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WHEREVER DID OUR 'SUMMER' GO ?

Don't forget to put your clocks and watches BACK one hour before you retire on the night of Saturday 24th October, when that which we laughingly call British SUMMER time comes to an end.

Come to think of it I noticed that my Winter Jasmine started flowering before the end of August this year. Was it trying to tell me something I wonder ?

PARISH COUNCIL

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

Three planning applications have recently been discussed and approved.

At the last meeting, requests for financial help from various village organisations were discussed. The Cricket Club and T.O.A.D.S. both requested that anything due to them should be allocated towards replacement mowing equipment which it was felt should take priority over everything else. Long discussion and debate took place and it was finally agreed to allow up to £4,000 for the replacement of a tractor and a thorough overhaul of the gang-mowers. Up to £400 is allowed for a free-standing parish notice board and up to a maximum of £100 each for the Parochial Church Council, Football Club, Quoits Club, Brownies, Carpet Bowls and Tennis Clubs. The conditions are for the organisations to present any invoices for purchases to the Council for payment before 31st March, 1988.

Concern was expressed regarding an incident involving a parishioner parking on the Northern trackway across the Green whilst shopping. This trackway is part of the Village Green owned by the Parish Council and anyone is entitled to park there whilst shopping or using the Post Office.

It has also been noted that a plank has been placed across a ditch in Flatts Lane. This has been done without the Council's consent and should any accident occur to anyone crossing the ditch the Council could not be held responsible.

Negotiations are still taking place with the Suffolk County Council regarding various footpaths in the parish and new sign-posts are being erected.

THANK YOU TOSTOCK

I would like to thank all those very kind and numerous friends in Tostock for the beautiful flowers and 'Get Well' cards, and especially their good wishes and prayers - during my stay in Papworth Hospital.

I am home now, and gradually getting better each day.

Edna Parslow

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

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

Services :

OCTOBER : 4th : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Pakenham
11th : 11.15 a.m. HARVEST SERVICE
18th : 11.15 a.m. 1662 Communion
4.00 p.m. Deanery Evensong at Tostock
25th : 11.15 a.m. Matins

NOVEMBER : 1st : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Norton
8th : 11.15 a.m. Family Remembrance Service
15th : 11.15 a.m. 1662 Communion
22nd : 11.15 a.m. Matins
29th : 11.15 a.m. Special Service

DECEMBER : 6th : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Tostock
3.00 p.m. 'Christingle' Service at Norton

Bible Study : We are starting a new series of Bible Study meetings at 7.30 p.m. on Thursdays. The first meeting will be on October 1st at "Tobermory", The Green, Tostock. We will be studying the Epistle to the Phillipians. All are welcome.

Harvest : The Harvest Supper is on Friday October 2nd and the Harvest Service on Sunday October 11th at 11.15 a.m. We invite members of the congregation to present at this service gifts of produce which will be taken afterwards to the Bury Womens' Aid Refuge.

Deanery Evensong : We will be welcoming representatives of the 29 parishes of the Ixworth Deanery to Evensong at Tostock at 4 p.m. on Sunday October 18th. I hope we will have a good number of our own villagers to welcome them.

Remembrance Day : As in recent years the Act of Remembrance will be included in the Family Service at 11.15 a.m.

'Christingle' : We open the Christmas season with this children's service which includes gifts for the Church of England Children's Society. The children each receive a 'Christingle' and this service is particularly meaningful to the younger children. This year it will be at Norton at 3 p.m. on Sunday December 6th.

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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

"Afternoon Tea at the Croft" resumed in September with Mr. Hoadley showing us some of his many slides taken on his Australian trips. At the October "Tea" on Tuesday 27th, Lady Hubbard is to talk to us on the wonderful work of Mother Theresa.

The Christmas Bazaar will be on November 14th at 2.30 p.m. and all gifts will be welcome for the various stalls.

The dates for the weekend of activity next year, including the Festival of Flowers and a concert in the church and an open gardens day in the village will be the 16th and 17th July, 1988. A full programme of events will be announced later.

PLAYGROUP

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

Prospects have brightened up since our last report and with the arrival of two new children it looks as if we shall not now have to close the group at the end of the year.

The sum of £26 was raised at the Jumble Sale on 26th September.

BROWNIES

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

At the end of the Summer term, Woolpit Brownies kindly invited our pack to a Teddy Bears' Picnic. All went armed with a teddy bear of some description and after various games relating to bears everyone tucked into 'Eats' of honey or marmalade sandwiches etc.

The Autumn term has started with seven new girls - three of them already Brownies who have moved into this area. This has boosted our numbers and we are nearly a full pack once again.

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

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

As stated in the last Chronicle, we are entering in the Ipswich Drama Festival and our performance is on Saturday 14th November. The evening commences at 7.30 p.m. at the Ipswich Corn Exchange. We have chosen "The Golden Age" as our entry and this involves all members.

Our entry is the last of the Festival so the final adjudication and prize-giving will be held immediately afterwards.

We are also planning to perform our entry to the people of Tostock and surrounding villages on Saturday 7th November. Watch out for posters.

We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us either on 7th November in Tostock or in Ipswich on 14th November.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT

{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}

Village Hall of the Year Competition : As we reached the final this year, great efforts were made to 'spring clean' the garage, when we were very grateful to Simon Reynolds and Martin Durrant for helping with a very dirty job. Joe Laverick mended the guttering at the rear of the hall, thanks to Mr. Pillars for the gift of the guttering. Other jobs included the shampooing of the Committee Room carpet tiles, part redecoration of this room, intensive efforts by Myra Coe our Cleaner, with the new floor polisher, Lionel Grooms with his strimmer for clearing round the hall and the Carpet Bowls for fixing brackets for storing their carpets. Sharon Hall, Mick Spencer and R. Wallington all wielded paint brushes and Julie and Barney Harrison and Doreen Buckle helped with other jobs.

The final result was that we were Runners-up in the Small Village Hall class. The Judges declared it to be the most closely fought final that they had yet seen. We have not received the final report but of the 37 halls entering the competition, 24 gained over 90% points. The judges look at every aspect of management of the hall - accounts, booking diary, minute book, how the hall serves the community as well as looking into every nook and cranny.

Good-as-new Sale : Holding this sale on a Saturday proved more popular with the general public and a sum of £97 was raised.

Photographs : Some years back the idea was put forward to mount a display of photographs of village events as a record - to be kept in the village hall. We would be most grateful to borrow negatives of past events to try and make a start on this project.

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WILD FLOWERS

I was delighted to read in the last Chronicle of the re-appearance in Tostock of the Snake's Head Fritillary, and congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Hayward on providing a habitat in which it can thrive. It was only ever found growing wild in three parishes in West Suffolk, and has not been seen in any of them for many years.

In 1984-5 I compiled a list of over 400 species of wild plants growing in Tostock parish, but was disappointed not to find any of the three rarities which have grown here in living memory. Now the Fritillary has re-appeared can anybody show me a Water Violet or a Butterfly Orchid still growing wild in Tostock?

Richard Addington

MOBILE LIBRARY

My sincere apologies for showing some wrong visiting dates for the mobile library in the 'Diary' in the last issue. My fault entirely. Regular users were probably not fooled by it but if any casual users were inconvenienced - I'm sorry. As the saying goes "The buck stops here!"

Incidentally, for the benefit of newcomers, the Suffolk County Library van makes fortnightly visits on Mondays and stands at the "Gardeners' Arms" from 2.30 p.m. then moves down to the Norton Road (Wood Close) where it stands from 2.50 p.m.

TWENTY ONE YEARS ON

We understand that since the last issue of the Chronicle, Miss Jean Wheeler and Miss Reta Stevens have 'chalked up' the 21st anniversary of their taking over the Post Office and Shop on the Green. When one considers particularly such burdens as the 'unsocial' hours and almost daily problems associated with the Newsagents side of the business and the ever present problem of trying to keep the widest range of merchandise in such restricted premises they are indeed to be warmly congratulated on such a long record of endurance.

MOBILE BARBER

To those who are accustomed to receiving tonsorial treatment from the visiting barber at regular 6-weekly intervals - a warning. The interval between the October and November visits will be SEVEN weeks. The actual dates are shown in the Diary at the end of this issue.

A MUSICAL EVENING AT ST. ANDREW'S

It really was a most enjoyable evening in the Church on Saturday 19th September when Gabriel Rochford and Antony Watson entertained us with a concert in aid of Cancer Research. What a wealth of talent these two young people possess between them. It was good to see the bright clean newly decorated church, with lovely floral arrangements, filled to capacity and we understand that the event produced well over £200 for this most deserving charity.

BUS SERVICES

We are informed that there are no changes in timings planned for this Autumn.

For the benefit of those not yet familiar with the bewildering changes in Bury, the pick-up point for buses returning to Tostock is at Stop No.5, across the road from the Library in St. Andrew's Street North.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

House-to-house collections for the Appeal will be on Saturday 7th November 1987. Please give generously.

Collecting boxes will also be available at the Post Office and the 'Gardeners' Arms.'

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

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

The Winter League has now started with our first match against Offton and Willisham. We managed to draw two games and lose the other two - which is quite encouraging as we were against a strong side.

Matches arranged for October are :- 7th : Offton and Willisham (away)
8th : Needham Market (home) -18th : Cockfield (home)
22nd : Woolpit (home) 25th : Cockfield (away)
27th : Needham Market (away) November 12th : Syleham (away)

As well as meeting every Thursday (afternoons and evenings) our Sunday evening meetings will be on October 4th and 18th and November 1st, 15th and 29th. All at the Village Hall - 2.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

We send our best wishes to Edna for her speedy recover and are looking forward to her and Bill returning to us in the future.

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

The season has just finished with Tostock runners-up in the league, C. Buckle scoring the most 'Ringers' (9). P. Manning won the D. Clarke Shield and the Singles Cup ; P. Manning and P. Buckle winning the T. Villar's Cup.

The new season starts in May - new members welcome.

SQUASH CLUB : (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. All paid-up members will be notified of the changed lock combination.

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

The Club was lucky with the weather on Sunday 13th September and members and friends enjoyed a pleasant day of tennis. After several matches the final outcome was :-

Challenge Shield for Mixed Doubles : Winners - Marianne & Christian Ross
Runners-up - Meg Chant & David Weeks
Junior Singles Tournament : Winner - Christian Ross
Runner-up - Alec Hubbard

The trophies were presented by Mrs. Carolyn Heywood, the new Chairman.

The Club has purchased its own seat for use in the court.

Lady members continue to play on Tuesday and Friday mornings, 10.30 a.m. start. Ladies, why not come and join us?

Once again the coaching in August by Mrs. Sheila Keeley proved helpful, particularly to our young members.

The Club hopes to hold a Coffee Morning in aid of Cancer Research at "Bosmere", Perkins Way on Thursday morning - 19th November. ALL welcome!

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

The season ended with a win by 5 wickets against Brettenham.

Match Results 1987 :

Played 18 : Won 7 : Drawn 1 : Lost 7 : Abandoned 3.

Leading Batsmen :

	<u>No. of Inns.</u>	<u>Not Out</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>High't Score</u>	<u>Average</u>
G. Wade	5	1	114	47 *	28.5
D. Bonfield	11	3	164	44	20.5
A. Brown	13	2	190	55	17.3

Leading Bowlers :

	<u>Overs</u>	<u>M'dns</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wkts</u>	<u>Average</u>
N. Bennett	43	14	72	14	5.14
P. Cobbold	33	3	99	11	9.00
G. Spencer	55	2	183	17	10.77

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th October in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

"THE GARDENERS' CORNER"

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

Doesn't time fly when you're enjoying yourself. It hardly seems a year ago since I was first invited to adorn the pages of 'The Chronicle' with my easy wit and raconteurial skills!

As reported last year, this is the in-between time when we are in a state of limbo between the Summer season ending and all the Winter league beginning. We are entered for all the usual things again but in case anyone needs reminding (I know I do!) here is the run-down :-

Sunday night is Quiz Night and we have two teams entered again this year so there will be a home game every week. Monday is Cribbage Night and we are again entered in the Thurston Invitation League. Tuesday will see us wielding the cues in the St. Edmunds Village Pool League, and then it's 'arrows' on Wednesday in the Stowmarket & District Friendly Darts League and again on Friday in the Ingham Darts League.

So there we are, a lovely full social calendar and we will try to keep you as up-to-date as possible with the results and fixtures.

THE VILLAGE QUIZ

Do you remember those heart-stopping moments last year when the Quiz went into a tie-break and the "Gardeners' Arms" very modestly accepted the thunderous applause at the end? Well you won't want to miss this year's event at any cost.

The organisers are attempting to contact all organisations in the village by word of mouth and officially, but don't feel left out if you've been forgotten in the rush - just contact "The Gardener's Arms" and get your entry in now.

We are hoping the questions will suit all tastes and most age groups so don't be backward in coming forward, and don't forget the date - WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER at 7.30 p.m.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER :

Thursday 1st : Mobile Barber
Friday 2nd : Harvest Supper
Monday 5th : MOBILE LIBRARY
Sunday 11th : 11.15 a.m. Harvest Service
Monday 19th : MOBILE LIBRARY
Wednesday 21st : 7.30 p.m. Village Quiz (see page 7)
Monday 26th : Children's Sports? (Provisional - see Village Hall notes)
Tuesday 27th : 2.30 p.m. "Tea at the Croft" (Church Social notes)
" 27th : 7.30 p.m. Cricket Club A.G.M. (see Cricket notes)

NOVEMBER :

Monday 2nd : MOBILE LIBRARY
Saturday 7th : Poppy Day house-to-house collection (page 6)
" 7th : T.O.A.D.S. Production "The Golden Age" (TOADS notes)
Sunday 8th : 11.15 a.m. Remembrance Service (Church notes)
Saturday 14th : 2.30 p.m. Christmas Bazaar (Church Social notes)
" 14th : 7.30 p.m. Ipswich Corn Exchange : TOADS' production
of "The Golden Age" at Ipswich Drama Festival
Monday 16th : MOBILE LIBRARY
Thursday 19th : Mobile Barber
" 19th : 10.30 a.m. Coffe Morning in aid of Cancer Research -
"Bosmere", Perkins Way (see Tennis notes)
Sunday 22nd : LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NEXT ISSUE
Tuesday 24th : 2.30 p.m. "Tea at the Croft" (Church Social notes)
Monday 30th : MOBILE LIBRARY

AND A 'COMING EVENT' :-

Sunday 6th December : 3 p.m. at Norton Church : 'Christingle' Service
(see Church notes)

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