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1 TOSTOCK'S FUTURE ON THE LINE 1
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1 A PUBLIC MEETING, chaired by Mr. A. S. Villar, 1
1 (Chairman of Tostock Parish Council) will be 1
1 held at the Village Hall at 7.45 p.m. on 1
1 TUESDAY, 21st JUNE, 1988. 1
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1 The Chief Planning Officer of Mid-Suffolk District Council, 1
1 Mr. B. K. Horstead, will attend to answer YOUR questions. 1
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1 DON'T MISS this chance to find out what Mid-Suffolk 1
1 are doing to YOUR village. 1
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1 Let the planners know what YOU feel about their decisions. 1
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1 YOU asked for this meeting. PLEASE SUPPORT IT. 1
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PARISH COUNCIL

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

Annual Parish Meeting (27th April)

Twenty-two parishioners and nine Parish Councillors attended the meeting. It was disappointing that no officer from the Mid-Suffolk Planning Department could be present to answer the various planning questions which are of concern to councillors and residents but it was agreed to ask the Planning Department to suggest a date when they could attend a meeting. This has now been arranged for TUESDAY 21st June in the VILLAGE HALL and will be a PUBLIC MEETING to which EVERYONE IS INVITED.

District Councillor Bernard Siffleet was questioned regarding the financial losses sustained by the Stowmarket Sports Centre and also the problem of the Drinkstone Pig Smell. He reported that the owner of the pig farm had been recently successfully prosecuted and the situation was being kept under close observation.

A report was given by the Clerk that 11 meetings had been held during the year - Mrs. Beales, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Buckle attending 10 ; Mr. Villar, Mr. Buxton and Mr. Hoadley attending 9 ; Mr. Harrison and Mr. O'Reilly attending 8 and Mr. Spencer attending 6, making an average of 7 attendances.

Nine planning applications had been discussed and observations submitted to the Planning Department and footpaths had been kept under observation.

The Treasurer then gave a report on the Balance Sheet - available for all to see - which showed a closing balance of £4,983.59. Reports were also given by the Church Social Committee, Squash, Cricket, Tennis and Quoits Clubs, the Village Hall Management Committee, T.O.A.D.S. and the newly formed Past and Present Society. No reports were given by the Football Clubs, Darts, Carpet Bowls or Brownies.

Parish Council (Cont'd)

Concern was expressed regarding gipsies again parking on the dead-end of the old A.45 and our District Councillor was asked to enquire why gates had not been erected to close off this road. The Clerk also to follow up the enquiry with Suffolk County Highways.

Complaints were expressed regarding dogs fouling the Village Green and verges and a request made to place a note in the next 'Chronicle'.

Annual Parish Council Meeting (19th May)

This meeting was attended by County Councillor Mrs. Susan Side who had been unfortunately delayed at another meeting and was unable to attend our Annual Parish Meeting.

Officers elected for the following year were :-

Chairman : Mr. A. Villar. Vice-Chairman : Mr. M. O'Reilly. Treasurer : Mr. P. Armstrong. Rep. S.A.L.C. : Mr. A. W. Hoadley. Rep. V.H.M.C. : Mr. B. Harrison.

Broken posts and chains at the eastern end of the Green are to be replaced where necessary.

Excess water in Norton Road may be caused by the infilling of a ditch without adequate drainage pipes. Clerk to write to County Highways regarding this. County Councillor will also look into this.

If you have any interest in Building, the Structure Plan or the future of our and your village, don't forget to come to the PUBLIC MEETING on the 21st June and VOICE YOUR OPINIONS.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

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

Services :-

- JUNE 5th : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Tostock
12th : 11.15 a.m. Family Service (taken by Rev. Mary Grant from St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds)
19th : 11.15 a.m. 1662 Communion
26th : 11.15 a.m. Matins
- JULY 3rd : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Pakenham (Preacher for the Church Army)
10th : 11.15 a.m. Family Service
17th : 11.15 a.m. 1662 Communion
17th : 6.30 p.m. Special Evensong (Preacher - The Archdeacon)
24th : 11.15 a.m. Matins
31st : 11.15 a.m. Special Service
- AUG. 7th : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Norton (taken by Rev. Stanley Montgomery)

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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

There will be "Afternoon Tea at the Croft" on Tuesday 28th June but as usual these will be suspended during July and August. They will resume again in September.

Members have been invited to a Mini-Party at Street Farm, Norton by the Norton Mothers' Union on Thursday, June 23rd at 2.30 p.m.

We will be organising teas for two days in the Village Hall during the Art and Crafts Exhibitions, on 18th and 19th June.

A COFFEE MORNING will be held at "Better View" at 10 a.m. on Friday, 3rd June in aid of our Church Fabric Fund. Gifts would be very acceptable for this - Cakes, Bric-a-Brac, Vegetables, Plants, Books, Draw, etc.

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

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

We are nearing the end of rehearsals for "Starwhite and the Seven Daots", our celebration show to mark 25 years of TOADS. The performances are on Friday and Saturday 27/28th May at the Theatre Royal in Bury but by the time you all read this 'Chronicle' we will have finished the show completely and we hope that as many of you as possible were able to come to the theatre for one of the performances.

There will be a report of the show in the next issue of the 'Chronicle'.

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)

The Annual General Meeting had been attended by the Committee plus 5 members of the public. The Chairman had given a report on the year's events and the Treasurer on the accounts, which had been kindly audited by Mr. G. Crouch. The Chairman thanked the outgoing Committee for all their work. In addition Mr. Harrison thanked Mr. and Mrs. Peter Buckle for handling the bookings and Mr. and Mrs. Simon Reynolds for acting as keyholders.

There followed an election of officers :-

Four elected members : Mrs. R. Lister, Mr. M. O'Reilly (subsequently elected Chairman), Mr. R. Pope and Mr. D. Rochford.

Secretary : Heather Spencer. Booking Officer : Mr. Peter Buckle.

Treasurer : Mrs. Sharon Hall, 'Ifold', New Road.

Representatives of clubs or organisations in the village : Church

Social Committee : Mrs. Pat Reynolds. T.O.A.D.S. : Mrs. Sheelagh Millman.

Football Club : Mr. Martin Durrant. Parish Council : Mr. B. Harrison.

Other clubs had been invited to nominate a representative to serve on the Committee.

The Committee were grateful to Miss Jane Sherwood for the gift of some young trees which had been planted in the hedge bordering the football pitch.

Hiring charges would be increased by approx. 12% as from 1st April.

Dog fouling on the playing fields was still a problem. Two new notices had been bought and erected asking dog owners to keep dogs off the playing fields. One of these notices had promptly been pulled down.

Plans are in hand for the Art Exhibition in the Church and the Craft Demonstration/Exhibition in the Village Hall on the weekend of 18th/19th June. If there are any artists in the village who would like to exhibit, sell or demonstrate craftwork, please telephone Mrs. Rosemary Lister, tel. 70179. Times of exhibitions are as follows :-

Art Exhibition in St. Andrew's Church :

Saturday, 18th June : 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Sunday, 19th June : 2 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Monday, 20th June : 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Demonstration/Exhibition of Crafts in Village Hall :

Saturday, 18th June : 3 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. Sunday, 19th : 3 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

Village Hall of the Year Competition : It was agreed to enter this again, the judging would probably be in July. *Stop-press - preliminary judging 22nd June.

Flower and Produce Show : A date to bear in mind : Saturday, 17th September.

PAST AND PRESENT SOCIETY

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

Obituary : It was with great regret that members had learnt of the death of their Secretary, Mrs. Gillian Huffey, on the 5th April. Gillian had been the prime mover in forming the Society, having done a great deal of the work of the first few months.

At the May meeting members enjoyed the talk with slides given by Mr. R. Markham, a curator from Ipswich Museum, on the theme of elephants having lived in Suffolk in pre-historic times. He enlivened his talk with amusing anecdotes of his trips to Africa, Russia and the States on the trail of elephants.

The next meeting, to which everyone is welcome (Visitors 50p) on Monday, 6th June at 8 p.m. is a talk given by the well-known historian, Dr. Pat Murrell on "Inns and Taverns of Suffolk". The same applies to the July meeting on 4th July when our speaker will be Mr. Fred Pawsey on "Suffolk Dialects".

The Society will be running a stand at the Craft Exhibition on the afternoons of 18th and 19th June. We would be very grateful for the loan of any old photographs of the village, buildings, events or persons, and also any interesting old documents or artifacts. Great care would be taken of these, of course. Please contact Mrs. Jeanne O'Reilly, "Rookwood", New Road, tel. 70337, if you are willing to loan anything.

Outing to Burghley House, Stamford on Saturday 20th August : Again this is open to non-members. The coach will be leaving Tostock at 9.30 a.m. and departing from Burghley House at 5 p.m. for the return trip. This should be a most enjoyable day - this 'largest and grandest house of the First Elizabethan age' was built by the first Lord Burghley and is full of art treasures. The cost will be approx. £4 to include coach and entrance fee. £2 deposit is required now please by our Treasurer, Mr. David Livingston, Meadow House, Flatts Lane, tel. 70252.

The Society is considering the idea of organising a Course to be run by the Extra-Mural Board of Cambridge University on Local History, with particular emphasis on Tostock. This would be a 20-week course with a tutor from the Board, commencing next September, minimum number on course being 18. Similar courses have been popular in other villages and often lead to some project or research, culminating in work being published. Please contact Heather Spencer as above, or any Committee member, if you are interested.

If the course does take place, it would not affect our regular meetings held each month, usually on the first Monday evening of every month.

BROWNIES

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

This term we were able to ask the Bury Police for their assistance in the Road Safety Badge. They came twice - the first occasion was to show a video and to talk to the girls - then when the police officer returned a few weeks later they had to fill in a questionnaire to see how much they knew. Nearly all passed the test - we are hoping they will remember what they have learned when out on the highway.

Parents and friends kindly sponsored the 'Fruit Gum Suck' in aid of the Telethon children's charities. We are unable to give a final total at present.

The annual Church Parade on Sunday 22nd May was well attended and was followed by a family barbeque at the "Gardeners' Arms". Our thanks to Mary and Reg, the food being cooked by Mr. Brown Owl, Mr. Tawny Owl and Carl. We were very fortunate with the weather, warm and sunny.

HELP! Unit helper required. We are looking for a reliable person to give us a hand from September. If you can spare an hour and a half each week please would you let us know.

THE FLOWER FESTIVAL WEEKEND - (Saturday 16th, Sunday 17th July)

It is hoped to attract many visitors to our beautiful village with the aim of raising enough money to make much needed repairs to the Church vestry. The weekend's events are as follows, but look out for posters with further details nearer the time.

FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS in the Church : Saturday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Sunday 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

CONCERT in the Church, given by the all-male choir of St. Mary's, B.S.E. Saturday 7.30 p.m.

OPEN GARDENS : 27 gardens will be open round the village. Teas will be available at "Better View", The Green. Sunday 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Carolyn Heywood

IT'S REVIVAL TIME FOR TOSTOCK

We are pleased to give wider publicity to the following paragraphs in the current Parish Magazine of St. Andrew's Church in Tostock :-

"Barney Harrison is keen to re-start a group of youngsters of Upper School age. Somebody has expressed interest in sharing in this, but further offers of help would be very welcome.

(Berhice South of Pakenham hopes to be able to start a group for children of Middle School age in the Autumn - she too would welcome offers of help).

The P.C.C. are keen to re-start a Sunday School in Tostock. We have permission to hold it in the Community Room at the Croft - right in the middle of the village. Again the need is for volunteers to lead it."

Tostock has a fair number of clubs and societies but somehow a village community does not seem to be really complete without a Sunday School, a Playgroup, a Women's Institute and, nowadays, a Youth Club. All of these have functioned here until quite recently and it would be good to see some, if not all of them, revived considering the sizeable influx of new residents in the last few years. Barney's telephone number is 70247 and the Rector's 30287.

"HEY NONNY NONNY" AND ALL THAT !

"Bury Fair", a group of women Morris Dancers formed in Bury in 1977, paid their first visit to the "Gardeners' Arms" on Wednesday, 18th May. Notice of their coming was short and a bleak overcast evening for the event combined to produce an audience which was, to put it mildly, somewhat 'thin on the ground'. This must have been rather disheartening for the young ladies who nevertheless showed great enthusiasm throughout their performance - and indeed laid about each other with their staves (would rolling pins have been more appropriate?) with all the rumbustious gusto we have come to expect of the gallumping Morris Men we are more accustomed to see. Their very full programme for the season includes visits to more than thirty villages and if they intend to keep up such vigorous assaults upon each other they will surely need to have a good supply of substitutes on the bench as the season progresses.

The Hageneth Morris Men will be making their annual visit to the "Gardeners' Arms" on Wednesday, 29th June at 7.30 p.m.

IT'S A MESSY BUSINESS

Alas, the vexing problem of the fouling of our public recreational areas by dogs just will not go away. Both the Parish Council and the Village Hall Management Committee still receive constant complaints of very unpleasant and unhealthy contamination suffered by children and adults alike, particularly on the playing fields and in the vicinity of the children's playground.

Notices have been displayed asking people (we suspect that the offenders are not always Tostock residents) not to exercise their dogs on the playing fields, but if they have indeed no practical alternative we hope that they will be sufficiently public spirited to remove any spoilings. A notice displayed in another village puts it very succinctly - "Please take all of your dog away with you when you leave !"

DOUBLE CONGRATULATIONS

The Chapel House, on the Green, has been drawn to the attention of the whole country by its inclusion in a glossy publication showing some of the best entrants for country housewards for the conversion and revitalising of old and disused properties. The publication, appropriately entitled "Back to life" and sponsored by the Sunday Times, congratulates Mr. Doug Patterson, as indeed does the 'Chronicle', on what it describes as his architectural skill in striking "just the right balance between a respectful restoration of the Victorian chapel and a cheerful architectural 'jeu d'esprit' in the whimsical folly added at the back." Mr. Patterson is to be further congratulated that in September he will be staging in London a one-man exhibition of some of his paintings.

Not to be outdone Joanna Buxton has an exhibition of her specialised art already going on at this moment. Her unusual skill is in tapestry weaving (as opposed to stitchwork) to her own designs, some of which have been worked out in their Chapel House studio. Her show, entitled "Intrepid Women" is at the Contemporary Textile Gallery, 10 Golden Square, London, W.1, the main feature of which is a series of six large biographical tapestry portraits of famous women travellers which has taken her nearly ten years to complete. The exhibition has only a few more days to run as it closes on 4th June ; an achievement of which she must be justly proud and upon which we offer our congratulations.

IT'S AN ILL WIND

On the credit side in the aftermath of the October hurricane is the ease with which some residents will be able to pick the fruit from their trees this Autumn. Where a tree has blown right over but still maintains enough root in the ground to sustain its growth, the hitherto almost inaccessible top branches (often the most heavily laden) will now be reached with comparative ease from 'terra firma'. Though not a pretty sight such prostrate providers of easy pickings will be welcomed by those who dread the annual ordeal of wobbly windswept ladder-work to reach for the unreachable.

"THE GARDENERS' CORNER"

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

Not much to report in this issue because we are in that in-between period when all the Winter leagues have finished and the Summer activities haven't yet started.

We have not entered the Pool League this year but we'll be rarin' to go next Winter season. We have entered a Pool competition however and also a Cribbage challenge run by the Brewery just to keep the interest going. Friday nights however will still find the air reverberating with cries of "One hundred and EIGHTY!!" (a likely story - Ed.) as we start the Dick Talbot Darts League season. Home fixtures are :- June : 10th - Haughley White Horse, 17th - Stanton Cock. July 1st - Hissett Bells, 8th - Cockfield Horseshoes, 22nd - Woolpit Bull.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

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

Saturday Eleven : We played our last match on Cup Final evening with the outcome deciding whether we were to be relegated or stay in the Second Division for a second season. Fortunately we won 7 - 1 and secured our position in Division Two.

It was a very long season, some 35 league and cup matches. We played some good football against the good teams (losing by the odd goal) and some very poor football against the lower (fellow struggling) teams. You need a certain amount of luck in football - and we must be due for some of this next season.

League results : P.28 : W.6 : D.5 : L.17. Goals for 40, Against - 74. Points 17.

We are losing one or two players next year for one reason or another, namely our Goalkeeper, George Baldry, retiring after reaching the ripe old age of 40! The players wish George all the best for the future. We also will be losing Ian Jagger who is going to college somewhere, unless he decides to have another year off?

Sunday Eleven : Our season finished on a sour note when we lost 1-3 to the eventual Runners-up, St. Edmunds. This meant our final league position was 4th. Although the season was quite a good one we did feel that we could have finished as Runners-Up but for some poor performances. In the League K.O. Cup we reached the Semi-final for the second year running but unfortunately we lost this match. Third time lucky?

League results : P.22 : W.12 : D.3 : L.7. Goals for 44, Against - 32. Points 27.

At the time of writing, our Presentation Evening has not been held but our Player of the Year is Barry Scarfe. Runner-up David Friend. Joint leading Goalscorers - Steve Neal and Ian Jagger.

Both sections of the club are looking forward to the forthcoming season and the Club would like to express its thanks for the support our teams have received throughout the season.

TENNIS : (Mrs. Carolyn Heywood, "King's Acre", Leys Road, tel. 70101)

Members and friends enjoyed an energetic evening of Barn Dancing on Saturday 14th May - it was purely a social event with no profit made by the club.

Coaching : Mrs. Sheila Keeley, an L.T.A. qualified instructor, will give coaching again this year, but only for Juniors - free of charge to Club members (Under 16 Membership costs only £2). The coaching dates are :-

Saturday 9th July 10 a.m. - 12 noon : Saturday 16th July 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

Membership : A reminder that 1988 subscriptions are due and the court lock number has been changed. Contact the Membership Secretary, Heather Spencer, "Bosmere", Perkins Way, tel. 70395, for details. New members always welcome.

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

Three games have been played since the season started, winning two and losing the other. Club cups to be played for at a later date.

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

As the paint for the re-decoration of the court is now available, work will begin about 3rd June and should be completed by 10th June.

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

At the Annual General Meeting on 14th April, the following were elected :-
Chairman : Mr. P. Buckle. Secretary : Mrs. D. Buckle. Treasurer : Mr. B. Parslow.
It was agreed that subscriptions should be £3 for all members.

Two friendly games have been played against Fornham All Saints, losing the away game but winning at home. These were two most enjoyable evenings.

It is hoped to arrange an outing to Audley End House, Saffron Walden for Sunday, 10th July, departing at 11.30 a.m. Fare approx. £5 which includes admission to house. If anyone from the village would like to come please would you contact Doreen Buckle (as above) by Sunday 5th June.

Sunday meeting nights - 12th and 26th June. (No meeting nights in July).

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SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All events in the Village Hall unless stated otherwise)

JUNE :

- Friday 3rd : 10 a.m. Coffee Morning at "Better View" (page 2)
- Monday 6th : 8 p.m. 'Past and Present' Public meeting - Talk on "Inns and Taverns of Suffolk" (page 4)
- Monday 13th : MOBILE LIBRARY
- Saturday 18th :)
- Sunday 19th :) ART and CRAFT EXHIBITIONS in Church and Village Hall
- Monday 20th :) (page 3)
- Tuesday 21st : 7.45 p.m. PUBLIC VILLAGE PLANNING MEETING (page 1)
- Thursday 23rd : MOBILE BARBER
- Thursday 23rd : 2.30 p.m. "Croft" party visit to Street Farm, Norton (page 2)
- Monday 27th : MOBILE LIBRARY
- Tuesday 28th : 2.30 p.m. "Afternoon Tea at the Croft".
- Wednesday 29th : 7.30 p.m. "Hageneth" Morris Men at the "Gardeners' Arms".

JULY :

- Monday 4th : 8 p.m. 'Past and Present' Public meeting - Talk on "Suffolk Dialects" (page 4)
- Saturday 9th : 10 a.m. Junior Tennis Coaching (page 7)
- Sunday 10th : 11.30 a.m. OUTING to 'AUDLEY END HOUSE' (above)
- Monday 11th : MOBILE LIBRARY
- Saturday 16th : 10 a.m. Junior Tennis Coaching (page 7)
- Saturday 16th :) FLOWER FESTIVAL AND OPEN GARDENS
- Sunday 17th :) WEEKEND (page 5)
- Sunday 24th : LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING 'COPY' FOR NEXT 'CHRONICLE'
- Monday 25th : MOBILE LIBRARY
- Tuesday 26th : NO "Croft Tea" this month (page 2)

AND SOME ADVANCED DATES :-

- August 20th : OUTING TO BURGHLEY HOUSE (page 4)
- September 17th: FLOWER and PRODUCE SHOW (page 3)

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