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VOLUNTEERS PLEASE. YOU, YOU & YOU !

Every active community, however small, needs volunteers from time to time to take on a few little jobs for the ultimate benefit of all its residents. Tostock is no exception and you will see from the Parish Council notes below that we are at present in need of three such public-spirited individuals, a Pond Warden, a Community Emergency Organiser and a Public Transport Liaison Officer.

There are no restrictions as to age or sex, and indeed some jobs can be taken on by several like-minded people, so please think seriously if you could fill one of these vacancies, or perhaps know someone who might do so if approached. Miss Wheeler at the Post Office would be very pleased indeed to hear from you - and we would all be very grateful.

PARISH COUNCIL

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

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 22nd April and was attended by 26 parishioners and 8 councillors.

Mr. Beckett the Community Emergency Organiser gave an outline of the role of a local leader with a back-up team and explained that this was really an extension of the old Civil Defence. It is hoped that as a result of his talk a volunteer will come forward to be leader for this village. Further information can be obtained from the Clerk.

Dist. Cllr. Siffleet outlined the rating for 1986/7 and answered various questions from the floor.

Reports were given by the Clerk, Village Hall Management, Brownies, Playgroup, TOADS, Church Social Committee, Carpet Bowls, Cricket, Tennis, Darts and Quoits Clubs. No reports were given by either Football clubs or by the Youth Club.

The Treasurer gave a report on the balance sheet showing a balance in hand at the end of the 1985 account of £2,295.77. Mr. S. Reynolds was thanked for his work on the mower and for cutting the Green. It was pointed out that the tractor was insured and licensed only to be used on Parish Council land and must not be taken onto the public highway or used for any purpose other than pulling the gang mowers.

It was agreed to donate £25 for the Suffolk Accident & Rescue Service, £10 for Suffolk Age Concern, £50 for the St. Nicholas Hospice and £25 towards the upkeep of the Churchyard.

The village is also looking for a Pond Warden to keep the pond under observation and to organise an annual working party for a general tidy-up in the Autumn.

A Public Transport Liaison Officer (preferably a bus user) to take over from Mrs. Spencer who has resigned, is also required. Further details of both these jobs and anyone interested can contact the Clerk as above.

Parish Council (Continued)

Preceding the Public Meeting, there was a short Council meeting to discuss the traffic problems at the Eastern end of the Green and it was decided to write to Greene King requesting a 'Car park at rear' sign be erected outside the "Gardeners' Arms."

The Council had notification from Mid-Suffolk that the two planning applications at "Better View" had been passed by them, but with a number of conditions to be complied with when detailed planning was applied for. Being in the Conservation Area, Mid-Suffolk have imposed a preservation order on all trees within the area of development.

Four names had been put forward to fill the vacancy on the Council and the appropriate procedure has been started.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

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

Services :

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

8th : 11.15 a.m. Family Service

15th : 11.15 a.m. 1662 Communion

22nd : 11.15 a.m. Matins

29th : 11.15 a.m. Songs of Praise (See below)

JULY 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

AUGUST 3rd : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Norton

Songs of Praise : June 29th is a fifth Sunday in the month and brings one of our occasional Songs of Praise services. This time we expect to welcome a group from the Norton Salvation Army Band to lead some of the singing, possibly with a few extra instrumentalists from Tostock, and we will be hoping for a full church.

Art Exhibition : We look forward to the Art Exhibition at the Church on June 21st to 23rd and trust that it will be supported as well as in previous years.

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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

The Church Fete will be held this year on Saturday 12th July starting at 2.30 p.m. at the Village Hall and Playing Field. The T.O.A.D.S. will again be entertaining us with a short programme during the afternoon.

We shall be serving Teas and Refreshments at the Village Hall on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd June for those attending the Art Exhibition and the Craft Show that weekend.

"Afternoon Tea at the Croft" will be held on Thursday 26th June but as usual these afternoons will be suspended during July and August.

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

Firstly we would like to thank all those who came to see the production "It's Spring". We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

On Tuesday 20th May the Annual General Meeting was held in the Village Hall and a new committee elected as follows :-

Chairman : Sheelagh Millman Vice-Chairman : Michele Faiers
 Secretary : Lynn Canning Treasurer : Maureen Beales
 Officers : Mark Stewart, Sean Douglas, Claire O'Reilly,
 Emma Wallington and Imogen Rogers

Plans for the coming year (1966/7) were discussed and the following events agreed upon :-

Firstly, a small entertainment at the Church Fete on 12th July.
 Then, a Floor Show in the Autumn. This is to be a musical entertainment evening with refreshments in aid of the new Village Hall floor. It is also hoped that other talented people in the village will be willing to join in.

Next there will be a traditional Pantomime in late January, possibly "Puss in Boots".

Lastly this year, there will be a comedy play in the Spring.
 More details of dates etc., will be published in the next edition of the 'Chronicle'.

We hope you will all endeavour to support us on these occasions, which we are sure you will enjoy very much. Also, if there is anyone in the village or surrounding area who would like to be involved in the TOADS, not only in performing, but in the multitude of jobs that go on behind the scenes, please contact either Sheelagh Millman, "Avonlake", Norton Road, (tel. 70209) or myself.

BROWNIES

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

On Wednesday 2nd April, the Pack carried out their annual 'Litter Pick-up' around the village and we are pleased to say that there was less litter to be collected than on previous years. (Well done Brownies - and keep it up Tostock. Ed.)

The Church Parade this year will take place on Sunday 29th June.

ANNUAL FUN RUN

Very disappointing turn-out for the second year running, but I'm sure those taking part enjoyed it and raised sufficient monies for their charities etc. to make it worthwhile. Thanks to those who officiated and provided refreshments, vehicles and first aid.

Group Trophy Winners :

<u>Male</u> :	10 miles :	9 - 13 years	: David Button	:	Time 1 hr.20 mins.
	12 "	: 14 - 40 "	: Ian Jagger	:	" 1 hr.38 "
	12 "	: 40 and over	: Mr. Simpson	:	" 1 hr.42 "
<u>Female</u> :	10 "	: 14 - 35 years	: Christina Rostrum	:	" 1 hr.26 "
	10 "	: 35 and over	: Ann Holder	:	" 1 hr.28 "

As you will see we have kept the times this year and all competitors who completed the course were presented with a signed certificate by Mr. Mick Spencer.

Peter Jones - Organiser

PLAYGROUP

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

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 10th April and the following committee elected :-

Chairman : Meryl Davies. Secretary : Janet Largent. Treasurer : Caroline Glenister

In May the children went on a train ride from Elmswell to Bury which they all enjoyed.

On 2nd June there is an outing to Haughley Park where the "Teddy Bears' Picnic" is being held for all of the Playgroups in West Suffolk. So together with their picnic lunches the children will also take along their teddies, and if last year is anything to go by it should be a very nice day for everyone.

Mrs. Sarah Martin has kindly offered to have a Heritage Saucepan Party soon at her home, and not only will there be good quality saucepans of all shapes and sizes to buy, but a demonstrator will be showing various methods of cooking with them, including making bread without an oven. As a date has not been finalised yet, we will be putting a note through your doors.

SPONSORED BICYCLE RIDE in aid of the SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

This year the Sponsored Bicycle Ride will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER.

A Local Organiser is required to advertise the event, to arrange for stewarding at St. Andrew's Church and the collection of monies.

Will volunteers please apply to Mr. Austin Higgins of The Drift, Church Road (tel. 70439) who will give them any further information they may require.

"IT'S SPRING!" (T.O.A.D.S.' April Production)

The T.O.A.D.S. could not possibly have offered us more widely differing forms of entertainment than in the two halves of the programme which they laid on for us in April. The somewhat bizarre carryings on in Frankenstein's domain kept us enthralled up to the interval, not least of all to see if the grotesquely contorted manservant Igor could possibly continue to defy the law of gravity by being permanently and totally off balance and yet keep on his feet! He did, but if he ever gets a slipped disc he will surely know where it all started.

In the musical revue which made up the second half of the evening the all-important slickness which we have come to expect of the production team was again very much in evidence and ensured our enjoyment of the individual numbers, all of which added up to a thoroughly entertaining evening.

Those who could not make it to the hall on any of the evenings missed a lot of fun.

WHIST DRIVE IN AID OF THE BLIND ON 31ST MARCH

I would like to thank everyone who bought tickets in the draw. There were 14 prizes and a list of winners was displayed on the village notice board. Also a big 'Thank You' to everybody who so kindly donated gifts; also to the P.O. Girls who displayed our poster and allowed a box to be put in the shop for our Groceries Prize, plus all who came to the Whist Drive.

A grand total of £84 was raised and was forwarded to the Area Blind Association forthwith. Thank you all.

Elaine Evans

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT

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

Following on from the notes in the last 'Chronicle' the names of the representatives from organisations in the Village elected on to the committee are :-

Parochial Church Council - Mrs. Pat Reynolds : Carpet Bowls - Mr. J. Laverick : Tennis Club - Mrs. Heather Spencer : T.O.A.D.S. - Mr. Wally Wallington. Other representatives to be named after the clubs' A.G.M.'s.

At the last meeting Mr. Mick Spencer was elected to be Chairman of the Hall Committee.

Art Exhibition : Entries are now beginning to come in for the Exhibition in the Church, the times for which being as follows :-

Saturday, 21st June : 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 Sunday, 22nd " : 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 Monday, 23rd " : 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

We hope that we shall be able to rely on our usual band of helpers with the hanging and stewarding. This is greatly appreciated.

Craft Show : This will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd June from 2.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. on both days.

Whilst a number of people have agreed to demonstrate and exhibit there is still space available and anyone interested, please contact the Secretary (as above) as soon as possible.

Best Kept Village Hall : The preliminary judging for the Best Kept Village Hall competition is taking place on Tuesday, 3rd June.

A HATCHET JOB ON OUR BUSES

Just as we 'Go to Press' (doesn't that sound impressive?) we have received details of the savaging of our already meagre bus services through Tostock.

The Eastern Counties routes 924/6 between Bury and Stowmarket have been totally withdrawn but the Suffolk County Council are subsidising a very limited 'Ferry Service' between Bury and Woolpit which will call at Tostock at the following times :-

<u>TO BURY</u>		<u>FROM BURY</u>		<u>TO WOOLPIT</u>		<u>FROM WOOLPIT</u>	
<u>Mon.-Fri.</u>	<u>Sats</u>	<u>Mon.-Fri.</u>	<u>Sats</u>	<u>Mon.-Fri.</u>	<u>Sats.</u>	<u>Mon.-Fri.</u>	<u>Sats</u>
8.24 a.m.	8.19 a.m.	1.00 p.m.	1.00 p.m.	4.41 p.m.	4.26pm	8.18 a.m.	8.13 a.m.
9.24 a.m.	9.43 a.m.	4.10 p.m.	3.55 p.m.	5.53 pm.	--	9.18 a.m.	9.37 a.m.
1.34 p.m.	1.34 p.m.	5.15 p.m.	--	--	--	--	--

There is a copy of the full timetable on the notice board at the village shop.

The County Council have made it clear that as these buses will be heavily subsidised with Ratepayers' money they will monitor the extent to which they are used and if at the end of a three months trial period we have not made sufficient use of them to justify their continuance - well we can anticipate that we shall lose even this tenuous contact with the outside world. Already you will see that we no longer have buses to take us into Stowmarket. We've heard the message before but it really is clearly a case of "USE 'EM OR LOSE 'EM.", with a vengeance.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

We read in the Bury Free Press that the Pool team from our "Gardeners' Arms" have finished well inside the top half of their Winter League table, and that team member Ian Jagger has won the individual trophy for the most league wins during the season. Congratulations to the team and 'Well done' to Ian. They seem to have been very modestly 'Hiding their Light' up to now but it would be nice if we could have reports from the Pool team in future to complete the 'Chronicle's regular reviews of Tostock's many and varied sporting and social activities. Is there a Pool Secretary? If so the Editor would be glad to hear from him.

FOOTBALL :

'Tostock 85' - Saturday Club (Mr. Martin Durrant, 4 Orchard Close, Rougham, tel. 70076)

Our season finished on Saturday 17th May unfortunately with a 9-1 thrashing from the Bury team Barons after having all the pressure for the first 20 minutes and G. Baldry making some fine saves in goal in spite of a leg injury.

On the 15th May we lost 7-2 at Eriswell on a pitch that must surely be the worst playing area in the league!

On the 13th May we entertained Thurston who won 4-0, their hero being M. Buckle - a Tostock personality!

Ixworth Reserves came to Tostock on the 8th May, Tostock winning 4-2, with two goals from R. Neal, a good one from P. Thurlow and one from J. Adkin.

On the 6th May we lost 4-2 to R.A.O.B. at Thetford but felt that we were playing against 12 men as the referee was very bad!

On the 3rd May we had Hepworth at home and avenged our earlier defeat by winning 2-0.

On a bright note our end-of-season Dinner/Dance is to be held in conjunction with the Sunday side on Saturday 31st May, with Mr. R. George receiving a trophy for Top Goalscorer and two other trophies being presented to the Players' Player of the Year and Runner-up, the winners to be announced that evening.

To summarise, on behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank all the players for their excellent support and for their 'enthusiasm'. Also to thank Beverly Cowling and Melissa Coe for making tea during the intervals, and my wife Sharon for washing the shirts (not a pleasant job).

Finally I hope that the players will sign on for next season and let's hope we can do better next year.

'Tostock F.C.' - Sunday Club (Mr. Peter Jones, "Helvellyn", School Rd, Elmswell, tel. 40130)

Our end-of-season dance is being held at the Grange Hotel, Thurston on Saturday 31st May.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Tostock Village Hall at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday 1st June. All are welcome to come along.

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

A disappointing start to the season - played 4 lost 4 - does not find the Club in low spirits. We aim to encourage local youth to play and to enjoy the game.

Forthcoming fixtures :-

June 1st : Stowupland - Home	June 8th : Battisford - Away
" 15th : Woolpit - Home	" 22nd : Rougham - Away
" 25th : Single Wicket Comp. (6.30 pm)	" 29th : Brettenham - Away
July 6th : Elmswell - Home	July 13th : Battisford - Home
" 20th : Mendlesham - Away	" 27th : Stowupland - Away

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

At the Annual General Meeting on 23rd April, which was sparsely attended, the following committee were elected for the forthcoming year :-

Chairman : Denise Pannment. Treasurer : Annie Grooms
 Secretary and Rep. to Village Hall Man. Committee: Heather Spencer
 Four further members : Margaret Grooms, Sarah Martin, Ann Pillars and Diane Stewart.

The Treasurer's Report showed the club to be in a healthy state and subscriptions would remain the same. It was agreed that in future subs. would be payable in April to coincide with the A.G.M. and run from April to March. It's not too late to join!

Various ideas were put forward concerning possible coaching, ladder competitions, etc. and a newsletter has been sent to all members asking for their views. We would urge members to send in their replies please.

The Barn Dance arranged in April had been a happy and successful occasion - thanks to all who helped and supported it.

A few of our hardier members ran in the Fun Run on May 5th and all completed the course.

The Annual Tournament has been fixed for Sunday 29th June, commencing at 10.30 a.m. Light refreshments will be available. Further details will be publicised later.

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

The Wednesday team has just finished another good season, winning the Greene King League and Runners-up in the Staples Cup. The Friday team finished about half-way in their league. The Summer league team is playing on Friday nights. All home games are played at the "Gardeners' Arms".

QUOITS : (Mr. Peter Buckle, "Crosswinds", as above)

The league programme started on May 13th and we have so far played two games, both of which we lost. For the benefit of newcomers to the village, games are played throughout the Summer on the pitch behind the "Gardeners' Arms", on Saturday evenings. Any person interested in a game should contact Peter Buckle on 70605.

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

It is proposed to hold the Annual General Meeting for the election of the committee on Tuesday 11th August at the "Gardeners' Arms".

New members are most welcome (Annual subscriptions Adults £6 and Teenagers £1).

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

Support is holding up very well and we are continuing with our usual Thursday and Sunday meetings as follows :-

- Thursdays - Every week at 2.30 p.m. (except "Croft Tea" days) and 7.30 p.m.
- Sundays - Alternate weeks, i.e. June 1, 15 and 29 and July 13 and 27 at 7.30 p.m.

We congratulate our neighbours, Woolpit, on winning the area finals but we'll do our best to oust them from that position next season!

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All events at the Village Hall unless otherwise stated)

MAY :

Saturday 31st : Dinner Dance at Thurston Grange (jointly organised by the two Football Clubs. (see notes)

JUNE :

Sunday 1st : 10.30 a.m. Tostock F.C. Annual General Meeting (see notes)

Monday 2nd : MOBILE LIBRARY

" 2nd : "Teddy Bears' Picnic" (see Playgroup notes)

Monday 16th : MOBILE LIBRARY

Saturday 21st :)
 Sunday 22nd :) ART EXHIBITION AT THE CHURCH AND
 Monday 23rd :) CRAFT DISPLAY AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Wednesday 25th : 6.30 p.m. Cricket Club's Single Wicket Competition

Thursday 26th : 2.30 p.m. "Afternoon Tea at the Croft"

Sunday 29th : 10.30 a.m. Annual Tennis Tournament (see Tennis notes)

" 29th : Brownies' Church Parade

Monday 30th : MOBILE LIBRARY

JULY :

Saturday 12th : 2.30 p.m. CHURCH FETE

Monday 14th : MOBILE LIBRARY

Wednesday 23rd : LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NEXT 'CHRONICLE'

Monday 28th : MOBILE LIBRARY

Thursday 31st : NO "Croft Tea"

AND SOME COMING EVENTS :-

Tuesday 11th August : Squash Club's Annual General Meeting

Saturday 6th September : Historic Churches Annual Sponsored Cycle Ride
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