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TOSTOCK'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

(7.45 p.m. Village Hall - Tuesday 1st May)

A reminder to Secretaries of all the village's many clubs, societies and associations that an important and, to many of us, most interesting part of the evening's proceedings is to hear from you what has been happening during the last year, and of course your future plans.

If you are not in fact able to get along personally then a report sent beforehand to Miss Wheeler at the Post Office will be read out at the meeting on your behalf.

"TOSTOCK CALLING! TOSTOCK CALLING!!"

The local Radio Station 'B.B.C. Radio Suffolk' will be operational early in April. They require voluntary Village Correspondents and if anyone is interested in this - unpaid - job please make further enquiries to our Parish Clerk, Miss Jean Wheeler at the Post Office.

PARISH COUNCIL

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

Three meetings have been held during the past two months under the Chairmanship of Mr. A. Villar.

A letter of resignation has been received from Mr. O'Reilly and a letter has been sent back to him thanking him for all the interest and work he has done during his years as a councillor. A notice for applications to fill the vacancy has been on the notice board and as no one has come forward the Parish Council now has the power to co-opt a new councillor.

A planning application for the re-positioning of the poles carrying the low voltage cables on the Leys and Green raised no objections.

As Mr. S. Douglas has left the village the Strimmer will now be under the charge of Mr. Chris Buxton.

All residents should have received a copy of The Mid Suffolk (South) Local Plan and have hopefully filled in the questionnaire and returned it to Mid Suffolk Council. The Community Council for Suffolk are also conducting a Village Appraisal in conjunction with the District survey and the Parish Council have compiled a questionnaire under the guidance of the Community Council and this will be circulated to every household. Please co-operate by filling in your answers to help your Parish Council to know what you expect them to try to do for this village - YOUR VILLAGE.

The Annual Parish Meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 1st May at 7.45 in the Village Hall. This is the meeting when you can have your say so please come along even if it is to only hear your County Councillor and District Councillor.

Complaints have been received that horses are again being ridden on public footpaths and on The Green and Leys. All horse riders are respectfully requested to obey the code and refrain from this practice.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

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

April	1st	10.00 a.m.	Joint Communion at <u>Pakenham</u>
	8th	11.15 a.m.	Palm Sunday Family Service
	13th	11.00 a.m.	Stations of the Cross (Good Friday)
	15th	11.15 a.m.	1662 Communion (Easter Day)
	22nd	11.15 a.m.	Matins
	29th	11.15 a.m.	Family Service
May	6th	10.00 a.m.	Joint Communion at <u>Norton</u>
	13th	11.15 a.m.	Family Service
	20th	11.15 a.m.	1662 Communion & Rogation Prayers
	27th	11.15 a.m.	Matins
June	3rd	10.00 a.m.	Joint Communion at <u>Tostock</u>

Rev. John Newell died recently and we will be particularly remembering him in the service at Pakenham on April 1st.

The Cross of Christ - We welcome the Thedwastre Singers who will perform this work in our church at 7.30 p.m. on Monday April 9th, with a retiring collection for the work of the church. Please join us.

Good Friday - Stations of the Cross is a service for children and adults. There will be a Devotional Service at Pakenham at 2.00 p.m.

Easter Day - The Tostock service will be a traditional 1662 service. There will be Family Communion (with eggs for the children) at Norton at 9.30 a.m. and at Pakenham at 11.15 a.m.

Matins - We welcome Mr George Coleman from Woolpit, who will be taking Matins on the Fourth Sunday of the Month for the next few months.

Ringsfield is a village in North East Suffolk. We have been invited to visit them on the afternoon of May 13th and look forward to welcoming a party from Ringsfield on June 17th, when they will be able to enjoy our Art Exhibition.

Rogation Sunday falls on May 20th. We will omit the sermon at the Communion Service that morning and have Rogation Prayers outside after the service.

Informal Services at The Croft - These monthly services, to which everybody is invited, fall on April 6th, May 4th and June 1st.

Pakenham Concert - A concert by professional musicians, The Lark Quartet, in Pakenham Church at 7.30 ap.m. on Thursday April 26th.

Social Evening - The PCC will be inviting all members of the Church Electoral Roll to a Social Evening at the Village Hall on Friday April 27th.

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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

A JUMBLE SALE will be held on Saturday 7th April at 2.30 p.m. at the Village Hall, for the Church Fabric Fund. Offers of help from 10.00 a.m. and during the afternoon will be very acceptable. Jumble, Bric-a-brac, books etc can be received at the hall on the morning of sale.

Members of "Afternoon Tea at the Croft" have been invited to Beyton School for tea on Thursday 5th April.

A COFFEE MORNING will be held at "Better View" on Friday 1st June with 'Bring and Buy', again in aid of the Church Fabric Fund.

"AFTERNOON TEA AT THE CROFT" will be on Tuesday 24th April and 29th May.

Will anyone wishing to contribute towards EASTER LILLIES FOR THE CHURCH please let me know.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman : Mr. M. Spencer, "Bosmere", Perkins Way. Tel: 70395
Bookings : Mr. & Mrs. Buckle, "Crosswinds", Flatts Lane. Tel: 70605
Keyholder : Mr. S. Reynolds, "The Hawthorns", Perkins Way. Tel: 70675
Secretary : Mrs. K. Jackson, "The New House", Norton Rd. Tel: 71122

The Village Hall Management Committee held its Annual General Meeting on Friday 25th March in the Village Hall at which 7 members of the public were present. Following on from the meeting, the Committee welcomes Mr. M. Spencer as Chairman, the Committee otherwise remaining unchanged.

The Tostock Art Show will be held on the weekend of 16th-18th June in St. Andrew's Church with the proceeds once again being shared by the Church and the Village Hall. Invitations have been sent to 120 artists.

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

As you read this it will be all over but as I write it is "Panic Stations"!! But I'm sure it'll be 'Alright on the Night'. The scenery is being busily painted by Wally, Sheilagh is busy with the dancing and costumes; the music's taped - Pat's ready on the piano - the refreshments and raffle are organised and hopefully everyone has learned their lines and cues as we all count down to March 30th.

A report on the show will follow in the next "Chronicle" and I hope we will be well supported by the villagers as a lot of hard work and effort has gone into the production. Oh, and if anyone wants to know what Lynn and I are doing, we're trying, but not always managing, to keep cool and calm, but IT WILL BE ALRIGHT ON THE NIGHT!

PAST AND PRESENT SOCIETY

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

Our two recent meetings were both very well attended and enjoyable - Don Delanoy's fascinating talk and slides on CHINA and Roy Tricker's enthusiastic and knowledgeable lecture on SUFFOLK CHURCHES.

The Society is planning to have a stand at the "Societies Day" at Mendlesham Community Centre on Saturday 31st March. This event is being organised by the Suffolk Local History Council of which the Past and Present Society is a member. Talks and displays will be on offer from 22 other local societies. Tostock's theme will be based on our two Greens.

Field Walking has continued and we hope to arrange shortly a visit by Dr. West, from the Archaeological Unit in Bury to look at our finds.

The speaker for our next meeting on Monday 2nd April at the Village Hall at 8.00 p.m. is Sylvia Colman who will talk and show slides on her specialised subject, LISTED BUILDINGS. We have 14 such buildings in Tostock.

On Monday 14th May the topic of the evening is EARLY QUAKERS IN SUFFOLK with Mrs. Val Norrington. Visitors most welcome at these two meetings.

BROWNIES

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

In January the Brownies went along to the Woolpit Health Centre to present a cheque for £41 to the Midwife, Mrs Currie, towards the purchase of baby-weighing scales. A baby was taken along so that the girls could see how the scales worked. Afterwards everyone enjoyed refreshments provided by the Health Centre. The money was raised by the Carol Concert in December.

Saturday 24th February was the Thinking Day Celebration at Gt. Barton village hall. Each unit represented a different country, ours being the U.S.A. and provided food and drink from that country. Our thanks to Mrs., Leemann, an American, for providing Blueberry Muffins and Oat Cakes for that occasion.

CHANGING TIMES

Over the period of several months the shopping pattern and need for the village shop has been observed and it has become increasingly more evident that there is no longer a need for operating full time hours.

After discussions with the Post Office, agreement has been reached for the shop and Post Office to operate reduced hours, starting on Monday 2nd April as follows:-

MONDAY	8.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
TUESDAY	8.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	CLOSED
THURSDAY	8.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
FRIDAY	8.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
SATURDAY	8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

We would like to thank our regular customers for their loyal support and for their help in keeping the village shop going for so long. It is hoped that the same facilities will still be available for the foreseeable future.

J. Wheeler and R. Stevens.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION NEWS

Following rearrangement of Suffolk's Community Education Areas the officer for Tostock Community is Mr John Stamp whose office is at 83 Risbygate Street, Bury St. Edmunds. IP33 3AQ. Tel: 9-768793.

'Community Education' was formed to help the growing demand for leisure, recreation and continuing educational opportunities across the whole age groups from adolescents to old age pensioners. It offers formal and informal classes, opportunities to learn and share skills, information and guidance, help and support to groups and individuals, training for those working with local groups and youth opportunities. April and May 'Offers' include:-

- Monday 30th April : 9.30 a.m. Calligraphy & Stencilling
Ixworth Centre (Creche available)
- Monday 30th April : 7.00 p.m. Junior Red Cross First Aid
Ixworth Centre (7-11 years). 8 sessions.
- Thursday 3rd May : 7.30 p.m. Self Defence. 5 weeks. Ixworth Centre
- Saturday 19th May : 10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. Introduction to Word Processing. Ixworth Centre.

Anyone who would like to know more about these or any other groups, clubs or classes in our area - or would like to discuss any new ideas - is warmly invited to contact Mr Stamp at the above address.

YOUR LOCAL POLICE OFFICER

Every village in Suffolk has an appointed Police Officer who can give a little extra attention to his particular village whilst on patrol. The Officer appointed for Tostock is PC 295 GREG EGAN although there are other officers at Elmswell Police Station who can also give assistance.

Greg would like it known that he is willing where possible to offer his assistance to anyone with a query or particular problem and can be contacted at Elmswell Police Station tel. 40211 or a message can be left at Bury St. Edmunds station tel. 9-752992. He also takes one sugar in his coffee!!

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL - 1989

A house-to-house collection took place during the week preceding the 11th November with collection boxes also on display in the "Gardeners' Arms" and the Post Office. There was a splendid response and topped last year's donation with a grand total of £186.90. Many thanks to all those who gave so generously to this very worthy cause, particularly when at that time of the year there are so many other calls upon your money.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to all those collectors who turned out in the inclement weather: Mrs Howlett, Mrs Livingston, Mr Rouse, Mr Sanders, Mrs Duvall, Reg and Mary at the Pub and Miss Stevens and Miss Wheeler at the Post Office.

Richard Duvall.
Honorary Organiser

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

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

The club opens the new season with a practice match on Sunday, 22nd April starting at 2.00 p.m. The first club fixture will be on the following Sunday, 29th April when we entertain Stowupland at Tostock.

Our Captain for the start of the season is Phillip Cobbold. The club subscription is £5 and there is a £1 match fee.

The club is looking for support from its members, old and new, and anyone interested is warmly invited to contact me, as above, or the Brown family at 4 Church Road, Tostock (tel: 70935) or Reg Ransome, Minehost at "The Gardeners Arms" (tel; 70460).

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

Nearly all the league games have now been played giving us a total of 62 points.

In the Knock-out Cup we go through to the 2nd Round to play Ousden having beaten Ashley 3-1 in the 1st Round.

<u>Forthcoming matches:</u>	April 5th v. Cockfield (home)
	April 12th v. Bardwell (home)
Knock-out Cup	April 19th v. Ousden (home)
<u>Sunday meetings:</u>	April 1st, 15th and 29th
	May 13th and 27th

TENNIS: (Chairman:Mrs Carolyn Heywood, "Kings Acre", Leys Rd. Tel: 70101)
(Membership & Court Bookings:Mrs Heather Spencer, "Bosmere",
Perkins Way, Tel: 70395)

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th April at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Members please come along and support your club, as well as anyone interested in joining - new faces and ideas are always welcome. Membership is open to anyone wanting to play tennis - no special skill or ability is required!

Subscriptions are due for renewal in April. Please take payment to the Membership Secretary. The new padlock combination number is already in operation.

"THE GARDENERS' CORNER"

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

Spring must be early this year. I've just seen the first car and caravan springclean of the year. Is this a record? Must remember to ring Guinness! Still that's better than talking about all the gloom and doom of the Poll Tax, Uniform Business Rate, Water Rates, higher Electricity charges, firms going bust etc. No, you won't catch me talking about it - much.

Where should we start this time? How about good old FRIDAY NIGHT DARTS? No-one seems to say much about them these days just because they never win anything, but that's not the point is it? The point is, a few blokes (or ladies) may or may not meet each other at any other time during the week but a common interest brings them all together because they enjoy each other's company (hopefully) and if the odd trophy comes their way it's counted as a bonus.

Right, that's got that off my chest; now on to the SUNDAY NIGHT QUIZ TEAM who haven't fared as well this year and will only finish the league in about 5th or 6th position. How many times do you see champions have a fallow year after they are aspired to greatness previously. Quite often I would hazard.

The CRIBBAGE TEAM playing on MONDAY evenings had such a good run of results at the end of the season that they finished up in a very creditable fourth position in the league, but that was where the luck ran out as they were soon dumped out of all the cups, and any chance of retaining the K.O. Cup disappeared at the Rougham "Bennett Arms".

On to TUESDAY and the St. Edmunds POOL LEAGUE, and Lo! unto us came a vision and the blinding light of realisation that we have a champion in our midst. Not only does he play for the team, he actually resides in the village. Therefore next time he strides along the Village Green all will point and fall to their knees chanting "He is the chosen one". Who is he? Oh yes, nearly forgot to mention it after all that rubbish. The League Singles winner for 1990 is Andrew (Buster) Brown, who will probably never come in the pub again after this. Actually it is all a smokescreen to cover up the fact that they look like being relegated under most unfortunate circumstances because after playing 18 games we found we had lost 8 of those by the narrowest 5-4 margin, so but for one more decent player we could have been challenging for honours instead of ignominy.

On to WEDNESDAY DARTS and the team are again Runners-Up due to an attack of fade after Christmas. However all the cups are in progress at the moment and the team of four are already through to a final appearance on the 18th April.

As you can gather from all that, the leagues are now running down to their eventual endings and we can now look forward to the Easter holidays and after that to the Summer when the QUOITS season will be starting, the SUMMER POOL and DARTS leagues, plus a new venture this year a POP QUIZ league on SUNDAY EVENINGS.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All events in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated)

APRIL:

Monday	2nd	: 8.00 p.m. "Past and Present" Society meeting and illustrated talk on "Listed Buildings" by Silvia Colman. (Page 4)
Monday	2nd	: MOBILE LIBRARY
Thursday	5th	: MOBILE BARBER
Friday	6th	: 2.30 p.m. Informal Service at the Croft Community Room
Saturday	7th	: 2.30 p.m. Jumble Sale (Page 3)
Monday	9th	: 7.30 p.m. Thedwastre Singers at the Church (Page 2)
Tuesday	10th	: 8.00 p.m. Tennis Club A.G.M.
Sunday	22nd	: 2.00 p.m. Tostock Cricket Club practice match
Tuesday	24th	: 2.30 p.m. "Afternoon Tea at The Croft"
Friday	27th	: Social Evening for all Church Electoral Roll members (Page 3)
Sunday	29th	: Cricket Club's first home fixture v. Stowupland
Monday	30th	: MOBILE LIBRARY

MAY:

Tuesday 1st : 7.45 p.m. TOSTOCK ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Friday 4th : 2.30 p.m. Informal Service at Croft Community Room
Monday 14th : 8.00 p.m. "Past and Present" Society meeting.
Talk on "Early Quakers in Suffolk" by Mrs Val
Norrington.
Monday 14th : MOBILE LIBRARY
Thursday 17th : MOBILE BARBER
Sunday 27th : LAST DAY FOR NEXT CHRONICLE'S CONTRIBUTIONS
Tuesday 29th : 2.30 p.m. "Afternoon Tea at the Croft"

AND SOME ADVANCE DATES

Friday 1st June : Coffee Morning at "Better View" (Page 3)
Sat/Sun/Monday : ART EXHIBITION IN CHURCH
June 16-18th : (NB. No Craft Exhibition this year). (Page 3)

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