we say goodbye to Ned and Jess Cotton who have left the area and Thomas Seago who starts school.

As usual we have our ups and downs so far as the number of children in Playgroup go, but we are having more downs than ups lately, so if you know of any child aged 3 - 5 who would like to come along, the new term starts on the 10th April, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.30 - 12 at the Village Hall. Over half of the children registered come from neighbouring villages.

ATTENTION ALL GARDENERS, WINE MAKERS, BREWERS, BAKERS AND JAM MAKERS !

A date for your diary - the second Tostock Mini-Horticultural Show will be held this year on Saturday, 20th September.

Start your preparations now - sow those seeds, ferment that wine!

The schedule of classes is now in preparation. Any special request or offers of help will be gratefully received by Barney and Julie Harrison, 4 Perkins Way, tel. 70247.

PUTTING TOSTOCK ON THE T.V. MAP ?

The interest in Tostock shown by Television companies continues unabated. After the Swedish T.V.'s documentary in 1984 came the B.B.C.'s shots for "Lovejoy" last year and now comes Anglia T.V.'s recording of a Pub Quiz session at the "Gardeners' Arms" just recently. We understand that this will come out in the course of Paul Barnes' programme "Anything Goes", probably on Thursday evening 17th April. Whatever next we wonder. The TOADS' next pantomime on our small screens?

FRIENDS OF THE WOOLPIT HEALTH CENTRE

The Parish Council has received the following letter and is pleased to put it before you for your earnest consideration :-

"The Friends of the Woolpit Health Centre hope that your Parish Council will assist us in our drive to equip the proposed Health Centre extension which is due to be built during 1986. This appeal is necessary as it is estimated that nearly all the money which has been allocated by the Health Authority for the extension will be required to provide the bare necessities only, and there will be precious little left over to purchase equipment.

We are not asking your Council to donate money to us directly (although if you wish to do this we won't refuse it) but we would like you to make our aims known in your village so that individuals can either make donations themselves or perhaps organise fund raising events.

The Friends consist of a small committee of lay persons who work in close liaison with the doctors and the sole aim is to improve facilities at the Health Centre. Newer residents will realise that the building is already well equipped compared with many surgeries and health centres, whilst longer term residents will know that the present facilities are infinitely better than those which existed in the old Woolpit surgery. Nevertheless, there is a constant need for money to buy additional equipment and to replace the old.

Donations may be sent to the Treasurer, Mr. Roger Eburne, Street House, Woolpit.

Lloyd E. Baker.
Chairman "

DON'T LET THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER READ THIS !

We are indebted to Mrs. Rosemary Pearson for this insight into an unusual financial demand with which our forebears in Tostock had to cope some three hundred years ago.

In the Spring of 1662, King Charles II found himself short of ready cash and "entreated Parliament to grant him some money." This they obingly did by passing in a matter of days the Hearth Tax, defined as "an Act for establishing an additional revenue upon His Majesty, his heirs and successors, for the better support of his and their crown and dignity."

The tax was two shillings a year on every hearth in England and Wales and the return for Tostock in the year 1674 names some 31 luckless individuals 'enjoying' the luxury of one or more fire-hearths, Lord North at Tostock Place heading the list with 19 of them.

This tax was, not surprisingly, "hated, evaded and resisted" and in 1689 King William III agreed to let it drop.

As far as we know the 'Tostock Chronicle' is not yet read in No.11 Downing Street but as a precaution we have delayed publicising this fruitful precedent for raising extra revenue for the Chancellor until after the 1986 Budget Day. Watch out though for a possible levy on electric fires or oil heaters next year!

+++++
+ We would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who +
+ kindly sent us messages of sympathy on the sudden death of our +
+ mother and grandmother, Mrs. V. Cowdell. +
+

Heather Spencer & family
+++++

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

We hope now that the weather is at last improving, some folk will begin to think about tennis again. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd April at 8 p.m. at the Village Hall and we hope all interested parties will come along to elect a Committee, discuss plans for the Summer and finances.

A Barn Dance has been booked for Saturday 26th April at the Village Hall - tickets at £2.50 (Adult) and £2 (Young persons up to 18) - will shortly be on sale. The band called 'The Inertia Reel Folk Dance Band' have in fact been to Tostock in the past. The price includes a Ploughman's Supper. Tickets from Chairman, Secretary, or Treasurer.

Subscriptions for the current season are payable to Mrs. M. Grooms, "Sandlappers", New Road, tel.70688, Adult £5, Intermediate £3 and Child £2. It is advisable to book the court either through Mrs. D. Pamment tel.70066 or Mrs. Grooms.

A new notice board (made by Mr. Laverick) will shortly be placed on the inside of the court.

Our members have been invited to join in the 'Fun Run' on May Day (Monday 5th May), organised by Mr. Peter Jones. Further details from Mr. Jones, see page 6.

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

A full fixture list for 1986 has been drawn up and all we need is an enthusiastic bunch of cricketers to cope with the opposition.

We are having a practice match on Sunday 27th April at 2.30 p.m. and hope that all keen players will be present.

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

With the advent of warmer weather Squash should be popular again. New members (Adults £6, Teenagers £1 annually) are most welcome to apply to the Hon. Treasurer, Ian Jagger, "Greenlees", Flatts Lane, Tostock.

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

The league matches have now all been played. The members who managed to attend played well, but Lady Luck was frequently looking the other way! We did manage to draw two matches, and had some very enjoyable evenings. Next season we hope to develop team tactics and have a better result.

These are the dates for the next two months :-

April : Thursdays - 3rd (A.G.M.), 17th, 24th. (N.B. No meeting on 10th April)
Sundays - 6th, 20th.
May : Thursdays - 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.
Sundays - 4th and 18th and 1st June.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on Thursday 3rd April at 7.30 p.m.

There are also three invitations :-

1. A Pairs Competition at Barrow on Sunday 15th June at 11a.m.
The entry fee is £1 per pair.
2. A Fours Competition at Woolpit on Sunday 6th April at 2.30 for 3 p.m.
3. Finally on 19th April, there will be a Finals Day, also at Woolpit at 1.30 p.m. For further details of this contact J. Laverick as above.

