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THE CHRONICLE GETS INTO THE RECORDS

A proud day for the "Tostock Chronicle". A complete set of all the issues from No. 1 in May 1955 has been accepted by the Suffolk Record Office and will take its place in the County Archives. It is proposed to up-date the series annually and in his acknowledgement, the Local Studies Librarian says "This must be the longest unbroken run of a village magazine now in stock and I am sure will be of interest to future local historians."

The cost of the necessary photo-copying of many of the earlier issues has been defrayed by Mr. Alastair Henderson of Tostock Place, to whom we are most grateful.

PARISH COUNCIL

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

Meetings were held in June and July when the following matters were dealt with :-

Footpaths : Extra signs are to be purchased and erected on various walks and the County Council are to be requested to repair the footpath at the Western end of the Norton Road to Flatts Lane footpath.

As nothing further had been heard from Calor Gas regarding the damage their vehicle did to the posts on The Green the matter has now been placed in hands of our solicitors.

A letter was received from a resident on The Green requesting permission to be allowed to park cars on the Green for a few hours whilst they held a house party. This was granted. Concern was expressed that other residents are allowing their visitors to park on The Green without permission and a letter is to be written to them. Negotiations are still taking place with Greene King regarding the same parking problem.

The village entered the Jubilee Trophy Competition and working parties were organised. The village did not reach the finals for this trophy but gained third place in the Mid-Suffolk competition. A vote of thanks was given to everyone in the village who contributed in any way and it was noted that the village looks the better for the tidying-up of the 'odd spots'.

Mr. Sean Douglas has volunteered to undertake the strimming round the Green and around the bus shelter and to maintain the strimmer. This is to be kept in his possession from now on and used only on Parish Council land under the terms of insurance.

A letter was written to Mid-Suffolk regarding the bad state of the footpath outside the Croft Bungalows with a request to carry out repairs before any resident had an accident, and the repairs were immediately carried out by the Highways Department.

Reports were given regarding the latest position concerning the Drinkstone Pig Smell.

PARISH COUNCIL (Cont'd)

Mid-Suffolk Planning Dept. has granted permission for the extension to "Fayreway" and for the erection of three dwellings west of "Better View" despite objections and the site meetings. Concern is now expressed that alterations have taken place with regard to one of the proposed new houses on the site and a building is apparently planned in the Conservation Area. A letter has been written to the Planning Dept. to enquire the reason why the relevant notices have not been displayed.

The Parish Council is at present holding a surplus of finances and it was agreed to write to the various village organisations who submit reports to the Annual Meeting to enquire if they have any project in hand requiring financial help to let the Council know so that the matter can be discussed at the next meeting.

It was learned with regret that the tractor is in need of major repairs and after a long discussion it was agreed, bearing in mind the very large areas of grass that have to be cut within the village, that enquiries be made with the possibility of replacing the mowing equipment with more modern equipment. Reports are to be submitted at the next meeting.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

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

Services :

AUGUST : 2nd : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Norton
9th : 11.15 a.m. Family Service
16th : 11.15 a.m. 1852 Communion
23rd : 11.15 a.m. Matins
30th : 11.15 a.m. Special Service

SEPTEMBER 6th : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Tostock
13th : 11.15 a.m. Family Service
20th : 11.15 a.m. 1852 Communion
27th : 11.15 a.m. Matins

OCTOBER 4th : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Pakenham

Harvest Supper : Friday 2nd October : 7.30 p.m. in Village Hall
Harvest Service : Sunday 11th October 11.15 a.m.

Note : CALLING ALL CYCLISTS. COME IN PLEASE !

The Sponsored Cycle Ride will be held this year on SATURDAY, 5th September. Sponsorship forms can be had from Bill and Edna Parslow, "Pynnor", Norton Road (tel. 70858).

Proceeds are divided equally between your own Church and the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust.

Tostock has done well in the past, particularly last year, but let us see if we can do even better this year. Please take part if you can, and anyway sponsor anyone who asks you to - or you might even offer without being asked ; it's not against the rules!

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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

We made £37 profit on Teas served for the Art and Craft Exhibitions, thanks to the ladies who provided the home-made cakes.

The Annual Church Fete was held in glorious weather. Again our thanks to all who gave gifts for the stalls, donations and supported the Fete in many ways.

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE (Cont'd)

We have planned a Weekend of Activity next year in place of the Fete. A Flower Festival in the Church, a concert in the Church and gardens opening on Sunday afternoon. This will be held on 12th and 13th July, 1988.

"Afternoon Tea at the Croft" will resume after the Summer break at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday 29th September.

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

(Mrs. Lynn Coward, 6 Fox Cottages, Stanningfield, Bury St. Edmunds, tel. 9-828599)

The Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 30th June in the Village Hall and was well attended by members. We also welcomed five new members.

The new Committee for the next year was elected as follows :-
Chairman - Mrs. Sheelagh Millman : Vice-Chairman - Mrs. Michele Faiers :
Secretary - Mrs. Lynn Coward : Treasurer - Mrs. Maureen Beales :
Village Hall Representative - Mr. Richard Wallington : Officers - Mr. Mark Stewart, Mrs. Lorna Walker, Miss Emma Wallington, Miss Imogen Rogers.

Plans for the future were discussed and it was agreed that we would enter the Ipswich Drama Festival this year, which is to be held in November. This will involve as many members as possible in a one-act play.

It was also decided that as the TOADS would be celebrating 25 years next year, we would have a celebration show. It is hoped that this will include one evening at the Theatre Royal in Bury St. Edmunds. The contents of this show have not been decided yet but there are many thoughts floating in the air!

During the next few months we will again be holding Dance and Drama evenings. Hopefully these evenings will be run on a similar line as before. The first of these evenings is on Tuesday 15th September.

Any local people who are interested in any aspects whatsoever in Amateur Dramatics would be very welcome to join us at our meetings.

BROWNIES

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

Many thanks to the girls who attended the annual Church Parade on Sunday 12th July.

On the last evening of term everyone enjoyed a barbeque - this has proved to be very popular during recent years.

Autumn term resumes on Monday 14th September.

PLAYGROUP

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

We finished our Summer term with a strawberry party. 9 Children and 8 Mums enjoyed strawberries and cream with shortbread. Crisps, cheese and pineapple, cheese biscuits were eaten beforehand with Mums drinking a glass of wine and the children drinking blackcurrant juice.

This was a 'Goodbye' party for Oliver Weeks who will be starting school in September.

We are holding a Jumble Sale at Tostock Village Hall on Saturday, 26th September - 2 - 4 p.m. If you have any Jumble you can leave it at the Hall on Playgroup mornings on Tuesdays or give it to any Playgroup Mum. The money raised at the sale will enable the group to continue to operate until Christmas when it will close as there will not be enough children to be able to pay for the expenses of running the group.

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 " 70675)

The Art Exhibition was enjoyed by several hundred people again this year and a record number of paintings were on show - of these 79 were sold to the value of £2,310 - slightly higher than last year. Once again we are grateful to the many people who help with the hanging, stewarding, fetching stands and many other jobs involved and not least of all, the artists themselves who year after year support us.

Rosmary Lister kindly organised the Craft Exhibition in the Village Hall which this year included one or two new crafts and interests and here again we are indebted to the people concerned who gave up many, many hours to put on a good show.

The net profit on the two events was £566.54 to be shared equally with the Church Fabric Fund.

The Committee was delighted to hear this month that thanks to the persistence and tenacity of Mr. Peter Buckle, our Booking Officer, who had written to the Mid-Suffolk District Council querying the rejection of a grant for the new floor, we are going to receive the £2,000 grant after all. This will be of great help with our depleted finances.

The Committee is in the throes of purchasing a new electric polisher for the new floor and for use on kitchen and corridor floors. Two new fans have been bought for installation in the main hall to improve the circulation of hot air, ready for the winds of next Winter.

Judging has taken place for the Village Hall of the Year competition. In the spring cleaning period prior to this, several items of clothing were found in the hall :-

- 1 Child's pink anorak, named SPENCERSON. 1 Grey blouson jacket.
- 1 small black quilted body-warmer (child's). 1 umbrella.
- 1 grey plastic mac (man's).

Are any of these items your's? If so, please contact the secretary (as above).

Barbecue : We are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Pillars for the gift of a barbecue & drum complete with stand, for use by village organisations, also a set of caterer's large saucepans/steamers.

GOOD-AS-NEW SALE : SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER : Following up suggestions, we are planning this next one on a Saturday - from 2 to 6 p.m. Any good-as-new items can be brought to the village hall between 10 a.m. and 12 noon, duly labelled and priced. If you do not wish your name to be on the label, it can be coded. The Village Hall takes 25% commission on any sales - the rest is yours! Any problems about delivering items, please contact Heather Spencer or Sharon Hall (tel.70942). Light refreshments will be served.

FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW : SATURDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER : A schedule is enclosed and we hope each family will enter this light-hearted affair. There are a few different classes this year. Any queries or more entry forms, please contact Julie and Barney Harrison, the Organisers, "Apple Trees", Perkins Way, tel. 70247.

It is hoped to organise some CHILDREN'S SPORTS to be run on the afternoon of the Show - Saturday, 19th September. Any offers of help would be appreciated.

VILLAGE HALL (Continued)

N.B. We are Still receiving complaints regardings dogs fouling the playing fields. We would respectfully ask dog owners to prevent their dogs from fouling the playing fields, which are regularly used by children, cricketers, footballers and others. It is definitely a health hazard apart from being unpleasant to pick up a ball covered in dog's mess.

WOOLPIT/DRINKSTONE/TOSTOCK SMELLS COMMITTEE

Nearly a year ago over 100 angry villagers of Woolpit and the other villages met at the Woolpit Institute to organise objections to the smells which pervade the villages from time to time.

The situation is that Mr. Clarke, the owner of the piggeries has agreed that he will make some changes to his process to try to avoid some of the smells. IT IS VITAL THAT WE MONITOR IF THESE HAVE ANY EFFECT. It is essential that if you wish to rid our villages of this smell that you report foul smells to the Environmental Health Department at Mid-Suffolk WHENEVER THEY ARE NOTICED.

DO NOT LEAVE IT TO YOUR NEIGHBOURS - 'PHONE STRAIGHT AWAY!

The more reports that are received the more likely it is that something will be done about it.

CONTACT : During Office Hours : Environmental Health Dept. 996-615234
 At other times : Mr. N. J. Foster : 996-675874
 or Mr. N. T. Green : 996-674822
 or Mr. L. W. Brown : 996-612943

As reported in 'The Chronicle' last time, Tostock's representative on the Committee is Mr. Peter Buckle, "Crosswinds", Flatts Lane, tel. 70605.

SNAP TO IT !

Mid-Suffolk Photographic Competition

In conjunction with activities initiated during this 'European Year of the Environment' (and shame on you if you didn't know that it is!) the District Council is holding a Photographic Competition featuring the District's environment.

There are two sections (for prints only, not slides) :-

Section A : Colour prints up to 7" x 5"

Section B : Colour or Black and White prints 10" x 8" or larger

N.B. The sizes are for the prints only and these may be mounted if you wish.

Photographs must have been taken by the entrant but the film and print may be home or trade processed.

The theme is "Mid-Suffolk's Environment" and some suggestions for suitable subjects are farming scenes, fields of crops, trees, riverside views, buildings or houses of architectural merit, churches or even industrial scenes.

Four modest cash prizes are offered in each section and a leaflet incorporating an entry form can be obtained from the village shop. The closing date for entries is 30th September, 1987.

ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

The annual house-to-house collection held in July amounted to £82.18. Many thanks to all who gave so generously. The collectors were Mrs. Betty Bradley, Mrs. Ann Livett and Heather and Graham Spencer.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

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

The foul weather has been the cause of 4 cancellations and of those 9 matches played, 1 was abandoned due to rain, 5 were won and 3 were lost.

Forthcoming Fixtures : August : 2nd Gt. Waldingfield - Home : 9th Beyton Away :
16th Coldham Hall - Away : 23rd Woolpit - Home : 30th Gt. Finborough - Home.
September 6th Rougham - Home : 13th Bury Rail - Home :
20th Bury Rail - Away : 27th Bretterham - Home.

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

The Barbeque at "King's Acre" on 13th June was enjoyed by about 30 members in between heavy showers.

There has been quite a rush of new members recently. Coaching has been arranged in August, as follows, free to members and for non-members there will be a small fee :-

Tuesday, 4th August	: 10 a.m. - 12 noon	: CHILDREN'S coaching
4th August	: 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	: ADULTS' "
Thursday, 13th "	: 10 a.m. - 12 noon	: CHILDREN'S "
Tuesday, 18th "	: 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	: ADULTS' "

Miss Sheila Keeley is an excellent coach and last year's coaching by her proved very helpful. Please come along if you are interested.

New members are still welcome - the subscription remains at a very reasonable £5 for an Adult, £3 for Intermediate (College/Student) and £2 for Under 16's. (Treasurer : Mrs. M. Grooms, "Sandlappers", New Road, tel. 70688).

The ANNUAL TOURNAMENT will be held at the court on Sunday 13th September, commencing at 10 a.m. - open to non-members. Please contact the Secretary, if you are interested.

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

On Saturday 18th July, members enjoyed a Barbeque at "Crosswinds". The weather stayed fine during the evening which meant that a game of outdoor green bowling could be played - a pleasant change from indoor bowling.

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

Yearly subscriptions (£6 Adults, £1 Teenagers) are now due and should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Ian Jagger, "Greenlees", Flatts Lane, Tostock. The lock combination will be changed on 1st September.

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

At the moment, Tostock are top of the league, only losing one game. So far Colin Buckle has scored 9 'ringers' - all told the team has scored 22 'ringers'. A standard of very good pitching.

FOOTBALL : We know that the Club is preparing for another very active season and will again be playing both Saturday and Sunday fixtures. Anyone interested is invited to contact Mr. Martin Durrant, 4 Orchard Close, Rougham, tel. 70076.

"THE GARDENERS' CORNER"

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

Pool : It doesn't look as if we will win anything in this Summer's league. At the moment we are just above halfway, having caused one or two upsets with higher teams but coupled this with one or two silly results the other way, and it makes it another of those "What might have been" seasons.

Darts : Standing a respectable third in the league, we might have been even higher but for losing to the current leaders, Woolpit "Plough". However, never say die ; there's still some way to go.

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LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

A few residents have expressed an interest in forming a Local History Group in the village. The usual form is to have a monthly meeting, often with a speaker, and for the members to undertake some local research.

If anyone is interested in this idea perhaps they would contact either Mrs. Jillian Huffey of "Apple Cottage", Leys Road, or Mrs. Heather Spencer, "Bosmere", Perkins Way. If there is sufficient response, then we could arrange an open meeting.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITIONS

So we didn't win. Ah, well. No use crying etc. All the same the village looked a whole lot better for the efforts of those who put themselves out and worked so hard for everyone else's benefit. Our grateful thanks to all concerned - and wouldn't it be nice if we all did our bit now to maintain that cared-for look which so impresses the visitors to our lovely little village and makes it such a delightful place to live in.

THE WALTERS' MEMORIAL SEAT

This has proved to be most welcome to those finding the long haul up Norton Road somewhat exhausting and the new redesigned concrete base will help considerably to keep the immediate surround weedfree. Our thanks to Mr. Peter Buckle and his friends for this improvement.

FLATTS LANE - NORTON ROAD FOOTPATH

The footpaths within our parish boundaries offer something of a challenge to those who walk them. You might say that 'where they are good they are very very good - but where they are bad they are horrid.' The most walked one, between Flatts Lane and the Norton Road, is a combination of both. Across the open fields the landowner has maintained for us an excellent track for which we are indeed grateful but to negotiate the last thirty yards or so into the Norton Road when it is wet underfoot calls for a steady nerve and the sure-footedness of a mountain goat if one is not to finish up in the ditch. We are pleased to read that the Parish Council are to press the District Council to stabilise the path along this dangerous stretch as soon as possible.

SNAKES ALIVE !

With the subject of Conservation and the protection of our native flora and fauna so much in mind today it was a great joy to Mrs. Pat Hayward to find a small clump of the fairly rare Snake's Head Fritillaries growing wild in the grounds of Tostock Old Hall this Spring. The spot has been wired off and it is hoped that the little self-sown colony of these old English wildflowers will survive and multiply.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST :

Monday 3rd : MOBILE LIBRARY
Tuesday 4th : Tennis Coaching (Tennis notes)
Thursday 13th : Tennis Coaching (" ")
Monday 17th : MOBILE LIBRARY
Tuesday 18th : Tennis Coaching (" ")
Thursday 20th : MOBILE BARBER
Monday 31st : MOBILE LIBRARY

SEPTEMBER :

Saturday 5th : Sponsored Cycle Ride (page 2)
Saturday 12th : "Good-as-New" Sale (Village Hall notes)
Sunday 13th : Tennis Tournament (Tennis notes)
Monday 14th : MOBILE LIBRARY
Monday 14th : Brownies new term starts (Brownie notes)
Tuesday 15th : T.O.A.D.S. first Dance & Drama Evening
Saturday 19th : Flower & Vegetable Show (Village Hall notes)
Wednesday 23rd : LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NEXT ISSUE
Saturday 26th : Jumble Sale (Playgroup notes)
Monday 28th : MOBILE LIBRARY
Tuesday 29th : 2.30 p.m. "Tea at the Croft" resumes (Church Social)
Wednesday 30th : CLOSING DATE FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION (page 5)

AND SOME COMING EVENTS :-

Friday 2nd October : Harvest Supper (Church Social notes)
Sunday 11th October : Harvest Service (Church notes)

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