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PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING

As requested by parishioners at the Annual Parish Meeting, a special public meeting was held recently attended by Mr. B. Horstead, Chief Planning Officer for Mid-Suffolk District Council. The meeting was very well attended by 36 parishioners and 9 parish councillors.

Mr. Horstead gave an outline of the procedure taken after a planning application had been received by his department. He also stated that there were three times more applications for new dwellings than three years ago. About 70% of applications went through without going to committee.

The 'Structure Plan' for this village was for no large-scale development but would take the form of 'infills' and groups of up to four or five dwellings where appropriate here and there within the village boundary.

Various questions asked from the floor were answered by Mr. Horstead and strong feelings were expressed regarding developments at 'Better View', the proposed development in a private road leading from Leys Road with its resulting traffic hazard, and the very large garage erected in front of a new dwelling in Norton Road.

Mr. Horstead gave an invitation to anyone wishing to attend as an observer any planning meeting held on the first Monday of each month at the Council offices in Needham Market.

PARISH COUNCIL

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

The Council agreed to sponsor a floral arrangement to be entered on their behalf in the forthcoming Floral Festival. They also granted permission for cars to be parked on the Eastern part of the Leys during Sunday 17th July and for a notice to be placed on the Green stating that access to Flatts Lane would be for residents only.

A request for the Village Hall Management Committee to use the Leys for a Car Boot Sale in September was also granted.

WHY? WHY? WHY?

What a shame that our Festival Weekend had to be marred by displays of sheer destructiveness by early morning 'revellers', (and that's a more polite description than they deserve), in the village. The removal of protective verge markers, the wrenching up of vital fire hydrant and water valve markers, the destruction of roadside signs and wanton wrecking of much hard work on well-kept frontages. Just what satisfaction these acts can give is difficult to understand by those of a more rational mentality but let us be grateful that it is behaviour which at present we have to put up with only at infrequent intervals. Let us hope it remains that way.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

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

Services :

AUGUST 7th : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Norton
14th : 11.15 a.m. Family Service
21st : 11.15 a.m. 1662 Communion
28th : 11.15 a.m. Matins

SEPTEMBER 4th : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Tostock
11th : 11.15 a.m. Family Service
18th : 11.15 a.m. 1662 Communion
25th : 11.15 a.m. Matins

OCTOBER 2nd : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Pakenham

OUR HARVEST FAMILY SERVICE will be held this year on Sunday 9th October at 11.15 a.m.

FLOWER FESTIVAL : Our sincere thanks to all who helped with the Flower Festival and Open Gardens weekend. It was great to have so much support from the village, with representatives of so many activities arranging flowers for us, and so many people opening their gardens. Thank you - everyone.

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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

Teas for the Art and Craft Exhibitions realised £53. Our grateful thanks to the ladies who provided the lovely cakes, also those who helped serve on the Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Members of 'Afternoon Tea at the Croft' were invited to Street Farm, Norton, the home of Mrs. W. Howes, for an afternoon of fun and games and a super tea. This was kindly organized by Norton Mothers' Union.

The Coffee Morning at 'Better View' in June was well supported and made the splendid sum of £285 which included some very generous donations. Our thanks to all who helped to make this such a success for the Church Fabric Fund.

Teas were provided at 'Better View' on Saturday and Sunday during the Festival Weekend and we did a roaring trade, raising the sum of £82. Once again the ladies provided delicious home-made cakes and the lovely weather enabled visitors to enjoy their refreshments sitting in the garden - a rare pleasure so far this 'Summer!'.

'Tea at the Croft', for retired persons in the village, will resume on Tuesday 27th September, at 2.30 p.m. in the Community Room at The Croft.

The Harvest Supper this year will be held on Friday 7th October.

SUFFOLK CHURCHES SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

This annual event will take place on Saturday 10th September and it is hoped that it will be well supported both by participating riders and by sponsorship for them.

More details and sponsorship forms will be available soon from Mr. Barney Harrison, "Apple Trees", Perkins Way, tel. 70247 who would also appreciate any volunteers to man the Tostock staging post at the Church for an hour or two on the day.

ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

Thanks to the support from the village for the annual house-to-house collection, £80.19 was collected. The collectors were Mrs. Livett, Mrs. Lovegrove, Mrs. Betty Bradley, Heather and Graham Spencer.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

(Secretary : Mrs. Heather Spencer, "Bosmere", Perkins Way. tel. 70395)
(Bookings : Mr. Peter Buckle, "Crosswinds", Platts Lane. tel. 70605)
(Key Holder : Mr. Simon Reynolds, "The Hawthorns", Perkins Way. tel. 70675)

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WANTED - TREASURER  
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Due to the fact that our Village Hall Treasurer, Mrs. Sharon Hall is leaving the village, we are anxious to find a new Treasurer as soon as possible. We would be delighted to hear from anyone with a head for figures and a community spirit. Please contact secretary above of any Committee member, if interested.

We would like to thank Mrs. Hall for all her hard work over the years and wish her and her family well in their new environment.

Art Exhibition : This was a happy and successful event with several hundred visitors enjoying the beautiful paintings exhibited, of which 82 were sold, sales totalling £2456, giving a commission of £491. The Committee is very grateful to the many helpers who come along every year to assist with the hanging, fetching and carrying stands, stewarding, sign-making and fixing, and to Gabriel Rochford and Antony Watson who gave a recital in the Church on the Sunday afternoon.

The Craft Exhibition was also well supported and was of much interest to the visitors. Many thanks to Rosemary Lister for organising this and to all those local crafts folk who gave their time.

Teas were served by Pat Reynolds and her band of helpers at the weekend which helped to keep the visitors happy. Tostock Brownies kindly provided Teas on the Monday afternoon for a few artists and visitors. Again many thanks. Total profit amounted to £628. A further £55 was collected in the Church carboy. The favourite painting in the ballot was no. 112 - Gardeners Window by Caroline Leathers of Pakenham.

Judging for the Village Hall of the Year Competition took place on 22nd June. Various painting, cleaning and gardening jobs were undertaken to 'spruce up' the Hall and grounds but no more has been heard yet. The judges did comment on the need to protect the new floor against the damage caused by stiletto heels and advised us to ask hirers not to wear them. They told us of other hall floors which have been ruined by stiletto heels.

FLOWER and Produce Show on 17th September : Schedules are being issued with this Chronicle. We would ask for your support and interest in this annual event organised by Julie and Barney Harrison.

Car Boot Sale on 24th September on The Leys : The Parish Council has given permission for this to be held on Saturday, 24th September - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We would draw the attention of nearby residents to this event and hope it will not cause them any inconvenience. The charge for having a car entered for the day is £4 if booked in advance with Peter Buckle, tel. 70605, or £5 on the day. Why not come along and sell off that surplus garden produce, books, items in the loft that you will never use, etc. etc.?

Dog Fouling : We would ask the person who removed the wooden sign at the back of the Croft bungalows to please return it at once.

NORTON ROAD - PLATTS LANE FOOTPATH

It was very nice timing that the hazardous Norton Road end of this footpath received long-awaited attention from the District Council just in time for our Open Gardens Day when it must have provided a very useful short-cut for visitors. The Parish Council have been pressing for this for a long time. Wellies and a stout staff will no longer be essential equipment for would-be walkers of this popular footpath.

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

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

As result of 'Star White and the Seven Daots' we were able to send a cheque for £350 to the Great Ormond Street 'Wishing Well Appeal'. Our thanks go to everyone who was involved in the show and everyone who managed to get to the Theatre Royal to support us. As a matter of interest the soft rabbit which was won on the last night by Diane Stewart was donated personally to the hospital by Diane.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 12th July and it is with much regret that after 25 years Sheelagh and John Millman have decided to retire. I would like to thank them both on behalf of all past and present members for all their efforts in making those years so enjoyable for all of us.

However we would like to think that the TOADS can continue and we have therefore elected a committee as follows :-

Lynn Coward, Maureen Beales, Mark Stewart, Michele Faiers, Lorna Walker, Richard and Emma Wallington, Joanne Over and Kitty Best. It was also proposed that there will be two junior members also on the committee.

We will be holding a committee meeting in September to discuss our future. IF THERE IS ANYONE IN TOSTOCK WHO WOULD LIKE TO TURN THEIR HAND TO PRODUCING A SHOW PLEASE CONTACT ME ON THE ABOVE TELEPHONE NUMBER.

BROWNIES

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

The Brownies were very fortunate this term to be able to go swimming in Mr. and Mrs. Huntingford's pool. They thoroughly enjoyed it. Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Huntingford.

One evening was spent with Norton Guides at Elmswell. A few of our Brownies will be going on to Guides in the near future.

Mrs. Ann Aket came on two different evenings to do 'Tie-dyeing'. The girls tied their own pieces of material with string and then put them in a cold water die. The finished articles looked very attractive.

One the last evening of term we had a farewell picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aket. We are sorry to say Goodbye to Catherine, our Young Leader, who has spent 2½ years with us. She was given a photograph album which will remind her of her time with us. We wish her well at University.

PAST AND PRESENT SOCIETY

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

Outing to Burghley House, Stamford on Saturday 20th August : We need several more people to join us on this trip to fill up the coach. We leave Tostock at 9.30 a.m. and return to be back in the village about 6 p.m. Approx. cost will be between £4 and £5 (including admission). We hear from people who have been recently that it is a fascinating house and well worth a visit. It has been featured on television in the past year by Lady Victoria Leatham, the lady who now runs Burghley and has done much to promote it world-wide. Please contact David Livingston, our Treasurer, tel. 70252, by 7th August if you wish to go. Open to all.

September Meeting : Monday 5th September . . . talk on 'Poverty in Bury St. Edmunds' to be given by Mrs. Margaret Statten, the well-known local archivist and author, who have just published a book on Bury's history. ALL WELCOME AT OUR MEETINGS.

WHY NOT TREAT YOURSELVES TO A DAY OUT WITH NO EFFORT ?

Both of the day trips from the village announced in this issue need to sell more seats to make them viable. It is not often that one gets the chance of a visit to a stately home in a comfortable coach right from the centre of the village.

SUNDAY 7th August : 11.30 a.m. to Audley End House, Saffron Walden.

Fare approx. £5 including admission. Immediate notice please to Dorcen Buckle, tel. 70605 (See page 6)

SATURDAY 20th August : 9.30 a.m. to Burghley House, Stamford.

Fare £4 - £5 including admission. Notice by 7th August please to David Livingston, tel. 70252 (See page 4).

"VILLAGE LIFE"
FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

St. Andrew's Church was filled with flowers by the efforts of over thirty flower arrangers, representing the many societies, activities and services that contribute so much to our village life. Thanks go to all who worked so enthusiastically to make such a glorious display. There are too many names to list each one, and all deserve special mention!

The twenty-four gardens that opened to the public on the Sunday afternoon were beautiful, no doubt reflecting many days of hard work and worry by their owners especially in view of the really dreadful weather leading up to the day.

The total amount raised over the weekend is not yet known exactly, but including the delicious teas at Mrs. Pat Reynolds' home, the delightful concert given by St. Mary's Choir, conducted by Mr. Peter Tryon, donkey-cart rides and various stalls, it looks like amounting to well over £400 towards the restoration of the vestry.

The Parochial Church Council thanks everyone for their generosity.

Julie Harrison

THE GREENER GROWS THE GRASS

Those of us with even modest areas of grass to cut found the task particularly daunting this Spring. For one thing the grass didn't seem to stop growing at all during the very mild Winter, merely slowing down a little, and when the vigorous growth resumed there were so very few days when it was dry enough to get the mowers out.

Under such circumstances it is surely proper to say a special "Thank You" to those stalwarts who managed to keep our extensive 'common land' areas of grass under control during those hectic weeks. Simon Reynolds, still manfully plugging away with the triple-cutter on the Green as he awaits the emergence of an acceptable volunteer for the job ; Chris Buxton, positively manicuring the Leys with the use of Mr. Mann's cutter (and putting in some very useful stints with a scythe on those awkward triangular bits on the Green) ; and Sean Douglas, fighting his on-going battle to give us fringe benefits from the strimmer, (a cantankerous critter if ever there was one - the strimmer, not Sean of course!)

It is human nature to take for granted the fact that SOMEBODY ELSE is prepared to do our dirty work for us but just once in a while it is worth remembering that without such volunteers (and there are others of course who ungrudgingly give of their time and effort putting in posts, erecting signs, clearing footpaths etc. and every other sort of odd job) this lovely village of ours would not be the very pleasant place to live in that it is today.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

TENNIS : (Mrs. Carolyn Heywood, "King's Acre", Leys Road, tel. 70101)
(Court Bookings - Mrs. Heather Spencer, "Bosmere", Perkins Way, tel. 70395)

Coaching for the younger members was arranged in July under the guidance of professional coach, Sheila Keeley.

Membership has now reached 63 and we do advise members to book the court before turning up.

There will be a Tournament for the Under-16 members on Sunday afternoon, 11th September, commencing 1.30 p.m. These members will be receiving details from our Secretary, Helen Carter, tel. 31095.

NEW MEMBERS FROM TOSTOCK ALWAYS WELCOME.

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

The outing to Audley End House which was arranged for the 10th July was postponed and is now re-arranged for Sunday 7th August, departing from Tostock at 11.30 a.m. Fare £5, including admission to the house. This should be a very enjoyable day as the house has a fine silver collection and the park was landscaped by 'Capability Brown'. BOOK NOW - NOT LIMITED TO MEMBERS.

Sunday Meeting Nights : 21st August, 4th and 18th September.

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

At this stage of the season we are lying third in the league. We have played off the David Clarke Shield which was won by C. Buckle, and the Tony Villar Pairs Cup which was won by P. Buckle and P. Manning. We still have one more cup to be played for.

Our thanks to Brenda and Alan for the beautiful flower arrangement for the club at the Flower Festival in the church.

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

Re-decoration has been completed and the court is now available for use. Membership fees remain at £6 for Adults and £1 for Juniors. Subscriptions should be sent to the Treasurer, Ian Jagger, "Greenlees", Flatts Lane, tel. 70613.

"THE GARDENERS' CORNER"

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

Now's the time, although it's still Mid-Summer - well, the sun's shining while I'm writing this - when we have to think about joining all the Winter leagues for the Quiz, Cribbage, Darts, Pool and anything else that traditionally takes our fancy. So with a seemingly endless stream of people moving into the village there just might be one or two interested in the above, so "Come on down" and join the fun.

Darts on Friday are doing extremely well and are top of their league, so keep it up lads - just a few more weeks.

In the middle of July lots of comings and goings to a secret destination were noted. Long lengths of Dexion and plastic drums were spotted along with various other pieces of flotsam and jetsam. From all this arose, resplendent in its creation, stupendous in its concept and a wonder of artistic impression, Yes - THE RAFT ! Once again the day of the Raft Race dawned and 'Could the previous winners do it again?' was on everyone's lips. Eight good men and true plus one intrepid tiller-girl boarded our craft and Lo! Where was the vessel?? Had someone pulled the cork? But wait - forward movement was noticed and yes I think the bow came up slightly - only to sink again. The question was had the designers got the displacement wrong or was it MEANT to float under water, a new concept indeed! Anyway we won the prize for Entertainment Value and will also have collected a few hundred pounds for the R.N.L.I. in the process, which after all was the whole point of the exercise.

"The Gardeners" Corner (cont'd)

The day was rounded off with a barbecue at the Pub where we were joined by the actual winners of the event, Thurston Scouts who were obviously more PREPARED than ourselves.

WELL DONE 'TOADS'

We see from the TOADS' notes that they have given a cheque for £350 to the 'Wishing Well' appeal following their "Star White" performances at the Theatre Royal, Bury. It must have taken a lot of courage and hard work to take over the theatre for two nights with a very complicated production, and to have come out on the right side with such a handsome donation for this worthy cause is an achievement upon which they are to be warmly congratulated.

FLOWER AND GARDEN PRODUCE SHOW (SAT.17th SEPT.)

Last year's show produced a splendid display of entries in spite of pretty horrible weather beforehand. Can we do even better this year? Schedules of classes of entries are included with this issue of the Chronicle and if you need to know anything more about it Julie or Barney Harrison will be glad to hear from you.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All events in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated)

AUGUST :

- Thursday 4th : MOBILE BARBER
- Sunday 7th : COACH TRIP TO AUDLEYEND (Page 6)
- Monday 8th : MOBILE LIBRARY
- Saturday 20th : COACH TRIP TO BURGHLEY HOUSE (Page 4)
- Monday 22nd : MOBILE LIBRARY

SEPTEMBER :

- Monday 5th : MOBILE LIBRARY
- Monday 5th : 8.00 pm. Past and Present Society public meeting
Mrs. Margaret Statham on "Poverty in B.S.E."(page 4)
- Saturday 10th : SUFFOLK CHURCHES SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE (page 2)
- Sunday 11th : 1.30 p.m. Junior Tennis Tournament (page 6)
- Thursday 15th : MOBILE BARBER
- Saturday 17th : FLOWER, FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SHOW (page 3)
- Monday 19th : MOBILE LIBRARY
- Saturday 24th : CAR BOOT SALE ON THE LEYS (page 3)
- " 24th : LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING 'COPY' FOR NEXT 'CHRONICLE'
- Tuesday 27th : 2.30 p.m. "Tea at the Croft" resumes in the Community Room.

AND SOME ADVANCE DATES :

- Friday 7th October : HARVEST SUPPER
- Sunday 9th October : HARVEST FAMILY SERVICE IN THE CHURCH
- Sunday 23rd October : SUMMER TIME ENDS.

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CHRONICLE BACK-NUMBERS

We have been given a complete set of 'Chronicles' covering the last 26 issues from October, 1983 to date. If there is anyone who would like to 'gen up' on what Tostock has been up to for the last five years - possibly a new arrival in the community - they will be available to the first request received at 'Romans Croft' (tel.70424).

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