

# The Tostock Chronicle

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My grateful thanks to 'the Team' for producing the last two 'Chronicles' whilst I was away, particularly to Alan Crosby-Browne for putting them together and to Heather Spencer for her heroic work operating the duplicator in what I understand to have been decidedly rigorous conditions. I gather that it became pretty chilly in Tostock at times - but if it is any consolation I was thinking of you all!

## PARISH COUNCIL

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

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

18 Parishioners and 8 Parish Councillors plus Dist. Councillor Siffleet were present. The chair was taken by Mr. A. Villar.

Police Sergeant G. Koncewicz addressed the meeting outlining the recently arranged Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and hoped that villagers would be able to form their own groups of watchers.

Reports were given by the Clerk, Community Emergency Organiser, Pond Warden, Brownies, Carpet Bowls, Village Hall Management Committee, Church Social Committee, Cricket, Tennis, Sunday Quiz, Darts, Quoits and Football Clubs. No report was received from the T.O.A.D.S.

The Treasurer reported a closing balance in the current account of £80.98 and deposit account £7,268.45. The balance sheet was available for inspection. The balance in the Poores Estate Charity was £12.91.

Complaints were received regarding cars parked on The Green especially under the tree near the 'Gardeners' Arms'. The Chairman explained that negotiations were taking place with Greene King who were arranging to place a 'Car Park at Rear' notice on the forecourt of the pub. Also that the broken posts and chains in that area are to be replaced.

Best Kept Village : An invitation from the Suffolk Community Council for all past winners of the competition to enter a special Jubilee Competition was discussed and put to the vote. It was agreed to enter for the trophy.

The Chairman then outlined details of a proposed lay-by at the bus shelter. This was discussed at length but was finally agreed not to be necessary as children are now boarding the school bus outside the Post Office.

Concern was expressed with the number of vehicles still coming through the village via Church Road from the 1088. A letter is to be sent to Suffolk County Council requesting that the sign from the 1088 should read 'Tostock Village ONLY'.

Dist. Cllr. Siffleet was then invited to answer questions and a lively discussion took place regarding the offensive smells which apparently come from the Drinkstone Pig Farm. He agreed to investigate why the legal proceedings against the owner broke down because of an apparent typing error by Mid Suffolk's legal department and what further action is taking place especially by the Environmental Health Department.

PARISH COUNCIL (Continued)

Appeal letters were read and it was agreed to donate £25 to Suffolk Accident and Rescue ; £10 to Suffolk Age Concern ; £50 to St. Nicholas Hospice and to increase the grant for the upkeep of the churchyard to £35.

It was learned with regret that Mr. S. Reynolds wished to stand down from cutting the Village Green. A letter is to be sent to him thanking him for all the work he has done in keeping The Green so neat and tidy and for the maintenance of the mower.

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This took place on Tuesday 12th May following the recent elections. The new Council elected are :- Mr. F. Armstrong, Mr. P. Buckle, Mr. C. Buxton, Mrs. M. Beales, Mr. M. Harrison, Mr. A. W. Hoadley, Mr. M. O'Reilly, Mr. M. Spencer and Mr. A. Villar.

After the Councillors had signed their acceptance of office the following officers were elected :-

Chairman : Mr. A. Villar, Vice-Chairman : Mr. M. O'Reilly, Treasurer : Mr. F. Armstrong, Rep. to S.A.L.C. : Mr. A. W. Hoadley, Rep. to V.H.M.C. : Mr. M. O'Reilly and Rep. on Steering Committee re. Drinkstone Smell : Mr. P. Buckle.

Mr. O'Reilly reported on his recent meeting with Mrs. Hall of Suffolk County Council re. various footpath matters. New signs are to be erected and plastic arrows fixed marking footpath routes.

Flooding in Norton Road not yet resolved and Clerk is to write again to Suffolk C.C. Highways Dept. to investigate and to cap the spring.

The Editor of the Tostock Chronicle has requested that the sum budgeted for its publication to be increased to £75 for this year. This was agreed and costs to be looked into again next year.

County Councillor Mrs. Susan Sida who was also present at this meeting then gave an outline of the latest news regarding the Small Schools Review regarding Tostock children going to Norton school in the future. She is now on the Regional Health Authority Board and will be willing to discuss any problems whatsoever at any time. She is also taking up the matter of flooding in Norton Road. Mrs. Sida can be contacted via the Parish Clerk.

Best Kept Village : Mr. Spencer was asked to be the co-ordinator for working parties and is sending a circular via the Tostock Chronicle to every householder.

Site Meetings :

Eighteen Parishioners recently attended two site meetings with the Mid-Suffolk Planning Department to state their opinions and support for the Parish Council's objections to the proposed large extensions to "Payreway" from The Green and also to object to three dwellings being built west of "Better View" instead of the two as granted by the outline planning permission.

viewed a few minutes ago. I believe that the new building will be a good addition to the village and will provide much needed accommodation. The Parish Council's objections to the proposed large extensions to "Payreway" from The Green and also to object to three dwellings being built west of "Better View" instead of the two as granted by the outline planning permission.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

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

Services :-

JUNE :     7th : 10.00 a.m. : Joint Family Communion at Tostock  
          14th : 11.15 a.m. : Family Service  
          21st : 11.15 a.m. : 1662 Communion  
          28th : 11.15 a.m. : Matins  
  
JULY :     5th : 10.00 a.m. : Joint Family Communion at Pakenham  
          12th : 11.15 a.m. : Family Service  
          19th : 11.15 a.m. : 1662 Communion  
          26th : 11.15 a.m. : Matins  
  
AUGUST :   2nd : 10.00 a.m. : Joint Family Communion at Norton

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We hope that by the time you receive this issue the Rector will be out and about among us again and that we shall find his enforced relief from involvement will have done him "A Power of Good".

The Editor

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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

'Afternoon Tea at the Croft' : For our meeting on June 30th, we will be visiting The Old Rectory at Winesham by kind invitation of the Hon. Mrs. Darrell Brown. As is our custom we shall not be holding these afternoon meetings in July and August but will be resuming again on the last Tuesday in September.

The Annual Church Fete will be held on Saturday July 11th when we hope to have once again the splendid support of the village. A collection for the usual stalls will take place beforehand.

PLAYGROUP

(Mrs. Sharon Hall, "Ifold", New Road, tel. 70942)

We held a Tupperware Party on the 6th May and made £10 for our funds.

Our numbers have fallen again and we now have only 8 children attending regularly and 2 of these come free as their mothers run the Playgroup. As we lose one child in September and three in January, we are seriously thinking of closing the group at Christmas, or sooner if our money runs out. So please if you know of any children who might like to come to our Playgroup let me know. They can be collected from and returned to their homes.

As from 2nd June we will only be open on TUESDAY mornings, from 9.15 a.m. until 11.45 a.m.

BROWNIES

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

Nearly a full pack turned out for the 'Litter Pick-up' during the Easter holidays - after which they tucked into hot-dogs. Many thanks girls!

Our Annual Church Parade will be on Sunday 12th July at 11.15 a.m. As this is part of the Brownie Promise all Brownies are expected to attend.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Shown below is the system of marking which takes into account the views of conservationists who are anxious to preserve natural habitats for wildlife, flora and fauna in our churchyards, hedgerows and verges.

	<u>Maximum points</u>
General appearance of the village and absence of litter .. .. .	70
Evidence of community spirit.. .. .	<u>30</u>
	100

To maximise our efforts, areas of the village have been assigned to your Parish Councillors who will energise and co-ordinate your activities :-

- F. Armstrong : Church Road
- M. Beales : Wood Close
- P. Buckle : Leys Road
- C. Buxton : Flatts Lane
- B. Harrison : Perkins Way & Churchyard
- A. W. Hoadley : The Green
- M. O'Reilly : New Road and the Old A.45
- M. Spencer : Norton Road
- A. Villar : The Leys

Mick Spencer  
Co-ordinator

"THE SMELL"

Mrs. Betty Evans has relinquished her position as our representative on the Steering Group and we are most grateful to her for her vigorous efforts on our behalf. Mr. Peter Buckle of "Crosswinds", Flatts Lane, tel. 70605 has kindly agreed to take over from her.

Unfortunately, for some reason we seem quite unable to get a straight answer to the simple question as to why the summons which had to be withdrawn last November because of a technicality was not immediately re-presented in proper form, based on the evidence still then available to the prosecuting Authority.

Instead we are told that we must go back to the drawing board and once again go through the tortuous process of ringing somebody up every time our nostrils are assaulted by this nauseous nuisance, and in due course build up once again a case which, hopefully, the Authority concerned will take the trouble to present next time in proper form.

The 'Someone' to call is Mr. Brown whose number during office hours (Mon.-Fri. 8.30 a.m. - 5 p.m.) is 996-615234. Outside these hours if the smell is really bad, his home number is 996-612943 and he will do his utmost to take immediate action. Then as soon as practicable please let Mr. P. Buckle know as he has been asked to collate all protests from Tostock. The information they require from his is :-

- Name & Address of Resident.
- Date, Time and Duration of Smell.
- Type of Smell (Brief description and how it affected you).
- Wind direction and Strength (Ligh/medium/strong)
- Other weather conditions.
- Was it reported as above at the time

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)

At a recent Committee meeting, Mr. B. Harrison was elected Chairman for the forthcoming year. Hire charges have been increased by 10% as from 1st April 1987. The Manpower Commission have planted young trees in the new hedge round the playing field. The Committee is grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Barnes of Wood Close for the gift of a refrigerator for the kitchen.

The 'Good-as-New Sale' held on the 8th May raised £95. Many excellent items of clothing etc. were received for sale but customers were not so evident. It was thought another similar sale will be tried, probably in September on a Saturday. A dress rail has been purchased by the Committee for use at Jumble Sales etc. and kept under the stage.

The village hall has been entered in the Village Hall of the Year competition once again - judging in July.

Entries are coming in for the Art Exhibition to be held once again in the Church on the following dates :-

Saturday 20th June : 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday 21st : 2 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
& Monday, 22nd June : 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

If there are any artists in the village who we have missed and who would like to exhibit, please contact H. Spencer (as above).

As last year, there will be a Craft Exhibition/Demonstration in the Village Hall on the Saturday and Sunday afternoons 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Here again if anyone has a craft or hobby they would like to demonstrate or an item to exhibit, please contact Rosemary Lister, tel. 70179. Profits from the two events are split equally between the Church Fabric Fund and the Village Hall.

ATTENTION ALL GARDENERS !

The Third Tostock Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Show will be on Saturday 19th September. The schedule is in preparation and will be distributed soon - any suggestions for classes will be gratefully received by Barney Harrison tel. Beyton 70247 - as will any offers of help.

T.O.A.D.S. (TOSTOCK OPERATIC & DRAMATIC SOCIETY)

Members enjoyed a very pleasant social occasion on April 14th when we all gathered together to present our wedding present - a crystal rose bowl - to our loyal and hard-working Secretary, Lynn Canning (now Mrs. Julian Coward). We were pleased to see those ex-members who were able to come and join in the celebrations and drink to Lynn and her bridegroom's health and happiness with wine and Coca Cola. Fortunately for us, Lynn will still be living in the vicinity, and we are hoping that she will remain with us for a little longer at least.

The Annual General Meeting had to be deferred this year, and will now take place on Tuesday June 30th at 7.30 p.m., and we trust all members can attend to elect the new Committee and discuss plans for the forthcoming year. New members, of course, are always welcome, and we extend a warm invitation to all those interested in the field of Drama to come along and join us. (If you happen to be a young gentleman between 9 and 90 years of age, you will be doubly welcome!).

Sheelagh Millman (Hon. Chairman)  
tel. 70209.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

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

At the A.G.M. on 3rd April, the following were elected :-  
Chairman : Carolyn Heywood. Treasurer : Margaret Grooms. Secretary :  
Heather Spencer, and four other elected members :- Helen Carter, Denise  
Pamment, Ann Pillars and Diane Stewart. Denise Pamment was thanked for  
all her hard work as Chairman since the Club was formed.

The Club was in a healthy financial state and subs. would remain  
the same at £5 Adult, £3 Intermediate and £2 Child under 16, now payable  
to Margaret Grooms, "Sanlappers", New Road, for the 1987/88 season.  
New members always welcome.

A Parbeque to start the season would be held at "King's Acre", Leys  
Road on Saturday 13th June for members and their families. Tickets @  
£1.50 (75p for 'Under 16's) would be on sale from the Committee.

The Annual Tournament would be held on Sunday 13th September and  
coaching had been arranged in August again - free to members.

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

Although our first fixture of the season, against Rattlesden, was  
cancelled due to the weather, the subsequent opening match against Beyton  
saw Tostock the winners by 2 wickets. A brilliant start to the season by  
Andrew Brown who scored 55 and will Mike Dean ever better his 5 wickets for  
4 runs? The following week rain stopped play after tea in the match against  
Coldham Hall.

Forthcoming fixtures : June 7th Elmswell - Away : 14th Battisford - Away :  
21st Rougham - Away : 28th Brettenham - Away.

July 2nd (6.15 p.m.) Greene King - Home : Sat 4th  
Shrinks et al - Home : Sun. 12th Battisford - Home : 19th Mendlesham - Home :  
26th Stowupland - Away.

FOOTBALL CLUBS : (Mr. Martin Durrant, 4 Orchard Close, Rougham, tel.70076)

Tostock '85 (Saturday club) : Our season finished with an away game at  
Ixworth, where although a goal down after a few minutes we eventually  
finished all square, thanks to a goal by Ian Jagger.

Our leading goal scorer for the season was Steve Campion with 17 goals  
in 21 matches. Ian Jagger was runner-up with 15 goals. Our record for the  
season was :-

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Goals for</u>	<u>Goals against</u>	<u>Points</u>
28	16	8	4	69	48	36

Our final league position was 4th - not bad for our second season?  
On a personal note I would like to thank ALL the players for their efforts  
and true loyalty, and I would like to thank the ladies for washing the shirts  
and Melissa for the "Half-time Cuppas". Finally whilst I am hoping to keep  
all the players next season it looks certain that I will be losing Ian Jagger  
who is going away to college. I/we wish him every success for the future.  
Good luck Ian!

Tostock F.C. (Sunday club) : We finished our season with an away game against  
Hardwick Hammers, played in terrible conditions and ending in a draw 1 - 1.  
Overall the season was a little disappointing as we had hoped for a higher  
league position but eventually finished about midway. Our record was :-

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Goals for</u>	<u>Goals against</u>	<u>Points</u>
22	6	9	7	43	46	19

We are hoping for better things next season.

### Football Club (Cont'd)

Recently we were honoured to host the Div. 1 Cup Final at Tostock between Walsham and Fornham St. Martin, the latter winning a thrilling match 4-3 after extra time. Following the success of this match, we were then asked to hold the Bill Utting Cup Final here, between Stanton and Westgate Brewery, Stanton winning this match 3-2.

Note : Many thanks to the Indoor Bowls Club for allowing us to use the Committee Room and Kitchen on Thursday night, a very nice gesture.

Editor's comment : Quite a compliment to the Club and to the state of the Tostock pitch that you should have been selected to stage TWO cup finals here. How ironical that the year when Tostock themselves reach the final it will have to be played somewhere else!

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

We are still waiting for the weather to warm up but as soon as it does the court will have its periodic repaint. The annual subscription remains at £5 for Adults and £1 for Teenagers.

CARPET POWIS : (Mrs. Joanne Douglas, "Beauregard", The Green, tel.70211)

Thanks to Mrs. Edna Parslow - whose idea it was and who organised it - the members of the Club now have attractive pullcvers in Royal Blue with the Club badge on them. Naturally we are all very proud of them and hope they will raise our performance to match our improved appearance!

In April we entered a team in a Fours competition at Woolpit when more than twenty clubs were represented from all over Suffolk. Our team successfully negotiated the first round but lost in the quarter-finals to the club who eventually won the competition.

On the 17th May we entertained Woolpit for a friendly match - which we won 3-1.

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

The new season is now under way. We have played three games to date and won all three. With only five teams left in the league it's becoming a bit of a struggle to keep going and new members are always welcome.

Editor's footnote : Quoits is one of the real old English countryside games and it would be sad indeed to see it 'fold up' for lack of support. Tostock is fortunate in having one of the dwindling number of clubs still playing in Suffolk and a few more members would be an encouragement the team well deserves. Peter Buckle will be happy to give you any further information as to playing times etc.

### "THE GARDENERS' CORNER"

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

No longer are we 'The Pub with No Name' as I'm sure you must have noticed by the board in the front. Quite striking, isn't it?

Crib : Although there is no Summer League we have been taking part in a competition run by the brewery. In the 1st round we narrowly beat the Stowupland "Retreat" but unfortunately lost in an equally close game to Ixworth Thorpe "Royal Oak" in the 2nd round.

Pool : We've now played three games in the newly formed Summer League and won two so not too much to report so far. There's a G.K. competition due to start shortly and we have just had a tournament to find our champion, so best of luck to Steve Neal in the forthcoming week(s).

"THE GARDENERS' CORNER" (Cont'd)

Darts : Not much to say except that we have got off to a reasonable start in the Summer season.

Football ! : Did anyone notice some strange sights on the playing field on the Mayday Bank Holiday? Well, it was a challenge thrown out by the Ladies of the Pub to the Gentlemen! In the event we all had a few laughs and even managed three goals each. The next Sunday 17th May saw a much more serious affair, the inaugural match for a new, much coveted trophy to be played for, between the "Gardeners' Arms" and Thurston "Fox and Hounds". I can tell you, all modesty prevailing, that we ran out the eventual winners by 10 - 5.

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EASTER WHIST DRIVE FOR THE BLIND

We would like to thank everyone who purchased draw tickets and those who came to the whist drive, and a special 'Thank You' to all who donated gifts to make the evening such a success and to raise £100 for the Blind.

Betty and Arthur Evans

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SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

- Monday 1st : MOBILE LIBRARY
- Thursday 11th : POLLING DAY
- Saturday 13th : Tennis Club Barbeque (Tennis notes)
- Monday 15th : MOBILE LIBRARY
- Saturday 20th : )
- Sunday 21st : ) ANNUAL ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITIONS (Village Hall notes)
- Monday 22nd : )
- Monday 29th : MOBILE LIBRARY
- Tuesday 30th : "Croft Tea" (Visit to Witnesham - Church Social notes)
- " 30th : 7.30 p.m. T.O.A.D.S. Annual General Meeting (TOADS notes)

JULY

- Thursday 9th : MOBILE BARBER (1.30 - 4 p.m. "Gardeners' Arms").
- Saturday 11th : CHURCH FETE (Church Social notes)
- Sunday 12th : 11.15 a.m. Brownies' Church Parade (Brownie notes)
- Monday 13th : MOBILE LIBRARY
- Thursday 23rd : LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NEXT ISSUE.
- Monday 27th : MOBILE LIBRARY
- Tuesday 28th : NO "Croft Tea" this month.

AND SOME COMING EVENTS :

- Sunday September 13th : Tennis Club's Tournament (Tennis notes)
- Saturday September 19th - Annual Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Show (page5)

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