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PARISH COUNCIL

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

Eight members attended the last meeting which was chaired by Mr. A. Villar. The Clerk reported that the 'Deed of Easement for Wayleave' at 'Betterview' was now completed and a cheque for £6553.83 received from the vendors' solicitors.

A planning application for a proposed new dwelling between 'Betterview' and the 'Old School' was discussed and approved.

A letter from Suffolk County Council re. footpaths No.1 and 10 was read and passed to Mr. O'Reilly who will deal with the matter. Also a request was made for the renewal of some footpath signs.

The Treasurer requested payment for various accounts including £1,500 grant to the Village Hall Management Committee towards the cost of renewing the hall floor.

Concern was expressed regarding the escalating costs of printing the 'Chronicle' and the Editor has been informed that the costs must be kept within the budget of £40 per year by either limiting each edition to two sheets (4 sides) or reducing the frequency of the editions.

The date for the Annual Parish Meeting is fixed for Tuesday 28th April at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Hall. If any parishioner has any item they wish to be placed on the agenda please inform the Clerk.

Parish Council Elections take place on 7th May. Nomination forms are available from the Clerk.

SUMMER HOLIDAY PLAYScheme for 5-14 year olds

Would you like to help children in your village have fun during the summer holiday? If so, do not hesitate to contact us. We are the Mid-Suffolk Play Federation, your local representative is Stephen Ward, Meadowcroft, Barton Rd., Thurston (tel.30379) or Carol Row - tel. Stowmarket 672899. We are here to help you in all aspects of play, especially with play schemes, we have all types of information and resources at hand.

FRIENDS OF WOOLPIT HEALTH CENTRE

A cheque for £35 has been given to the secretary being monies raised from the sale of items left over from the Mini-Market held last July and paper back books. This brings the total donated by this village to the health centre to £500.

Contributed by Rita Stevens and Jean Wheeler.

(This figure takes no account of direct donations).

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

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

APRIL 5th : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Pakenham
12th : 11.15 a.m. Family Service (Palm Sunday)
17th : 10.00 a.m. Matins (Good Friday)
19th : 11.15 a.m. 1662 Communion (Easter Day)
26th : 11.15 a.m. Matins

MAY 3rd : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Norton
10th : 11.15 a.m. Family Service
17th : 11.15 a.m. 1662 Communion
24th : 11.15 a.m. Matins
31st : 11.15 a.m. Songs of Praise

Annual Meetings : The Annual Vestry Meeting (for the election of church wardens) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be at the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 7th April. All Church members are urged to attend.

Good Friday : As well as Matins at Tostock there will be Family Service at Norton at 11.15 a.m. and a devotional service at Pakenham at 2 p.m.

Easter Day : There will be 8 a.m. Holy Communion at Pakenham, a 9.30 a.m. Series 2 communion at Norton and an 11.15 a.m. Family Communion (Rite A) at Pakenham as well as the service at Tostock at 11.15 a.m.

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

(Mrs. Pat Reynolds, 'Betterview', The Green, tel.70341)

The jumble sale in aid of the Church Fabric Fund held on 21st March raised approximately £90 - our thanks to all those who helped and contributed.

PLAYGROUP

(Sharon Hall, 'Ifold', New Road, Tostock, tel.70942)

Our Christmas Party was a great success with a long visit from Father Christmas, who stayed to play games and take photos.

With the bad weather the playgroup was cancelled for two weeks and the children were very glad to get back to normal once the snow had gone. We managed to continue having the playgroup while the new floor was being laid by using the committee room, which with our small numbers was quite big enough.

Our numbers have increased by three in the last few weeks which is very welcome as we were all wondering how we were going to carry on as we are going to lose three children in the next two terms. We now have nine children attending regularly.

BROWNIES

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

We joined other Brownie Packs and Guide Companies in the Thedwastre District for the 'Thinking Day' Service at Woolpit Church on Sunday 22nd February. All the Brownie Packs chose a country to represent - our country being Japan - one Brownie dressed as a Japanese Brownie and one in national costume.

The 'Litter Pick-up' will take place on Tuesday 14th April.

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)

There has been much activity in the hall over the past few weeks - a working party of Committee members and others removed the old floor on Sunday 15th Feb. and thanks to their hard work, this was done very quickly. £140 was raised from the sale of the best panels of the old floor.

At this time the main hall has been redecorated by Jo Laverick and Mick Spencer. The new maple strip floor has been laid and polished. The Committee is grateful to the Parish Council for their grant of £1500 towards the cost. We would ask users of the hall NOT to wear stilettoes or studs on the new floor.

Mr. R. Ransome has kindly given us some benches and cushions from the Gardener's Arms which will be of great use to footballers and cricketers in the Committee Room. We are also indebted to Mrs. Plumb of Flatts Lane for a Burco boiler for use in the kitchen.

The Medieval Banquet was a happy and successful evening. The Troubadours brought snakes, monkeys and a parrot this time to add colour to the entertainment of medieval music and instruments. The Committee is grateful to the many helpers, but particularly Jackie Livingston and Julie Harrison, who did most of the cooking, the latter cooking a boar's head and a Toad of green marzipan in honour of our 'royal guests', Mr. and Mrs. John Millman, who played King and Queen. The TOADS serving wenches and lads were complimented on their attractive appearance and hard work. Mrs. Pat Hayward of Tostock Old Hall, kindly loaned us most of the silver for serving the 6 courses. Approx. £125 was the profit on the evening.

The A.G.M. on 20th March was poorly attended, only 5 members of the public, in addition to the Committee, being present. The Chairman gave a report of the year's activities and the Treasurer, Mrs. S. Hall presented an audited balance sheet. There was a short discussion on future plans for the hall, which will be left to the new Committee to pursue. The Committee was thanked by the Chairman for their support.

Election of Officers :

Treasurer : Mrs. S. Hall Secretary : Mrs. H. Spencer Booking Manager :
Mr. Peter Buckle
Four elected members : Mr. L. Grooms, Mrs. R. Lister, Mr. B. Harrison
and Mr. M. Spencer.

TENNIS CLUB

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

All interested parties are invited to attend the A.G.M. of the Club on Friday, 3rd April at 7.30 p.m. - Village Hall.

SQUASH CLUB

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

As soon as the weather warms up the court will have its periodic re paint. The annual subscription remains at £6 for adults and £1 for teenagers.

"GARDENERS' CORNER"

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

It doesn't seem so long ago that I was writing about 'winter drawers on' (!) and now we are looking for harbingers of Spring with the worst, I think, behind us. All the leagues have reached or are nearing season's end but final league tables are not always to hand.

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GARDENERS' CORNER (Continued)

Wednesday Darts (Stowmarket League) : Well done lads! The league title retained and in style - the last match won 10-1! In addition we are finalists in the Staples K.O. Cup - teams of four play each other and we have a singles finalist - to be played on 25th March at the other 'Gardners' Arms' at Combs.

Friday Darts : Still just about fourth in the league but we have got a semi-final to look forward to in the 9-a-side competition on 8th April at Walsham Sports Club against Haughley 'White Horse'.

Forthcoming Home Fixture - 10th April v. Stanton 'Cock'.

Quiz (Sundays) : The 'A' team is still superior to the 'B' team but there has not been much joy for either team recently and mid-table position seem to be the best both sides can hope for.

Forthcoming Home Fixtures : April 5th 'B' v. 'Pickerel' 'B' ; April 12th 'A' v. 'Pickerel' 'A' ; April 26th 'B' v. 'Crown' ; May 3rd 'A' v. 'Commercial'.

Crib : With the league fixtures over, there is a slight chance that we could finish runners up in our section.

Pool (Tuesdays) : Played 16 - Won 8 - Lost 8. Games for 72 - Against 72. The symmetry is completed by our position in the league - halfway. We will be entering a team in the new 'Summer League' - so any untapped talent should come along with the guarantee of at least one try out game.

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SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH Tues. 31st : TEA AT THE CROFT : A talk by Brigadier R.B.T. Daniell

APRIL

- Friday 3rd : Tennis Club A.G.M. 7.30 p.m. Village Hall
- Monday 6th : Mobile Library. Last Day for Parish Council nominations
- Thursday 9th : Mobile Barber : 1.30 to 4.00 p.m.
- Tuesday 14th : Brownie 'Litter Pick Up' starting 2.30 p.m. Village Hall
- Monday 20th : Easter Monday :
Whist Drive in aid of Suffolk Blind - 7.30 p.m. Village Hall - admission 50p. inc. refreshments.
- Saturday 25th : Tostock Sunday Football Club - Disco at Village Hall 8 p.m. - admission £1.50.
- Tuesday 28th : Tea at the Croft.
Annual Parish Meeting at 7.45 p.m. Village Hall

MAY

- Monday 4th : Bank Holiday
- Thursday 7th : District and Parish Council Elections
- Monday 13th : Mobile Library
- Thursday 21st : Mobile Barber : 1.30 to 4.00 p.m.
- Saturday 23rd : Last date for receiving contributions for the next 'Chronicle' (to A.W. Hoadley, Romans Croft, Flatts Lane)
- Monday 25th : Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 26th : Tea at the Croft.

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Stencils : Heather Spencer Duplicating : Edward Nunn Stapling : A. J. Crosby-Browne

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