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PARISH COUNCIL

(Clerk : Miss J. Wheeler, The Post Office, tel. 70273)

At the last meeting two planning applications were discussed - the erection of a new house to replace 'Woodside' in Horton Road raised no objections. Extensions of 'Payreway' on The Green was not approved as it was considered a too extensive addition and being in a prime position in the centre of The Green and conservation area would be overpowering and out of keeping with the surrounding properties.

The 'grant of Wayleave for Access' to the building plots at 'Betterview' was signed and witnessed and in due course the sum of £6,500 will be received from the vendors.

Very long discussion took place regarding a request from the Village Hall Management Committee for a grant of £2,500 towards the cost of the replacement floor in the Village Hall. The general feeling was that this was too high a figure for the Parish Council to grant. After further consultation with the Village Hall Management Committee they reduced their request to £1,500. The granting of this sum was proposed and seconded with two further councillors voting for and two against. Three members were absent from the meeting.

Concern was expressed that some residents on The Green had apparently driven their cars across The Green from the road in order to reach their respective properties and all the residents concerned were to be written to requesting they refrain from this practice and also from parking on The Green.

The precept for the 1987/88 budget was discussed and it was agreed to again request £500 from Mid-Suffolk with any short fall being met from Council funds.

Enquiries are to be made in respect of costing for a lay-by at the bus shelter for the safety of the children using the School Bus.

THE LEYS

As a follow up to item in the last issue about excessive and reckless use of the track on the Green - Mr. Sulman reports a similar traffic problem on the track serving residents houses on The Leys.

contributed by A. W. Hoadley

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

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

FEBRUARY : 1st : 10.00 a.m. : Joint Family Communion at Norton
3th : 11.15 a.m. : Family Service
15th : 11.15 a.m. : 1662 Communion
22nd : 11.15 a.m. : Matins

MARCH : 1st : 10.00 a.m. : Joint Family Communion at Tostock
3th : 11.15 a.m. : Family Service
15th : 11.15 a.m. : 1662 Communion
22nd : 11.15 a.m. : Matins
29th : 11.15 a.m. : MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE

APRIL : 5th : 10.00 a.m. : Joint Family Communion at Pakenham

LENT begins on Ash Wednesday, March 4th. We plan to have "Evensong and Address" in Pakenham Church on Wednesdays in Lent. Would people welcome a 'Study group' in houses in Norton and Tostock, perhaps on the Thursday evenings ?

'CALL MY BLUFF' : The annual competition between our three Churches will be at Pakenham Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Shrove Tuesday, March 3rd.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY of PRAYER : Friday March 6th. There will be meetings at Pakenham Church at 10.30 a.m. and at Norton Salvation Army Hall at 2.15 p.m.

MOTHERING SUNDAY is on March 29th. We plan a special service that morning and hope to have posies for the children to give to their mothers.

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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

Many thanks to the ladies who provided mince-pies for the Carol Service and also to those who kindly gave decorations for the Christmas tree.

Our next money raising effort is a Jumble Sale on March 21st.

A letter has been received from St. Nicholas' Hospice thanking the village for their generous contribution, which amounted to £120.14, as a result of carol singing.

BROWNIES

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

We would like to thank all those who came along to the Carol Concert on 12th December. The collection on that occasion amounted to £50 which has been forwarded to Cancer Research.

Brownies have now resumed after the extended Christmas break and would welcome Alison Schofield and Sue Marriott to our Pack. We are sorry that Rosemary and Lynda have decided on 'retirement' and that they will no longer 'look forward' to our Monday evenings! They will return to us for a farwell evening.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

(Secretary : Mrs. Heather Spencer, "Bosmere", Perkins Way, tel.70395)
(Bookings : Mr. Peter Buckle, "Crosswinds", Flatts Lane, tel.70605)
(Key Holder: Mr. Simon Reynolds, "The Hawthorns", Perkins Way, tel.70675)

Secretary : The Committee was very sorry to lose the services of Sarah Martin as Secretary following her move from the village and is very grateful to Sarah for her hard work over the last two years, particularly for her innovative ideas. Heather Spencer has agreed to be 'acting secretary' until the A.G.M. in March.

Village Hall Floor : This has been the main topic of recent Committee meetings, due to the fact that Mid-Suffolk District Council turned down our application for grant towards the £4,000 cost of the new floor. This was quite a blow as the Committee had hoped for 50% grant. However, the Committee unanimously agreed to go ahead with the provision of a new main - hall floor - bearing in mind ever rising costs and the increasing deterioration of the old chipboard floor.

The Parish Council has kindly agreed to give us £1,500 towards the cost and the Village Hall Management Committee is putting up the remaining £2,500. The Committee is grateful to the Parish Council for their help and to the T.O.A.D.S. for their donation of £50, the Carpet Bowls for £100 and the Tennis Club for their £130. This will mean the Village Hall funds will be very depleted and further fund-raising will be necessary throughout the year.

The old floor will be taken up by members of the Committee in order to save further expense as from Sunday 15th February. The contractor Martyn Taylor, will be laying the new floor as from Monday, 25th February for two weeks, so PLEASE NOTE the hall will be out of use (apart from the Committee Room) from Sunday 15th February to Sunday 8th March.

MEDIEVAL BANQUET : SATURDAY MARCH 14 : We had a very successful and happy medieval evening back in 1983 and are hoping for a similar response this time. The "Troubadours" are professional entertainers, specialists in medieval merriment, with LIVE music, songs, pageantry, period costumes and instruments. We are keeping costs down by doing all the catering ourselves and this will consist of a 5-course meal, interspersed with the "Troubadours" entertainment. We very much hope guests will enter into the spirit of the evening and dress in medieval costume (helpful leaflets are available). Tickets @ £8.50 each (to include 5-course meal, drink and entertainment), children under 16 - £5 each, are available from Heather Spencer or Julie Harrison.

For one special evening forget the pressures of 20th century life and slip back into medieval times, as one guest said last time "I can't believe I am in Tostock Village Hall." Any queries or worries about the menu or costume, please contact H. Spencer or J. Harrison, or J. Livingston

A.G.M. - VILLAGE HALL - 20th MARCH - 8 p.m. - For the benefit of newcomers, the Village Hall Management Committee consists of 4 elected members, elected annually, one of whom is voted Chairman, a Secretary, Treasurer, Booking Manager, and representatives from village clubs and organisations, all of whom are entitled to send a representative along to serve on this management committee. Having lost 2 members who have left the village, we badly need more interested members. Why not come along to the A.G.M. on 20th March and let us know your views on YOUR VILLAGE HALL ?

Village Hall Management Committee (Continued)

Mr. Norman Fowler : Many people in the village will be saddened to learn of the death of Norman Fowler who was a very cheerful, hard-working treasurer for the Committee back in the early days of the new hall. We extend our sympathy to Dorothy, his widow, who lives in Northants.

Paved Area : The area at the rear of the Village Hall between the Hall and the garage will be paved as soon as weather permits. This is to avoid grit and dirt being carried into the Hall, when traffic is in and out of the garage, particularly with a new floor in mind.

Outdoor Lamps : The Committee is grateful to Mr. Wallington for two good lamps for use at outdoor village events.

Art Exhibition : This has been arranged for 20, 21 and 22nd June in the Church, as usual. Further details later in the year.

TENNIS CLUB

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

As soon as the weather breaks, it is hoped to resume the Friday morning sessions. A few members enjoyed a game on Boxing Day.

The Committee was busy in December with the market stall at the Christmas late-night shopping and is grateful to a few faithful friends who made cakes, sweets, hand-knitted garments and toys, Christmas decorations and donated other items. Our takings amounted to £130 and a cheque for this amount has been given to the Village Hall Treasurer for the new floor furl.

B.B.C. Radio Norfolk Kidney Machine Appeal

A reminder to save 'ring pulls' and used postage stamps - also used Christmas and greeting cards. These can all be taken to the Post Office. The appeal, which was launched on 5th November, has nearly reached £1,000.

Whist Drive in Aid of the Suffolk Blind

A whist drive will be held on Easter Monday, 20th April in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

A draw will also take place after the whist drive.

Tickets for the draw will be available beforehand.

Price of admission 50p. including refreshments.

Mrs. B. E. Evans, The Snave, Flatts Lane.

Thank You - Thank You

Residents have cause to be grateful to Mr. Stuart McAlinden during the recent 'freeze up'. He offered to ferry much needed supplies from the warehouse to the village shop after they had run out of some essential provisions - our grateful thanks.

Thanks are also due to Richard Neal who used his digger in an attempt to keep roads through the village clear of drifting snow - especially the back road to Norton.

contributed by Miss J. Wheeler, The Post Office.

"GARDENERS' CORNER"

(Minchost : Mr. Reg Ransome, "The Gardeners' Arms", tel. 70460)

We hope everybody had a jolly Christmas and that they have now got back to the drudgery of work in all this good weather!

Hopefully, by the time you all read this, the temporary sign will be removed and the original repainted one will be back in its rightful place.

Pool : Since the last Chronicle, the team have had a bad run, not winning a game until 13th January - against our old rivals Beyton 'Bear'. One of our members must be related to Chief Constable Anderton by claiming that it was his presence that brought about the upset.

In amongst all this action we held a 'house competition', won by Ian Jagger, which gave him the great honour (?) of representing this house in the initial stages of a nationwide competition. Unfortunately, he lost in the 3rd Round at Whepstead 'White Horse'.

Darts : (Stowmarket League) : This team almost seem unable to lose and recorded some good results either side of the Christmas break which keeps them on top of the league, but only just. Felsham 'Bells' are just behind waiting for any slip-up.

Darts (Fridays) : Although we hold down a healthy position in the league table, the teams above us are just too strong for us to make too much impression. However, we keep winning - mainly when we should - and do not let too many games slip away. It ought to be mentioned, as well, that on 5th December against Haughley 'White Horse' two 180's were registered.

Quiz (Sundays) : Although both teams had a reasonable run up to Christmas, victory has been very elusive ever since. We stand at 5th and 6th respectively in the league but you will see from the fixture list that it is 'local derby' night on 1st February so no doubt the old grey matter will be honed to competitive edge through this week.

Crib : At the time of writing we are second in the league but unless we get some better results quickly it will be goodbye to any chance of the league title, particularly when we lost by 12 - 3 last week at home to Barnham 'Grafton Arms' - this being attributed to an ageing, balding player being drafted into the team!

Forthcoming House Fixtures :-

Tuesday - POOL : 17th Feb. v. 'Cherry Tree' ; 3rd Mar. v. 'Plumbers' Arms'.
Wed'sday- DARTS : Season nearly finished - Competitions to be arranged.
Friday - DARTS : 6th Feb. v. 'Bennet Arms' ; 20th Feb. v. Pakenham 'Fox' ;
6th Mar. v. Thurston 'Victoria' ; 20th Mar. v. 'Royal Oak'.
Sunday - QUIZ : 1st Feb. 'B' v. 'A' ; 8th Feb. 'A' v. 'Victoria B' ;
15th Feb. 'B' v. 'Dog A' ; 22nd Feb. 'A' v. 'Pickerel B' ;
1st Mar. 'B' v. 'Angel' ; 8th Mar. 'A' v. 'Crown' ;
15th Mar. 'B' v. 'Royal Oak' ; 22nd Mar. 'B' v. 'Victoria B' ; 29th Mar. 'A' v. 'Victoria A'.
Monday CRIB : 16th Feb. v. 'Cherry Tree'. Then various cup competitions.

STOP PRESS - T.O.A.D.S. PANTOMIME

Despite the disruption of our rather tight rehearsal schedule due to the 'Big Freeze', members have managed to catch up, and at the time of going to press, are busily engaged in the excitement of final dress rehearsals. It is most rewarding for all concerned to see the whole show begin to come alive with the appearance of colourful costumes, scenery and music, with everything slotting into place to provide the desired effect and we are hoping for good audiences out front to enjoy it!

Final performances are on Fri. and Sat. Feb. 6th and 7th - 7.30 p.m. - Tickets £1. Book quickly with Mick Spencer at the Box Office, Beyton 70395.

Contributed by Mrs. Sheelagh Millman

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

Friday 6th)
Saturday 7th) : "ROBINSON CRUSOE" (see T.O.A.D.S. notes) 7.30 p.m.
Monday 9th : MOBILE LIBRARY Reminder 2.30 p.m. at 'GARDENERS'
Sunday 15th ----- Sunday 8th March : VILLAGE HALL CLOSED
Monday 23rd : MOBILE LIBRARY Reminder 2.30 p.m. at 'GARDENERS'
Tuesday 24th : TEA AT THE CROFT.

MARCH

Monday 9th : MOBILE LIBRARY. VILLAGE HALL RE-OPENS
Saturday 14th : MEDIEVAL BANQUET
Friday 20th : A.G.M. VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE : 8 p.m.
Saturday 21st : CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE - JUMBLE SALE
" 21st : LAST DATE FOR RECEIVING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NEXT 'CHRONICLE'
(to A. J. CROSBY-BROWNE, JUNIPER HOUSE, FLATTS LANE).
Monday 23rd : MOBILE LIBRARY
Tuesday 24th : TEA AT THE CROFT
Saturday 28th)
Sunday 29th) : CLOCKS FORWARD

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Stencils and Duplicating : Heather Spencer

Stapler : A. J. Crosby-Browne