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Since the last issue of the 'Chronicle', our long-awaited Village Notice Board has been installed adjacent to the telephone kiosk on the Village Green. It is handsome and very substantial and our grateful thanks must be offered to the small band of our regular stalwarts who had the quite formidable task of firmly erecting it when the time came - Peter Buckle, Chris Buxton, Mike O'Reilly and Mick Spencer.

It is at times like this that it would be very useful to have the names of a few more village men who would be prepared to lend a hand from time to time when little jobs need doing in the interest of the whole village. A handful of good old-stagers still tackle these jobs ungrudgingly but a few new faces - and biceps - would not come amiss. Names to Miss Wheeler at the Post Office please, who will pass them on.

PARISH COUNCIL

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

The Annual Parish Meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. A. Villar was attended by 33 parishioners. P. C. Hill was also present and dealt with questions from the floor regarding various traffic problems in the village.

County Councillor Mrs. Susan Sida outlined her work as councillor and has offered to arrange site meetings to try to resolve the problem of excess surface water in the village. She is the county representative on the Area Health Authority and if anyone has any problems they can contact her direct or via the Parish Clerk. The Chairman thanked her for all her help during the past few years.

District Councillor B. Siffleet then gave a report on rating procedure and was again questioned regarding the 'Drinkstone Smell' and if there really was a need for the proposed new swimming pool at Stowmarket.

A report was given by the Clerk that 8 meetings had been held during the year. Messrs. Armstrong, Buckle, Hoadley and Mrs. Beales had attended all 8 with Mr. Buxton and Mr. Villar attending 7, Mr. Harrison and Mr. O'Reilly 3 and Mr. Spencer 2.

The Treasurer's report showed a closing balance of £4,260.53 and the Poores Estate Charity had £229.52. Reports were also received from the Village Hall Management Committee, Past and Present Society, Church Social Committee, T.O.A.D.S., Brownies, Tennis and Carpet Bowls clubs, and these are on record.

The Chairman gave a brief report on the recent site meeting with officials of the Suffolk County Council's Highways Department at which they had agreed to erect access gates, with a side swing gate, to close off the old A.45 dead-end. This Council has been asking for such gates for these last ten years - and now the County Council have come up with the idea!

PARISH COUNCIL (Continued)

It was agreed not to enter for the Best Kept Village Competition. It was also agreed to donate £50 to St. Nicholas Hospice, £25 Suffolk Accident and Rescue, £10 Suffolk Age Concern and £35 to St. Andrew's Church towards upkeep of the churchyard.

Concern was expressed regarding vehicles cutting across the Green and a watch is to be kept to discover the culprits.

There is a need for a POND WARDEN to organise one or perhaps two annual working parties to keep the village pond tidy. Anyone willing to 'have a go' please contact the Clerk for further details.

The Council expressed thanks to Mr. Simon Reynolds, Mr. Chris Buxton and Mr. Sean Douglas for giving of their time to cut the Green, the Leys and strimming the edges to keep our village looking so neat.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

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

Services :

JUNE 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

JULY 2nd : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Pakenham
9th : 11.15 a.m. Family Service
16th : 11.15 a.m. 1662 Communion (Canon Chapman)
23rd : 11.15 a.m. Matins
30th : 11.15 a.m. Special Service

AUGUST 6th : 10.00 a.m. Joint Family Communion at Norton

Informal Worship at the Croft : The first two of these meetings have been well appreciated by those who attended, though the second occasion was a very hot afternoon. We meet at 2.30 p.m. on alternate Fridays June 2nd, 16th and 30th, and everybody (of any church or none) is warmly invited to join us. We will then consider our plans for a resumption of such meetings in the Autumn.

Norton Flower Festival : This is the same weekend as our own Art Exhibition, and we hope some visitors will move from one to the other. Norton invite you to visit their church between 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. on the Saturday or Sunday to see the flowers. In addition they have a concert by the St. Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir at 7.30 p.m. on the Saturday and a "Songs of Praise" service at 6 p.m. on the Sunday.

Hymns : A sub-committee of the P.C.C. are looking at the various hymn books we use, with the aim of producing a more lively choice of hymns. If you have any comments, please give them to Jeanne O'Reilly.

Vestry Repairs : We hope that John Pamment will be able to start work immediately after the Art Exhibition and complete the job in about a month.

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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

"Afternoon Tea at the Croft" : For our May meeting on the 30th, we were entertained by another programme of slides and commentaries by Mr. Bill Hoadley.

The Hon. Mrs. Darrell Brown has kindly invited us to the Old Rectory, Winesham for the June afternoon tea which will be on Tuesday 27th.

Coffee Morning : There will be a Coffee Morning at "Better View" on Friday 2nd June, in aid of the Church Fabric Fund (10 - 12.30)

As usual there will be no Croft Teas during the Summer months of July and August but they will resume in September.

PAST and PRESENT SOCIETY

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

At the April meeting members were interested to hear Mr. Smith's talk about the 'Good old days' in Ixworth when he started work at 14 as the Blacksmith's boy. His colourful authentic stories about his life as a village blacksmith were most entertaining and he was to be congratulated on his first ever talk!

Miss Monica Place's slides and talk on "Mary Tudor, a Suffolk Princess" in May was also fascinating. Several members were not aware that Mary had lived for many years with her husband Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, at Westhorpe Hall in the early part of the 16th century and that she is buried in St. Mary's Church in Bury.

Dr. West from the Bury Archeological Unit had once more been over to advise the 'field-walkers' amongst us on what to look for and what not to pick up - mainly broken field drains! He carefully went through all our 'finds' with us and we were thrilled to hear that we may have found a small piece of Roman pottery and a piece of Roman coloured glass as well as a definite piece of medieval pot. We are looking forward to the Autumn when we plan to resume more searching. Dr. West has left us some Roman pottery pieces to help us to 'get our eye in'. We hope to have a display of these 'pieces' at the Craft Exhibition in June.

All are welcome to our next meeting on Monday 5th June for a talk on "Roundheads and Cavaliers" by Dr. B. G. Blackwood of Felixstowe. Our July meeting will take the form of a guided walk round our 'Home Town' followed by a supper at the W.I. Restaurant on Monday 3rd July. The starting point is the Cathedral, Angel Hill - meeting there at 7 p.m. If anyone would like to join us, can they please contact H. Spencer (70395) so we have an idea of numbers.

Our Outing this year is to the National Trust property Oxburgh Hall, Norfolk (north-west of Thetford). Oxburgh Hall is a moated house built in 1482, with a lovely garden and woodland walk. Here again we would be delighted for friends to join us, leaving Tostock at 12 noon on Saturday 19th August. Cost will be approx. £5 including coach and entrance to hall.

TOSTOCK SURVEY : We have had many completed survey forms back but would like the remainder please. All we need to know is the approximate date of your property to make a complete record of the village in 1989 with the photographs which are at this time being developed. Spare forms are at the Post Office. Please return to Miss Stevens/Miss Wheeler at the Post Office or to a Committee member.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Secretary : currently vacant
Bookings : Mr. Peter Buckle, "Crosswinds", Flatts Lane, tel. 70605)
Keyholder : Mr. Simon Reynolds, "The Hawthorns", Perkins Way, tel. 70675)

At the Annual General Meeting on 19th April, the Chairman gave a resume of the year's events and the Treasurer presented audited accounts. The following Committee was re-elected 'en bloc' :

Four Elected Members : Mr. M. O'Reilly (Chairman), Mr. D. Rochford,
Mr. R. Pope and Mrs. Rosemary Lister.
Booking Officer : Mr. Peter Buckle
Treasurer : Mr. David Livingston, 'Meadow House', Flatts Lane
Secretary : Vacant
Other organisations in the village have been asked to nominate representatives to serve on the Committee.

The next major event is the Art Exhibition/Craft Demonstration to be held on the weekend of 17/19th June. Full details are given below :-

10th ART EXHIBITION in St. Andrew's Church :

Saturday 17th June : 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday 18th " : 2 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Monday 19th " : 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

150 invitations have been sent out to artists in East Anglia. As in past years we hope we can call upon our friends to help with the hanging and stewarding. Any queries or offers of help, please contact Heather Spencer (Organiser), tel. 70395.

CRAFT EXHIBITION/DEMONSTRATION in Village Hall

Saturday 17th June : 3 - 6.30 p.m.
Sunday 18th " : 3 - 6.30 p.m.

Mrs. Rosemary Lister is organising this event again this year and can be contacted on tel. 70179. We invite all Tostockians and friends to come along and enjoy both these events.

AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW ; Schedules will be distributed shortly for the Show on Saturday, 9th September.

SECRETARY WANTED - AN URGENT MESSAGE TO ALL OUR READERS

We have not yet solved our problem of finding a Secretary for the Village Hall Management Committee. The task is not very onerous. We have 5 or 6 meetings a year and the main task is to take some notes and keep a record of meetings.

If you are prepared to have a go at the job please let any Committee know, or ring me, Mike O'Reilly on Beyton 70537.

BROWNIES

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

Nearly a full pack went to Pleasurewood Hills near Lowestoft in early May as part of the 75th anniversary celebration of the Guide movement. As there were 10,000 Brownies attending it meant they had to queue for each ride but they thoroughly enjoyed their day out - mind you the Guiders and helpers were shatterend!

Wooden tubs have been purchased and the Brownies have planted geraniums, sweet peas, etc. in them which were grown from seeds. We are donating these to the Village Hall and hope to have a good display of colour during the coming weeks.

Sunday 9th July is our Annual Church Parade.

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

(Chairman : Mrs. Lorna Walker, "The Gables", New Road, tel. 70186)

(Secretary: Mrs. Lynn Coward, 6 Fox Cottages, Stanningfield, tel. 9-828599)

Following an exceedingly low turnout at the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 23rd May in the Village Hall, we are unable to comment on any actions and there was no re-election of officers. Therefore it was decided to postpone all activities for the time being.

There will be a general pre-production meeting on Tuesday 12th September in the village hall commencing at 7.30 p.m. Unless there is a sufficient turnout of members, and of any new people who are interested in acting, prop making, stage construction, coffee making etc., all necessary for staging a production, the TOADS will, unfortunately, have to discontinue for the foreseeable future.

FOR THE FUTURE OF THE T.O.A.D.S. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ON TUESDAY,
12th SEPTEMBER.

WELL DONE, ALAN

The 'Chronicle' congratulates Alan Parnum of New Road on receiving a Shell Better Science Award in conjunction with the Suffolk Education Authority. For achieving an excellent standard in his science work at Thurston Upper School he has won a trip to an off-shore oil platform in the North Sea, an exciting outing which must have made him the envy of all his friends.

THANK YOU TOSTOCK

May I please, through the 'Chronicle', express my sincere appreciation and thanks for the flowers, cards, 'phone calls and kind enquiries received in connection with my recent eye operation in London. As a comparative newcomer to this wonderfully friendly little community I am overwhelmed by the kindness and concern shewn to me by so many.

I am assured that the operation went well technically but the outcome must be awaited patiently for a few more weeks. Meanwhile may I say to you all, most sincerely, "See you again soon - and hopefully a whole lot clearer too!"

Mrs. L. P. (Lil) Gallagher
3 The Croft.

GOODBYE KEITH - AND GOOD LUCK

Our much respected and reliable milkman Keith has now delivered his last 'Pinta' to this village. The response for donations for him was excellent and as a result he was presented with a cheque for £200 outside the Post Office on Friday morning, 19th May.

Keith was quite taken by surprise at this gesture and wished to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and wishes. He hopes to purchase something by which to remember the village. He also said that he did not look on the people in Tostock as his customers but as his friends.

(Contributed)

A 'THANK YOU' CARD HAS SINCE BEEN RECEIVED FROM KEITH AND CAN BE SEEN AT THE POST OFFICE.

THANK YOU SPONSORS-

I would like to thank all those who sponsored me for the 20-mile ride that I did on the 2nd April. I raised £36 and this has gone to the Riding for the Disabled Association.

Many thanks.

Caroline Buckle

"HELP!"

Regretfully there is a strong probability that the 'Chronicle's' production team will soon suffer a crippling blow by the loss of Heather Spencer's services in cutting the necessary stencils for each issue.

Is there within the village a volunteer with a typewriter capable of cutting a good stencil who would be prepared to take over this very essential chore? It involves cutting usually eight stencils (provided) a few days before the end of each alternate month during the year.

Will anyone interested please have a word with Heather ("Bosmere", Perkins Way, tel. 70395) who will be able to answer any question you may wish to ask.

Bill Headley, Editor.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCHYARD

We understand that there has as yet been no offer of a wheelbarrow for use in and around the churchyard. Alternatively if anyone has perhaps a serviceable barrow for which they would accept a reasonable offer, Barney would no doubt be interested to hear about it. Whilst on the subject, he would more than welcome any help available by way of grass-cutting (a good mower is provided). Offers please to Barney Harrison, 4 Perkins Way, tel. 70247.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

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

Not much to report this time. The league games have been played and we finished with 51 points - halfway in the league table.

A friendly game has been played against Barrow - they pay a return visit to us on the 8th June.

At the Club's A.G.M., the Chairman - Mr. P. Buckle, Secretary - Mrs. D. Buckle and Treasurer - Mrs. B. Parslow were re-elected en bloc.

The subscriptions remain at £3.

Sunday Club Nights : 11th and 25th June : 9th and 23rd July.

We would welcome new members either at 2.30 p.m. Thursday afternoons (mostly senior citizens) or 7.30 p.m. (all ages) or on Sunday evening club nights as above. THE MORE THE MERRIER!

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

The new season has started with Tostock winning their first league game 2 - 1. The David Clarke Shield was won by P. Manning with A. Cowling runner-up.

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

On Sunday 21st May, Tostock hosted the prestigious Sunday Football Jubilee Cup final (another first for Tostock) and on Thursday and the previous Tuesday the Saturday Division 4 Cup Final and Replay.

Back on the home front, the Sunday Side had a poor season. They started very well until we had two players break limbs. We then lost our goalkeeper with a shoulder injury and from then on we crept further down the league. To be fair to our manager the players brought in to replace these players did not play to their potential. We are looking to strengthen our squad next year. Our league record to date :-

<u>P.</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Points</u>
22	7	3	12	37	54	17

FOOTBALL CLUB (Continued)

The Saturday Side started the season struggling for players and we were very unstable until we drafted in three players who then played throughout the season. On a high note we did reach the Division Two Cup Semi-final, eventually losing 3-0 to Cockfield the winners of the cup. To end the season which was in fact our best spell we took 8 points from a possible 14. This run moved us up the league two more places.

It is a shame that only one footballer signed on for Tostock actually lives in the village. Unbelievable isn't it? So any newcomers to the village wishing to be involved in Village Football please give me a ring.

On a final note both Sides would like to thank our Sponsors, Messrs. C. D. Friend and Son and Westwood Developments for the generosity shown in buying two football strips. Many thanks Gentlemen. See you next season.

Yours in football,
Martin Durrant

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

Membership subscriptions for the year are still being collected. Please contact the Membership Secretary if you would like to join. Don't be caught out - the court padlock combination was changed last month! The court is in good shape with the lines having been remarked for the Summer.

Forms will be sent out soon for Juniors to book onto the free coaching sessions on the mornings of Saturdays 1st and 8th July.

There has been little response from adult members to the invitation to a Progressive Supper on Saturday 24th June. Please reply very soon if you fancy a thoroughly entertaining and delicious meal out.

CRICKET : (Mr. Michael Dean, The Coach House, Ixworth, tel. 30292)

Not much to report so far but WE DO NEED NEW BLOOD. Anyone interested should contact 'The Browns' or me at the above address. Subscriptions for 1989 - £5. It's great fun! Results to date :-

30th April v. Stowupland - WON by 4 wickets
13th May v. Walsham - LOST by around 30 runs

Fixtures : June 11th v. Battisford (home) : 18th v. Rougham (away)
25th v. Rattlesden (home)
July 1st v. A. Gath's XI (home - all day) : 16th v. Battisford (away)
23rd v. Beyton (away).

YOUTH GROUP : (Mr. Barney Harrison, 4 Perkins Way, tel. 70247)

The Group continues with varying numbers on alternate Sunday evenings at the village hall and new members are always welcome. The meeting nights during this issue are :-

June : 4th and 18th. July : 2nd, 16th and 30th.

The table tennis table is old and now has woodworm!! Does anyone have one for sale?

"THE GARDENERS' CORNER"

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

This is the End of the Year Report and we have some mixed results to show from our star pupil :-

SUNDAY QUIZ LEAGUE : A really excellent year's work and hard to see where any more progress can be made (perhaps polish up on the Shakespeare?). A real team effort being undefeated through the year but getting a touch of jitters in the end of term exams.

MONDAY CRIB LEAGUE : The early promise was unfortunately never fully realised and a remarkable slump in fortunes ended with a very lowly position in class. However, the exam results were astonishing in that they carried all before them and were top of the form. Obviously more application needed to gain the long term results.

TUESDAY POOL LEAGUE : Our pupil pulled his socks up towards the end of term and managed to scramble away from the dreaded drop to a lower form, thereby proving that a bit of concentration on work works wonders.

WEDNESDAY DARTS LEAGUE : The boy was second in this discipline out of a class of nine which was a very good position but showed no improvement on last year. Congratulations on winning a scholarship in the Fours competition but must try harder in all the other departments.

FRIDAY DARTS LEAGUE : Unfortunately there are other boys more intellectually adept on this subject which shows in the end of year position attained. However our pupil never gives up and a mid-form position is about par for the course.

SUMMING UP : 'Like the Curate's Egg' is probably the best way to describe the boy's year. In all the subjects though it has to be said he was never absent once - although maybe late a few times. From the reports I think it can be seen where improvements need to be made and as Form Master, I expect to see these implemented so don't forget the school motto :-

"By the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eate thy bread!"

After all that 'squit' the Summer leagues of Pool and Darts have only just started and there's not much to report yet (but watch this space)!

Now, on behalf of all you Parishioners the Pub. QUIZ TEAM have been playing for the last six weeks in a Suffolk Community Quiz and lo and behold, we find ourselves at the Area Final stage and are due to play the 'Fox and Hounds' from Steeple Bumpstead on 5th June at "The Gardeners". Coupled with this there will be crowds of Morris Men here the same evening to entertain everybody who's interested in a bit of 'Olde Englande'. So whichever your choice come and support it here on the 5th June.

Final Advertisement : Anyone know the whereabouts of a serviceable raft or maybe some fibre-glass drop tanks to enable us to take part in the annual R.N.L.I. Raft Race in July? Contact me at the Pub. if you can help in any way please.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All events in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated)

JUNE :

Thursday 1st : MOBILE BARBER
Friday 2nd : Coffee Morning at "Better View" (page 3)
Monday 5th : 8 p.m. Past and Present "Roundheads and Cavaliers" (p.5)
" 5th : Community Quiz Final and Morris Dancers at the
Gardeners' Arms (page 8)
Monday 12th : MOBILE LIBRARY
Saturday 17th) : ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITIONS (page 4)
Sunday 18th) : NORTON Flower Festival (" 2)
Monday 19th)
Saturday 24th : Possible "Progressive Supper" (Tennis Club p. 7)
Monday 26th : MOBILE LIBRARY
Tuesday 27th : "Croft Tea" - visit to Witnesham (page 3)

JULY

Monday 3rd : 7.00 p.m. (at Bury Cathedral) - 'Home Town' walk (p.5)
Sunday 9th : Brownies' Annual Church Parade (page 4)
Monday 10th : MOBILE LIBRARY
Thursday 20th : MOBILE BARBER
Sunday 23rd : LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NEXT 'CHRONICLE'
Monday 24th : MOBILE LIBRARY

AND SOME ADVANCED DATES :-

Saturday 19th August : Past and Present Society outing to Oxburgh Hall (p.5)
Saturday 9th September : AUTUMN FLOWER and PRODUCE SHOW
Tuesday 12th September : Vital meeting for the future of T.O.A.D.S. (page 5)

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