

TOSTOCK CHRONICLE.

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1. The Royal Visit. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, on her way from Stowmarket to Bury St. Edmunds, passed Tostock Corner, near Tostock House, at about 4.15 on the afternoon of Friday 21st July. The day was fine.

Mr. A. Henderson had erected a flagstaff, and provided a farm waggon, flags and decorations; Mr. R. Mulley had lent benches; and about 200 people assembled to greet Her Majesty.

On seeing our Tostock party the chauffeur applied his brakes for a moment, and then the car sped on. But everyone had a good view and we cheered.

A President or a Premier may  
Be a clever chap. Well, I daresay.  
But I'd rather cheer her any day  
Than Mr. K.

Any day. Any day.

2. Darby and Joan Club. Members of the Over 60 Club received a shock when they heard that Mr. and Mrs. Oldfield were leaving Tostock to take up residence in Brandon. Ever since the Club started in 1957 Mr. and Mrs. Oldfield have cheerfully and efficiently carried out the duties which inevitably devolve upon the Hon. Treasurer and Secretary respectively. At first it was feared that they were irreplaceable, but several ladies have come forward and consented to undertake duties which ensure the continuation of the Club.

Mrs. Williams, in spite of many duties in her home, is to be Hon. Secretary; Mrs. Armstrong Hon. Treasurer; and Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. Largent have accepted the responsibilities of organising and running the teas and games at the fortnightly meetings on Tuesday afternoons, which are much appreciated by those who are able to attend. Mrs. Henderson has agreed to continue organising occasional entertainments.

This Club exists for residents who are over sixty years of age, but they welcome any assistance which younger people might find themselves able to give. Often young wives have children who must have attention in the home, but some young wives find themselves free during school hours. If any such are willing to help they are requested to inform Mrs. Williams or the Chairman, Captain Errington.

3. The Cuckoo. It was noticeable this year that the cuckoo paid us only a fleeting visit. In the issue of COUNTRY LIFE (20th July) the Editor said he had been asked "was there ever a year when fewer cuckoos reached our shores?" They arrived in time, April 13 to 26. Then silence. Not half a dozen times did one hear the treble ooo - cuckoo. The writer wondered if they are meeting with extermination in Germany, Holland and Africa, falling victims to the gin and insecticides.

Note. By "gin" the writer meant the trap, not that pernicious alcoholic drink!

4. GRAVE MOUNDS in the Churchyard. LEVELLING. The Parochial Church Council have had under consideration the difficulty and expense of keeping the Churchyard mown and tidy. They have decided that action must be taken to abolish the erection of mounds over graves, both past and present, so far as this is possible.

4. GRAVE MOUNDS continued..... (see over)

Before levelling existing mounds, or forbidding the erection of future ones, certain steps have to be taken in order to conform with the regulations laid down by the Chancellor of the Diocese, viz:-

- (i) that a plan shall be prepared and kept available showing the precise position of the grave in question and giving particulars of the person buried there;
- (ii) that the proposals shall be advertised in at least one issue of at least one local newspaper, and that a copy of such advertisement shall be affixed to the door of the Church for at least seven clear days.
- (iii) that the Petitioners (i.e. Parochial Church Council) shall give written notice of their intention to any relative of the deceased whose whereabouts they can reasonably discover.

The Parochial Church Council are aware that some people take great care of the graves of their deceased relatives and would not wish them to be levelled. It has therefore been decided that, provided the said people give a guarantee that they will be responsible for the good maintenance of their graves, the mounds will not be removed. It must, however, be understood that if the mounds are not kept in good condition the Parochial Church Council, after one warning and the lapse of three months, will have the mounds levelled.

The Parochial Church Council are considering how iron or wooden crosses can be provided at a low cost which relatives could erect over the graves which have been levelled. IF YOU HAVE A RELATIVE BURIED in the Churchyard or Extension PLEASE FILL IN THE ENCLOSED FORM and hand it to Mr. H. Sherwood or a member of the Parochial Church Council before 31st DECEMBER 1961

5. Post Office Information. For the convenience of this growing village the Head Postmaster has agreed that Dog, Game, and Gun Licences can now be issued at TOSTOCK Post Office.

Residents with telephones are reminded that telephone bills can be paid at the Post Office either by cheque or in cash. Cheques should be made out to The Postmaster General.

Many are not aware of the recently introduced Recorded Delivery Service. Briefly the scheme is that on payment of a fee of sixpence at the Post Office, the Postal Authorities obtain a signature from the person to whom the letter is delivered. If at the same time, or up to a year later, the sender wants proof of delivery, he can obtain an Advice of delivery on payment of a further sixpence. The Service is cheaper than sending by Registered Letter, which costs one shilling and sixpence. The Recorded Delivery Service is not available for parcels or Overseas letters.

How often have you run out of stamps in an emergency? Why not buy a book of stamps. They are available at Tostock at 3/-; 4/6; or 5/-.

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