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YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED

In the near future there will be two meetings at the Village Hall which should be of real interest to all residents. They are the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT on Friday 22nd April at 8 p.m. and the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING on Wednesday 27th April at 7.45 p.m.

The Parish Council and the Village Hall Management Committee are responsible between them for most of what is done - or for that matter, not done - in the interests of the Village throughout the year, and these meetings are specifically held so that residents may have an opportunity to express their views, ask their questions or, most importantly offer any advice or suggestions for the future.

Both meetings are open to all residents and it is hoped that they will be deservedly well attended.

PARISH COUNCIL

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

Mr. Villar chaired the last two meetings attended by seven councillors.

No objections were raised for the demolition of Malsters Cottage and the erection of a new flint and brick cottage in its place.

Notification has been received from Mid-Suffolk District Council that they have refused planning permission for the building of a cottage at the Old Hall.

A site meeting has been held with the Suffolk County Council at the Western end of Footpath no. 5(Norton Road) and they have agreed to undertake some repair work to make this path more walkable.

Following our numerous complaints to Suffolk County Council regarding the danger of excessive surface water in Norton Road, the council have agreed to rod the pipes to help ease the situation, but it appears the main cause of the problem is the fact that most of the ditches have been filled in by householders and the pipes have become blocked.

Mid-Suffolk District Council have agreed to replace trees lost in the October blow.

The Annual Parish Meeting is fixed for Wednesday 27th April at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Hall. It is hoped that our County Councillor, District Councillor and a Police Officer will be present. It is also hoped that an officer from Mid-Suffolk Planning Department will be in attendance to outline the County Structure Plan as it affects this village. This is the end of the first term of the councillors YOU elected last year. Now is your chance to come and question their actions.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

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

Services :-

APRIL 1st : 9.30 a.m. (Good Friday) Matins
 3rd : 10.00 a.m. (Easter Day) Series 2 Communion
 3.00 p.m. Infant Baptism
 10th : 11.15 a.m. Family Service
 17th : 11.15 a.m. 1662 Communion
 24th : 11.15 a.m. Matins

MAY 1st : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Norton
 8th : 11.15 a.m. (Rogation Sunday) Family Service
 15th : 11.15 a.m. 1662 Communion
 22nd : 11.15 a.m. (Whit Sunday) Songs of Praise
 29th : 11.15 a.m. Matins

JUNE 5th : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Tostock

Easter : I hope that many people will be able to worship on Good Friday (9.30 a.m. at Tostock, Family Service at Norton at 11.15 a.m., Devotional Service at Pakenham at 2.00 p.m.) and that all Christian people will join in worship on Easter Day when we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord. (10.00 a.m. service at Tostock should please most people, but there will be a 1662 Communion at Norton at 8 a.m. and Family Service with Communion at 11.15 a.m. again at Norton).

Rogation Sunday : On this day we ask God's blessing on our crops, with prayers outside the church if weather permits.

Songs of Praise : Please note that we have reversed the order of services on the last two Sundays of May, so that Songs of Praise comes on May 22nd, away from the half-term holiday. On May 29th, Mr. Harrison will take Matins at 11.15 a.m.

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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

The date for the Coffee Morning at "Better View" has been changed and will now be on Friday 3rd June from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

There will be "Tea at the Croft" as usual for all retired persons at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday 26th April and on Tuesday 31st May. At the April meeting arrangements have been made for a member of the Manpower Services to show us some slides.

BROWNIES

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

Nearly a full pack attended the Thinking Day celebrations at Elmswell Memorial Hall on the 20th February. Each year all Brownies, Guides and Guiders remake their promise. The girls were able to sample food and drink from other countries, after which each pack did a short entertainment.

The 'Litter Pick-up' will be on Wednesday 13th April, meeting at the hall at 2.30 p.m. Refreshments to follow.

Our annual Church Parade will be on Sunday 22nd May at 11.15 a.m. This will be followed by a family barbeque.

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. tel.70675)

The Annual General Meeting of the Management Committee will be held at the Village Hall on Friday 22nd April at 8 p.m. This is open to all and we invite all interested parties to attend. On the agenda will be the election of officers, the Chairman's report for the past year, Treasurer's Report, future plans for the Art and Crafts Exhibitions, Flower Show, a decision on whether to enter the Village Hall of the Year Competition and increased hiring charges. This is YOUR VILLAGE HALL, please take an interest.

The ceiling fans have now been put in to help with the circulation of warm air and the new circuit-breaker sockets installed on the stage.

Following the closure of Tostock Playgroup the equipment has been sorted out and is stored under the stage and in the garage. If anyone in the village is interested in re-starting a playgroup, there is a very comprehensive range of equipment to inherit and the Committee would be only too happy to see a playgroup flourishing once again. Mrs. Sharon Hall of 'Ifold', New Road, tel. 70942 would be pleased to give further details.

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

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

Rehearsals are now well underway for our 25th year celebration production of 'Star White and the Daots', a Space Fantasy/Musical.

It will be presented on Friday 27th and Saturday 28th May, 1988 at the Theatre Royal, Bury St. Edmunds, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Tickets will be available from the Theatre Box Office from 11th April, at £4, £3 and £2, and all seats will be £2 for children. Proceeds of this show will be going to the Great Ormond Street Wishing Well Appeal.

We are sure that the whole family will enjoy this special show and hope to see as many of you as possible at the theatre.

TOSTOCK PAST AND PRESENT SOCIETY

(Mrs. Gillian Huffey, "April Cottage", Leys Road. tel. 70333)

A most interesting talk was given by Mr. Philip Aitkens on Timber Framed Buildings in Suffolk at the March meeting held at the village hall. Mr. Aitkens' talk was accompanied by a selection of slides to illustrate the various farm houses, private dwellings and barns that abound in the area, mainly from the 16th century. A lively question time followed the talk. Thirty two members and friends were present.

The next meeting will be on Monday 11th April when Mr. Moore will be speaking on 'The History of the Police Force'. The May meeting will be on Monday 9th with Mr. Markham who's talk will be 'When Elephants lived in Suffolk'. All are welcome at our meetings.

TOSTOCK'S GOLDEN FLORAL CROSS

Many new residents in the village will probably not know of this unusual feature as although it actually lies on the parish boundary it is not really visible without going outside the parish itself.

Some years ago a tragic accident occurred one morning on the Tostock section of the A.45 trunk road when a car skidded on the icy surface and two men were killed. The widow of one of them planted a host of daffodils at the spot where her husband died and every Spring a golden floral cross appears on the embankment as a living memorial to him. Roadside shrines in different forms are a common feature of Continental roads but are something of a rarity in this country.

As this issue of the 'Chronicle' goes out the daffodils have only just opened so the cross should now be on display for several weeks - vandals permitting! It is high on the Northern embankment of the cutting near 'Ticehurst' and is best seen from the Westbound carriageway between the Woolpit and Beyton slip roads.

"CALL MY BLUFF"

The annual rivalry between the three village churches of Tostock, Norton and Pakenham was continued at the Village Hall on Wednesday 9th March. After the three qualifying rounds, Tostock and Pakenham were level on points and a tie-breaker was necessary before Pakenham could be declared the winners of a very entertaining and amusing contest.

The Rector was our very efficient Master of Ceremonies and Miss Olga Phillips was responsible for the selection of some most unlikely-sounding words and the ingeniously confusing definitions upon which to exercise our judgement. A very enjoyable evening was rounded off by a truly splendid 'spread' and refreshments for competitors and supporters alike, supplied by Mrs. Pat Reynolds and her willing band of helpers. A collection was taken at the door and the sum of £55 subsequently sent to the Great Ormond Street Hospital's appeal.

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

The Trust are organising a survey of wildlife in churchyards throughout the county. I have the form for Tostock Churchyard and would be glad if somebody would offer to visit the churchyard twice during the summer and record what they can see. You don't need to know a lot about wildlife - the form tells you just what to look for.

The Trust are also wanting people to survey ponds for signs of newts, I know we have newts in the village pond on The Leys, and guess they are in a couple of other ponds in the village. I have sent for details of this survey and would be glad to pass them on to anybody interested.

Richard Addington,
The Vicarage, Pakenham, tel. 30287

SOMETIMES YOU JUST CAN'T WIN !

Returning to Tostock after wintering in Spain, Edward and Evelyn Nunn sought to beat the Calais - Doven seamen's strike by trying their luck from Zeebrugge. Success. Success ! But then of course they had to go and choose the P. & O. ferry that caught fire at sea - and were very relieved in the end to be towed ignominiously into Felixstowe many hours late. It just wasn't their day was it - but we congratulate them on making it safely to Tostock in the end, and just in time to duplicate this 'Chronicle'.

"THE GARDENERS' CORNER"

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

Sundays - Quiz Nights

After a good run the season now lies in ruins for the 'A' Team after two bad defeats, and the only thing left to play for is to finish above the 'B' Team who are coming up fast on the rails with only a handful of games to play.

Mondays - Crib Nights

An incredible run of losses by one leg at the beginning of the season accounts for the lowly position at the finish and also, perhaps, some of the apathy when we struggled to put out a full team on the odd occasion.

Tuesdays - Pool Nights

No apathy here though as we pulled up our socks and won the last two games of the season to stave off relegation and finish fifth in the league. Pity about the Knock-out Cup though ; after playing two rounds away we drew the league winners, Drinkstone Cherry Tree in the semi-final, again away, and were dismissed rather ignominiously. The high point of the season was that for the second year out of the last three, we produced the most consistent player in the league, in Paul Thurlow.

Wednesdays - Darts Nights

After the dizzy heights of last season when we won nearly everything in sight, I suppose this season had to fall a bit flat. All we had to show were the Runners-up Trophies for the League and the Pairs.

Fridays - Darts Nights

Unfortunately even less to report from the Ingham league where we finished up in mid-table and not even a sniff of any other trophies.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

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

At the Annual General Meeting on Monday 21st March, the following Committee were elected :-

Chairperson - Mrs. Carolyn Heywood. Secretary - Mrs. Helen Carter.
Treasurer - Mrs. Ann Fillars. Membership Sec. - Mrs. Heather Spencer.
Members - Mrs. Denise Pament, Mrs. Margaret Grooms, Miss Diane Stewart
and Mrs. Lorna Delanoy.

Subscriptions would remain the same, that is £5 for Adult, £3 for Student and £2 for Under-16's. These are now due, payable to Heather Spencer, when the new combination lock number will be issued. Court bookings should also be made through the Membership Secretary in future, tel. 70395.

Weekly Sessions will continue on Tuesday mornings 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon, and Thursday afternoons 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Now the weather is improving, come and joins us. New members welcome.

Barn Dance on Saturday 14th May at Tostock Village Hall - tickets @ £3 Adult and £2 Child will be available from Committee members.

Membership Restriction : The court was primarily built for Tostock residents. In recent years we have had applications for membership from surrounding villages. The Committee has decided that it would be fairer to restrict members from nearby villages to those who have no Tennis Club in their own village.

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

The new season will start on Saturday 7th May on the pitch behind the "Gardeners' Arms". Tostock is now one of the comparatively few villages still keeping the flag flying for this traditional English country game and anyone interested in taking part would be very welcome and should contact Peter Buckle, as above.

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

Alas, we were knocked out in the second round of the Chairman's Cup. Despite very close home and away games, Claydon won through to the next round.

Two friendly home and away games were played against Woolpit. We had the satisfaction of winning at home but narrowly lost the return fixture.

It is hoped to form a separate Bury League for Carpet Bowls if there is sufficient response from local clubs. This would be a very welcome move as it would mean much less travelling to and from matches.

The Annual General Meeting will be on Thursday 14th April at 7.30 p.m.

Sunday meeting nights : 17th April : 1st, 15th and 29th May.

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

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, it has been impossible to re-decorate the court. It is hoped to carry out the operation during the Easter break.

Subscriptions remain at £6 for Adults and £1 for Teenagers. They should be sent to Ian Jagger, "Greenlees", Flatts Lane, Tostock.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All events at the Village Hall unless otherwise stated)

APRIL :

- Sunday 1st : EASTER DAY (for services see Church notes)
Monday 4th : Bank Holiday - NO LIBRARY
Monday 11th : 8.00 p.m. Past and Present Society Meeting
Speaker : Mr. Moore on "History of Police Force"
Wednesday 13th : Brownies' 'Litter Pick-up' around village
Thursday 14th : 7.30 p.m. Carpet Bowls A.G.M. (see notes)
Monday 18th : MOBILE LIBRARY
Friday 22nd : 8.00 p.m. Village Hall Management A.G.M. (see notes)
Tuesday 26th : 2.30 p.m. "Afternoon Tea at the Croft"
Wednesday 27th : 7.45 p.m. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (see notes)

MAY

- Monday 2nd : Bank Holiday - NO LIBRARY
Thursday 5th : MOBILE BARBER
Saturday 7th : Opening date of Quoits season (see notes)
Monday 9th : 8.00 p.m. Past and Present Society meeting -
Speaker : Mr. Markham - "When Elephants lived in Suffolk"
Saturday 14th : 8.00 p.m. Barn Dance (see Tennis notes)
Monday 16th : MOBILE LIBRARY
Sunday 22nd ; Brownies' Church Parade (see notes)
" 22nd : LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING COPY FOR NEXT 'CHRONICLE'
Friday 27th : } T.O.A.D.S. production of "STARWHITE & THE SEVEN DAOTS"
Saturday 28th : } at the Theatre Royal, Bury (See TOADS notes)
Monday 30th : Bank Holiday - NO LIBRARY

AND SOME ADVANCE DATES :

- Friday 3rd June : Coffee Morning at "Better View" (see Church Social notes)
Sat/Mon. 18th/20th June : Art and Craft Exhibitions (see page 4)
Sat/Sun. 16th/17th July : Tostock's Festival Weekend (see page 4)
Saturday 17th September : Flower and Produce Show.

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