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1. Tostock Dramatic Society. Readers of the Chronicle will remember that in 1960 there were high hopes that a Dramatic Society might be revived in Tostock. Meetings were held and progress was made, but unfortunately the producer, owing to illness, was unable to continue and no-one was available to take his place. So the project had to be dropped. Since then, however, and luckily, some of the newly arrived residents, who have talent and experience, are keen to make a fresh start.

Mrs. J. B. Glendinning, The Hawthorns, Perkins Way, Tostock, has kindly volunteered to collect the names of all who wish to help. And a MEETING of those who are interested will be held in the Village Hall on MONDAY 5th MARCH at 7.30 p.m.

It is hoped that everyone who is interested will come to support this worthwhile venture which can prove so useful to a village.

2. Christmas Carols - 1961. The Carols Singers organised by the Womens' Institute raised £15:19:6d. which they presented to Tostock Darby and Joan Club for the benefit of its members. The Singers deserved this success; they had rehearsed with care and many people remarked how pleasing it was to hear carols sung so well.
3. Darby and Joan Club. An outstandingly good evening party was enjoyed on Saturday 13th January, by members of Tostock Over 60 Club. Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Largent and other kind helpers deserve high praise for the excellent meal and entertainment which gave so much pleasure. Mr. & Mrs. Oldfield came from Brandon and received warm welcome.

Since then the Club has learnt with great regret that Mrs. Williams could not continue as Secretary owing to the burden of duties in her home. Members well understood and sympathised; they were grateful for all that she had done for them.

4. Tostock Church Tower. The structural repairs have been completed and the bills have been received from Mr. Beardsmore Smith (Architect) £63:16:-d. and Harvey Frost (Builder) £1063:17:2d. The Architect has been paid in full and the Builder has been paid £650. This leaves £413:17:2d. owing to the latter. The firm has stated they will allow this sum to stand free of interest until 31st.Dec.1962.

THE TOWER REPAIR FUND IS NOW REDUCED TO £35 (Approx.) Tostock is required to raise £378. during 1962 to clear the debt.

5. Tostock Coal Charity. Mr. Sherwood has discovered some interesting facts in an old book entitled "West Suffolk Charities" by Oliver D. Johnson published in 1895. At that date:-

The endowments were - Acreage of Land 4A. 2R. 6P.	
Gross Rent.....	£8: 7: 6d.
Stock (Consols)	£381;12;7d.
Dividends.....	£10: 9: 8d.
TOTAL GROSS INCOME	£18:17:2d.
Expenditure was - Distribution in coals.....	£18:10:10d.

Fifty persons each received coal to the value of 7s.5d. It is interesting to note that during all these past years the income has not changed.

6. Annual Parish Meeting. The Parish Council will be announcing the date of this meeting which has to be held in March. Will all residents please note it, and come if they can. The Annual Parish Meeting is an important feature of village life.