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TOSTOCK VILLAGE PHOTOGRAPHIC SURVEY

The index for the photographic survey being undertaken by the Past and Present Society is now being compiled. It would be so helpful to have more information on the dates and any special features of the older properties in the village. It is not too late to hand this in, either at the Post Office (Miss Wheeler or Miss Stevens) or to a Committee member. Many of you have responded marvellously but there are many properties still in need of a dating. Old photographs of Tostock in times past would be particularly welcome - we can return these to you after having copies made. Tostock has changed and is still changing so much that we feel it is important to create this record for posterity.

PARISH COUNCIL

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

Six Councillors attended the first meeting for 1990.

The planning application to construct an 11kw overhead cable to supply the BT Radio Tower on the A45 raised no objections.

The Treasurer outlined the new procedure for the 1990/91 budget explaining the new system of charges under the proposed Community Charge. This is set for Tostock at £1 per head, bringing in £305. As the proposed budget for the year is in the region of £600 it was agreed to precept for a £2 per head rate, bringing in £610.

No action has yet been taken by the County Council regarding the re-appearance of the hole in the Norton Road.

It has been requested that the hedge at Croft Corner is to be trimmed back to allow for better visibility for traffic turning right from the Green.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

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

SERVICES

<u>FEBRUARY</u>	4th	10.00 a.m.	Joint Communion <u>at Norton.</u>
	11th	11.15 a.m.	Family Service
	18th	11.15 a.m.	1662 Communion
	25th	11.15 a.m.	Matins
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	25th	11.15 a.m.	Matins
<u>APRIL</u>	1st	10.00 a.m.	Joint Communion <u>at Pakenham</u>

Preachers

On February 4th Mr Ron Moody from Tostock will be talking on "Why I am a Methodist" at the 10.00 a.m. service which is at Norton. On February 18th the Communion Service will be taken by the Rev. Stanley Montgomery from Stanton at the Rector will be away.

Ash Wednesday

There will be a Communion Service at School Close Community Room, Norton at 10.30 a.m. on February 28th.

Mothering Sunday

This is on March 25th. We have not yet made plans for that day so please look out for notices.

Church Electoral Roll

The list of active church members has to be re-written this year. If you come to church, albeit occasionally, please fill in a form to put your name on the list.

Annual Meeting

This will be in March, Notices will be sent to all on the new Church Electoral Roll.

Women's Day of Prayer

This is on Friday 2nd March. We plan to use the special service for the day of our Informal Service at The Croft, Tostock that afternoon, and hope that many who worship outside the village will join us on that occasion.

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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

A New Year's Party was held on Tuesday 30th January for members of the "Afternoon Tea at The Croft". Members joined in games and a sing-song, followed by a scrumptious tea. Bill Hoadley then played to us his own recording of Charles Dickens' graphic character assassination of the odious Ebenezer Scrooge from "A Christmas Carol".

We are holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday 7th April at 2.30 p.m. We would be very glad of your support. Any items of clothing, etc., books or bric-a-brac can be received at the Village Hall on the morning of the sale or prior to sale at "Better View". The result will be for the Church Fabric Fund.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman: Post vacant.

Secretary: Mrs Kay Jackson, "New House", Norton Rd. Tel: 71122

Bookings: Mr Peter Buckle, "Crosswinds", Flatts Lane. Tel: 70605

Key Holder: Mrs S Reynolds, "The Hawthorns", Perkins Way. Tel: 70675

Our thanks to Mike O'Reilly, our outgoing Chairman, and very best wishes to Mike and his wife for their time in Germany. (Nominations for a new Chairman would be very welcome).

The Treasurer, Mr. D. Livingston, wishes to point out that, due to increased running costs, the hiring charges will have to be increased by approximately 10% from 1st April 1990.

This is the first increase for two years during which time inflation has been well in excess of 5% per annum. The new charges will be:-

	<u>LOCAL</u>	<u>OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS</u>
Dances	£40	£54
Sales	£25	£54
Main Hall	£10	£20
Committee Room	£5.50	£10

Clubs and Associations with discretionary rates will be notified of new charges with their invoices in March.

The Annual General Meeting of the Hall Management, to which all are welcome will be on Friday 23rd March, 1990 at 8.00 p.m. See you there.

BROWNIES

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

Thanks to all friends who came to our 8th Carol Concert which was also our 20th Anniversary of our Pack's formation. Thanks also to all who gave donations. Between carols sung by the audience the Brownies played six carols on the handbells. A short play was performed based on the book "The Night Before Christmas". They also sang "Little Donkey" and "Girls and Boys". Our County and District Commissioners attended, also Mrs Heather Spencer the Pack's first 'Brown Owl'. Refreshments were provided by parents, after which a birthday cake was cut by the Eldest and the Youngest Brownies. Our thanks to all friends who help in various ways throughout the year. A total of £41 was raised and will be presented to the Woolpit Health Centre in the next few weeks.

All are welcome to come to our 'Bring and Buy' sale on Monday 26th February at 6.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. There will be various stalls including a raffle. This is to help with District funds.

Our thanks to parents and friends who supported the Webb Ivory fundraising - £55 was raised which will help with the running expenses of the Pack.

Due to decreasing numbers, we have vacancies for girls of 7-8 years. For further details please ring Allison on Elmswell 41430 or Doreen on the above number.

PAST AND PRESENT SOCIETY

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

The '1940's Social Evening' was a happy occasion with members supplying food and mementoes. Some of the latter were left at the end of the evening, namely a tin-hat, a gas-mask marked 'Hammond, Gosbeck' and 2 pamphlets from H.M.S.O. 'How Hitler made the War' and 'Destruction of the Army'. Please contact secretary if they're yours.

A.G.M.: After reports from the Chairman and Treasurer, the following were elected on the Committee for 1990: Mrs Jeanne O'Reilly (Chairman), Mr David Livingston (Treasurer), Heather Spencer (Secretary) and 3 other members - Messrs. R. Sulman and D. Rochford and Mrs Christine Saumarez. New members are needed this year. Why not come along and join us? Subs. remain at the same reasonable £5 per person or £8 for a husband and wife membership.

Nesta Evans gave a most interesting talk after the A.G.M. on 'Wills and Probate Inventories as a source for Local History', quoting from local 17C. wills and inventories, giving a fascinating insight into life of the period.

'CHINA - 10 Years before Tiananmen Square' is the subject of our next meeting on Monday 5th February at 8.00 p.m. - something quite different from another culture. The speaker, Don Delaney, one of our members from Norton, has visited China and has a wide selection of slides to show us. Visitors are warmly invited - only 50p.

On 5th March, Roy Tricker, a well-known authority on Suffolk churches is coming to talk to us on 'Enjoying Suffolk Churches'. His immediate response to an invitation to come to Tostock was 'Oh yes, Tostock church - in a leafy lane and carved pew ends' - he obviously knows his churches.

Another treat in store on Monday 2nd April will be a talk and slides given by another well-known authority - Sylvia Colman on 'LISTED BUILDINGS'. Do keep these dates in mind.

FIELDWALKING: A few members continue this pursuit on Sunday afternoons. Several people have asked what is involved. Having first obtained permission from the landowner, the purpose is to look for any evidence of human occupation, locating possible sites, walking across a field approx. 10 paces apart, searching for pottery or similar artefacts turned up in cultivation. For instance, on a recent walk, patterned pieces of pottery and china, also red brick and earthenware were found. These are all carefully washed, labelled and recorded and then examined by an archeologist from the Suffolk Archeological Unit in Bury. One of the interesting aspects of this work has been studying the old tithe maps which give the field names like 'Lowings', the field adjoining the Playing Field. We would be delighted to see more volunteers to help with this project - please contact Sec. if interested. Most of the field walking has to be carried out in winter for obvious reasons.

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)

Rehearsals are now well under way once again after the Christmas break. Keep March 30th and 31st free as these are the dates of our two performances of "Puss in Boots".

We still need back-stage help so anyone not interested in acting but who would like to help with scenery, sound, lighting or costumes please come along to the Village Hall on a Wednesday evening any time after 6.30 p.m.

THEDWASTRE SINGERS

(Conductor: Mrs Gwyneth Boardman. Tel: 40171)
(Treasurer: Mr Michael Canning. Tel: 40070)

It hardly seems any time since I was asked to form a small choir, yet so much has been achieved in the past eight months.

Our membership has grown to over 20 regular members including some from Tostock and we are hoping to increase our numbers in some voice parts.

Our first 'Public Venture' was a concert of songs and carols at Woolpit Church on Saturday 9th December. We hoped it would be well supported but were amazed by the numbers of people who turned out on a cold, foggy night to hear us sing. The church was almost full and, as a result, we were able to donate £150 to Woolpit Church Funds.

We began rehearsals again on 15th January and now meet in the Vestry at the Wesley Hall in School Road, Elmswell.

Enquiries are welcome from any singer who can sight-read reasonably well. You may telephone the Conductor as above or the Treasurer in the evening or at the weekend.

Gwyneth Boardman.

"LEAD KINDLY LIGHT...."

A village of our size does not expect, nor even require suburban-like street lighting. Nevertheless on moonless nights the Stygian blackness which envelops one can cause some apprehension to the lone walker and it is therefore very welcome that more households seem to be switching on their external porch or other outside lights at dusk. Thanks to them, Tostock now seems not only safer but a much more friendly place in which to wander at night. Our thanks to all concerned. Please keep it up.

"SUMMER IS I'COMIN IN!"

Whilst it would seem that WINTER has decided to give us a miss this year (at least up to the time of writing) we shall soon be creating our own SUMMER TIME by the usual juggling of our clocks which should be put FORWARD one hour on the night of Sunday 21st March.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Christmas Bazaar held in the Village Hall on Saturday 11th November was again highly successful, eventually raising the handsome total of £341.81 for the church funds.

Grateful thanks are due to the many helpers and suppliers of such a wide range of attractive items offered for sale and the excellent teas and refreshments provided.

'A BIG THANK YOU'

I would like to say a big 'Thank You' to the villagers who have shown so much kindness towards my mother, Joanne Douglas, since her return from hospital recently.

Sean Douglas.

THE LEYS POND

Trevor Cocksedge has not been exactly overwhelmed with applicants wishing to join his working party to spruce up and maintain the pond, which is well worth a little time and energy being expended on it from time to time.

He expects to make a start on it within the next few weeks and a few more pairs of hands (and 'wellied' feet!) would make the job that much easier for everyone. Please give him a ring on 70946 if you are willing to help.

Stop Press: The devastation wrought during the dreadful gale last week has made the job even more necessary. A few more public spirited and able-bodied team-mates to join Trevor would be appreciated by those of us who are sad to see the pond deteriorating but are, alas, rather too long in the tooth to do much about it!

'THUMBS UP' FOR OUR NEW-LOOK "CHRONICLE"

The easy-to-read new-look "Chronicle" has been very well received all round the village. Our grateful thanks to Jenny Caley for looking after the highly sophisticated technicalities on the production side of things.

"IF THE CAP FITS....."

The following extract is taken from the President's page in the August 1989 service magazine of the British Agricultural and Garden Machinery Association. How true it is. How very true indeed:-

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Now Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done!

WHAT A LOAD OF RUBBISH - OR "WHERE HAVE YOU BIN?"

For six weeks our roadside verges have been an unsightly, unhealthy and in some cases verminous feature of our lovely village where uncollected dustbags and unemptied dustbins have waited in vain for removal on the days as promised by the firm who have taken over the task from the District Council.

It would suggest to us that the winning tender for this service was probably prepared statistically by someone sitting behind his desk without first putting in the leg-work necessary to study the problems of narrow lanes and isolated dwellings to which the service has to be given.

MOBILE BARBER

For those of you who, like me, diarise the dates of his visits for 1990, they are:

22nd February	5th April	17th May
5th July	16th August	27th September
15th November	3rd January 1991	

'WHAT A BLOW'

Our hearts go out to those unfortunate residents whose electricity supply depends on the overhead cable at the top end of the Norton Road. As late as Sunday afternoon the electricity workers brought in from outside the area were still trying to cope with the problem caused by the thick belt of trees which had overgrown and brought down the old cable. Three or four days without electricity at this time of year must be a real problem indeed.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

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

We are well into the league games now, six games having been played giving us a total of 35 points.

Forthcoming Matches

February: Tuesday 6th. v Badwell Ash (A)
Thursday 15th. v Woolpit (H)

March: Thursday 1st. v Gt. Barton (H)
Monday 5th. v Bardwell (A)
Thursday 22nd. v Badwell Ash (H)

We would welcome new members either at 2.30 p.m. every Thursday afternoon or 7.30 p.m. Thursday evenings or on Sunday Club Nights on the 4th and 18th February and 4th and 18th of March.

"THE GARDENERS' CORNER"

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

That's Christmas and New Year over and done with and it's now the long haul to Springtime (only 2 months away).

We had a good response to the "Hat Night" to see the New Year in and Rachel Pearson won a bottle of 'Bubbly' for her stupendous appurtenance!

Right, now down to business and we'll start with the Wednesday night Darts team who finished at the half-way stage at the top of the league but look as though they are going to be pushed all the way to the finishing line by the dreaded 'White Horse' down the road, simply because they seem to have "gone off the boil" and cannot get a large enough winning margin.

The Friday night Darts team, playing in the Ingham league still carry on in the same old way with the 'Win a few, lose a few' syndrome.

On to Sunday nights and all is not well with the once all-conquering Quiz team as four defeats so far this season will testify. Maybe it was all that late night exposure either side of Christmas that was their undoing and maybe 'Brain death' has set in!

The Crib team had a very lean spell during the mid-season but a couple of good results just lately will have put them in good heart for the forthcoming cup matches and, let's hope, retention of the K.O. Cup.

Thursday nights and the Pool team keep churning in the results just like the Friday Darts team - a couple of fine wins followed some indifferent games.

Forthcoming Fixtures

<u>Cribbage:</u>	February 5th. v 'Bennett Arms'.
<u>Pool:</u>	February 13th. v 'Fox & Hounds' March 13th. v 'Plumbers' Arms'
<u>Darts (Weds):</u>	February 14th. v 'Kings Arms' February 28th. v Combs 'Gardeners Arms'
<u>(Fri.):</u>	February 2nd. v 'Black Fox' February 16th. v Walsham Sports Club
<u>Quiz:</u>	February 4th. v 'Bennett Arms' February 18th. v 'Victoria' March 4th. v 'Bunbury Arms' March 18th. v 'Dun Cow' April 1st. v 'Pickerel'

No doubt you will have noticed, even at a quick glance, that there are a lot of holes in that list. Well, you can rest assured that it is because the leagues are slowly coming to the end of their respective seasons. Cup fixtures have yet to be arranged, and even after the storms and cold, Spring is really only just around the corner.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All events in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated)

FEBRUARY:

Friday 2nd : 2.30 p.m. Informal Service at 'The Croft'
Monday 5th : Mobile Library
Monday 5th : 8.00 p.m. "Past and Present" Society Meeting and illustrated talk on China by Don Delanoy (Page 4)
Monday 19th : Mobile Library
Thursday 22nd : Mobile Barber
Monday 26th : 6.30 p.m. Brownies 'Bring & Buy' Sale (Page 3)

MARCH:

Friday 2nd : 2.30 p.m. Informal Service at 'The Croft' (Page 2)
Monday 5th : Mobile Library
Monday 5th : 8.00 p.m. "Past and Present" Society Meeting and talk on "Enjoying Suffolk Churches" by Roy Tucker. (Page 4)
Monday 19th : Mobile Library
Friday 23rd : 8.00 p.m. Village Hall Annual General Meeting (Page 3)
Sunday 25th : Summer Time Begins. Clocks FORWARD one hour.
Tuesday 27th : Last day for next Chronicle's contributions.
Friday 30th : T.O.A.D.S. Pantomime "Puss in Boots" (Page 4)
Saturday 31st : T.O.A.D.S. Pantomime "Puss in Boots" (Page 4)

AND SOME ADVANCE DATES

Saturday April 7th : Church Jumble Sale (Page 2)
Monday April 2nd : "Past and Present" meeting. Talk on "Listed Buildings".
Sat/Sun/Monday 16th - June 11th : Art Exhibition in Church.

(N.B.) There will be no Art Exhibition this year.

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