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REASSURING NEWS FOR ALL OF US

A meeting was arranged by the Anglian Water Authority for all Parish Clerks in the Mid Suffolk Area to attend to hear about the 1989 E.E.C. Drinking Water Directive and the Water Supply Quality Regulations.

Within this area water is supplied from five sources and the supply to Tostock comes from Rushbrooke. Sample water is taken regularly from householders for a series of tests and the Clerk was gratified to learn that the water from Rusbrooke is the purest of the five supplies.

At one time it was found that one sample had a small excess of lead. This has now been flushed through so that our water is now 100% up to the required standard. Other areas it seemed had many more faults still to be rectified. Questions were answered regarding sewage and water charges generally. The possibility of metering supplies was being looked into but this would not be within the foreseeable future.

Anyone with any queries whatsoever can contact Anglian Water Services, 33 Sheepen Road, Colchester, Essex, CO3 3LB where there is always someone to help.

PARISH COUNCIL

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

A meeting was held in May to discuss an Outline Planning Application for a development of three houses in Norton Road. This application was opposed as it was felt that the location was outside the boundary of the village and would also leave an odd pocket of land.

The proposed Questionnaire for the Village Appraisal was also discussed and approved. This will be circulated to every householder.

The Treasurer requested payment for S.A.L.C. fee, petrol for mower and insurances. These were all agreed.

Permission was also granted to a request for wedding guests' cars to be parked on the Village Green on the 23rd June provided the surface of the Green is firm.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This was held on the 16th May and attended by 16 parishioners. Also in attendance were County Councillor Mrs Susan Sida and District Councillor Bernard Siffleet. The meeting was chaired by Mr. A. Villar and after the reading of the previous year's minutes Mrs. Sida took the floor to outline how the County Council would be spending their budget during the forthcoming year. She invited any questions but none were forthcoming. Mr. Siffleet then spoke briefly on the Community Charge and answered questions. The Chairman thanked them both for their attendance and interest.

The Clerk then gave a brief report on the Council's past year's activities and the Treasurer read the balance sheet which showed an opening balance of £4,260.53 and a closing balance of £4,860.70. The Pours Estate Charity showed an opening balance of £267.44 and a closing balance of £330.76.

Reports were also received from the Church Social Committee, Village Hall Management Committee and the Past and Present Society.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. C. Buxton, Mr. S. Reynolds and Mr. A. Brown for their efforts in cutting the Leys, the Green and the Playing Field.

It was agreed to donate £50 to St. Nicholas Hospice, £20 to Suffolk Age Concern and £25 to Suffolk Accident and Rescue Service after requesting a copy of their annual report. The donation to St. Andrew's Church for churchyard upkeep was to be increased to £50.

As there was no other business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

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

Services

- June 3rd - 10.00 a.m. Joint Communion at Tostock
 10th - 11.15 a.m. Family Service
 17th - 11.15 a.m. 1662 Communion
 24th - 11.15 a.m. Matins
- July 1st - 10.00 a.m. Joint Communion at Pakenham
 8th - 11.15 a.m. Family Service (Brownies parade)
 15th - 11.15 a.m. 1662 Communion (Archdeacon's visit)
 22nd - 11.15 a.m. Matins
 29th - 11.15 a.m. Special Service
- August 5th - 10.00 a.m. Joint Communion at Norton

THE ARCHDEACON will celebrate and preach on July 15th.

CHURCHYARD

Churchyard rules allow the P.C.C. to level gravemounds a year after the funeral. We have a lot of gravemounds in the corner of the churchyard which get in the way of grass cutting. One year from now we propose to level the first four rows of mounds (dating from 1955 to 1968) unless we are specifically asked to leave a particular mound. (Stonemasons always level the ground when they erect a stone, so this only applies to graves without stones).

INFORMAL SERVICES at the Croft, Tostock. These will continue on the first Friday of each month, i.e. 1st June and 6th July.

CHURCHYARD

WANTED: Someone willing to cut grass and keep churchyard tidy. Contact Roger Lister or Barney Harrison for details. We will pay!

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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

The sum raised at the recent Jumble Sale was £142, including a generous donation. Our thanks to everyone who contributed towards this success.

We are providing 'Ploughman's Lunches' at the Village Hall on Saturday 16th June from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m. From 2.30 p.m. onwards Tea will be served, in connection with the Art Exhibition. On Sunday 17th June Tea will be served from 2.30 p.m.

Also on Saturday and Sunday 16th/17th June, there will be a display of Period Costumes at the Village Hall organised by Sheelagh Millman and modelled by members of the village, so come and support this and make this weekend of the Art Exhibition another great village success.

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.....

I apologise in advance for any noise which will occur on Saturday 23rd June, the occasion of the wedding of my grandson. The reception is to be held at my home, "Better View", and as we are in the centre of the village noise will be unavoidable. I am delighted that he has chosen to be married in our lovely church and village.

Pat.

PAST AND PRESENT SOCIETY

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

Field Walking - Dr West from the Suffolk Archeological Unit will be coming to Tostock to look at our 'recent finds' on Tuesday 5th June at 7.30 p.m. at "Bosmere", Perkins Way. Anyone interested is welcome to come along to hear his expert opinion.

Bury Record Office - Our June monthly meeting takes the form of a visit to our local Record Office in Raingate Street on Monday 4th June. We have been asked to enter altogether in one party for security reasons so we shall meet at the Car Park beside the Record Office at 7.30 p.m. prompt. Clive Paine will be our speaker and he will be looking at old documents relevant to Tostock. Members living in Tostock will be leaving Tostock P.O. at 7.15 p.m. if anyone wishes to have a lift. As usual, the charge for non-members will be 50p.

Pakenham Water Mill - On Monday 2nd July a visit has been arranged to this water mill for a guided tour, meeting at the mill at 7.30 p.m. Cost per person for tour is 80p. Any queries about this or any of the outings, please contact secretary as above.

Otley Hall - Our annual outing this year is to this beautiful Grade I Listed 15C. moated house on Thursday evening, 16th August. This is a private visit and we will shortly be checking on numbers to see if a mini-bus is viable. Otley is beyond Coddenham and Ashbocking.

Old Photographs - The Committee is grateful to the many Tostock residents who have kindly loaned and given the Society old photographs of the village. This is beginning to build up a fascinating record of the buildings and life of Tostock past. We would be delighted to receive or borrow more, particularly of houses and property no longer standing. It is hoped to have a display at the end of the year for all to see.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

The Village Hall Management Committee together with the Church Social Committee will stage the Eleventh Tostock Art Exhibition in St. Andrew's Church, Tostock on 16th-18th June.

Times: Saturday 11.00 a.m. - 9.00 p.m.
Sunday 2.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.
Monday 11.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

The exhibition will feature approximately 300 paintings by East Anglian artists. Entry forms and further information may be obtained from Mrs Heather Spencer, tel: Beyton 70395.

All proceeds from the exhibition will be divided between the Church Fabric Fund and the Village Hall. Although there will be no Crafts Exhibition in the Hall this year, much will be going on there (see Church Social Committee notes). Please give your support and make the event even more successful than last year's (the best to date).

Further fund-raising is planned in early September when a Car Boot Sale will be held at the Village Hall. Further details on this in the next issue of the 'Chronicle'.

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)

The two performances of "Puss in Boots" are now just a memory. They both were very successful and it was lovely to see two full houses. We hope everyone who came to see us enjoyed the show as much as we enjoyed putting it on. Thank you to everyone who supported us either in helping to put on the show or by coming to see us.

JUNE 13TH - 7.00 P.M. AT THE VILLAGE HALL

This is the date of our next meeting. It will be the A.G.M. - a social evening - watch the video of the show - report on the last show - and a discussion on what to do next!! EVERYONE is welcome so please come along on June 13th at 7.00 p.m.

BROWNIES

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

There is nothing to report this time apart from mentioning the Annual Church Parade on Sunday 8th July at 11.15 a.m.

TOSTOCK YOUTH GROUP

(Barney Harrison, 4 Perkins Way. Tel: 70247)

After battling their way through (!) the Youth Group has reached the National 'UNIHOOC' - indoor hockey - finals, to be held at Nottingham on 21st/22nd July. (To be honest we haven't actually played any opposition yet - every time there is a match the other team fails to appear!!)

Even so the weekend at Nottingham will be an experience for them. They will meet youngsters for all across the United Kingdom from a variety of backgrounds and a good time will be had by all. **WOULD ANYONE BE WILLING TO SPONSOR THE TEAM?**

FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW

Remember the date! Saturday 2nd September. Get those marrows growing!

COMMUNITY EDUCATION NEWS

(Community Education Officer: Mr John Stemp, 83 Risbygate St, Bury St. Edmunds, IP33 3AQ. Tel: 9-768793)

As outlined in our last issue 'Community Education' has been formed to help the growing demand for leisure, recreation and continuing educational opportunities across the whole age groups from adolescents to old age pensioners. A very wide programme has been drawn up and over the next few weeks the following events are planned:-

Tuesday	5th June	(5 weeks)	-	Painting - Barnham 1-3 p.m.
Tuesday	5th June	(5 weeks)	-	Keyboard Skills - Thurston 7.30-9.30 p.m.
Thursday	7th June	(5 weeks)	-	Portrait & Life Drawing - Ixworth 7.30-9.30 p.m.
Monday	11th June	(1 session)-		Introduction to Archery - Ixworth 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. (Creche available)
Saturday	16th June	(1 session)-		Introduction to Database on the Word Processor - Ixworth 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sunday	24th June	(1 session)-		French Day - Yaxley. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Thursday	12th July	(1 session)-		Introduction to Word Processing - R.A.F. Honington. 10-12 a.m.
Saturday	14th July	(1 session)-		Introduction to Broadsheets on the Word Processor - Ixworth. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Thursday	19th July	(1 session)-		Car maintenance for beginners - Rickinghall. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Monday	23rd July	(1 session)-		Introduction to Flower Arranging - Ixworth 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. (Creche available)

Newsletter

Mr Stemp has left a copy of the current News Letter with the Parish Clerk and this is available for anyone to see. He would be willing to hold a class or classes in Tostock should a request and sufficient interest be shown.

Further details can be had from the Clerk or direct from the Area Community Education Office as above.

WELL, ISN'T TOSTOCK JUST THAT SORT OF PLACE!

We were happy indeed to receive the following letter from Mr. G. Crouch of 1 Wood Close:-

"On the 24th April my grandson left his white football on the village sports field. Some kind person recovered the ball and I would like him or her to know that the ball has been returned to the owner, a young "Gunner".

Thanks. G. Crouch"

ICENI VENTURE SCOUT UNIT

Another letter which we willingly reproduce is from Mr John Parnum of "Ifold", New Road, Tostock IP30 9PJ. Tel: Beyton 70942:-

"1st Thurston Scout Group has continued to grow very successfully and now has 2 Scout Troops, 2 Cub Packs and 2 Beaver Colonies. To complement these sections we have now formed a VENTURE SCOUT UNIT. This is a mixed unit and is open to any boy or girl aged between 15-20 who is interested in Venture Scouting. The unit has decided to call itself "ICENI" which has links to this area of Suffolk.

Venture Scouting is all about making friends, doing things together and helping others. It's a mix of adventure and activities which you want to do Water Sports, Expeditions, Debates, Computers, Music, Making Videos etc. Venture Scouts themselves are in charge of their unit, deciding what to do, with the help and guidance from their Leaders.

We now have a full programme of interesting activities, taking us through to the Summer including entering two teams into a Suffolk County Competition called 'Drakes Challenge'. For activities 'at home' we are meeting at the Great Barton Scout Hut, and this is forming our base.

If you would like any more information, or are interested in taking part in any of our activities please contact John Parnum at "Ifold" on Beyton 70942.

Many thanks,

John Parnum."

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

SQUASH

(Treasurer: Gareth Jagger, "Greenlees", Flatts Lane, Tostock. Tel: 70613)

The present season seems to have been well supported with the list of members steadily increasing throughout the year. Since the number of players is growing (many coming from surrounding villages) it may soon be possible to introduce an Annual Tournament and/or Ladder System. Any more supporters?

Membership fees are unchanged: Adults £6. Under 16's/Students £1.

TENNIS

(Chairman: Mrs Denise Pamment, 6 New Road. Tel: 70066)

(Membership & Court Bookings: Mrs Heather Spencer, "Bosmere", Perkins Way,
Tel: 70395)

Committee: At the AGM in April Denise Pamment took over as Chairman and two junior members were elected - Alan Parnum and Jonathon Sturman.

Membership: 1990 subscriptions are now due and are unchanged at Adults £5, Intermediate £3 and Juniors £2. Please contact the Membership Secretary and collect a membership card if you would like to join or rejoin. Also ask Mrs Spencer for club T-shirts at special offer prices!

Coaching: The annual free coaching for juniors will take place on Sundays 8th and 22nd July. Please contact Helen Carter on Tel: 31095 for details.

Summer Barbeque: Members, please return your ticket application form to Helen Carter as soon as possible if you want to come on 30th June.

Court Repairs: Substantial repairs are having to be done this season to the surrounding netting where damage has been caused, probably by the kicking of balls and climbing on the netting. The Club would be grateful of everyone's help in seeing that the court is not mistreated.

CARPET BOWLS

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

At the recent A.G.M. the following were re-elected en bloc:-

Chairman: Mr. P. Buckle. Secretary: Mrs. D. Buckle. Treasurer: Mr. B. Parslow.

Subscriptions will remain at £3.

The league matches have now been played giving us a total of 64 points - 6th in the league table. We had a good start at the beginning of the season but came up against some tough opposition during the last four games.

Nevertheless we excelled in the league knock-out competition by winning the first two rounds against Ashley and Ousden giving us the opportunity to go forward to the semi-finals. We met Barrow A in the semi-finals on Sunday 20th May at Risby Village Hall. We played four games, winning two each but Tostock won with the most shots. In the final on that day our opponents were Cockfield, this again was close with two games each, but unfortunately this time the shots were in favour of Cockfield. Each player was given a runners-up trophy. Our thanks to our two faithful supporters who cheer us on during the season.

Sunday meetings: 10th & 24th June, 8th & 22nd July.

FOOTBALL

(Martin Durrant. Tel: 0284-767820)

The Saturday side unfortunately had a poor season although after a reasonable start I had hoped to follow this through to the end of the season. For some reason we could not and did not really play as a team, hence our position at the foot of the table, therefore it seems inevitable that we shall be relegated to the Third Division next season.

On the brighter side I hope to sign on some new players next season. Wouldn't it be nice to have an influx of talent arrive in Tostock before September??

The Sunday side also had a disappointing season but luckily missed relegation by winning the penultimate game against one of the Division 3 leaders, Brittons, by the odd goal. It seems the general interest is missing in the side of today and we need an injection of determination and the will to succeed. Perhaps we can achieve this at the A.G.M. on Sunday 3rd June. I hope so.

"THE GARDENERS' CORNER

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

Not too much to say at this time of the year as most activities have their close seasons. However, the SUMMER POOL LEAGUE has just got under way with a couple of up-and-down results and likewise with the DICK TALBOT DARTS LEAGUE on Fridays.

We shall be 'Pop Quizzing' on Sunday nights starting in early June and a new venture for the Pub is the GREENE KING SEVEN-A-SIDE CRICKET COMPETITION in which we play Earl Stonham "Shepherd & Dog" on Wednesday 6th June. So if you see some 'Flannelled Fools' tearing around the cricket field mid-week, drop in and give us a look.

LADY MORRIS DANCERS: They will be making a welcome appearance at the Pub at 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday 11th July. Make it a date to come and watch.

Road-pounding with a purpose

In the last few months have you noticed a young lad running along the Green and around various parts of the village? Well he's not your normal keep-fit jogger, in fact he can get quite upset at references to jogging because he is an athlete pure and simple.

His name is David Salter and he has the highly responsible job of looking after the one million pound stud stallion "Indian Ridge" down at the Campbell Stud. However in his spare time, and I bet there's not much of that, he enjoys running for the Ipswich Jaffa Club and in consequence for the Suffolk County Cross-Country team. While representing his adopted county he has achieved 3rd place in two representative races already this year, namely the Ipswich 10 mile race and the Stowmarket 10 kilometre in April and in the Ipswich Jaffa 10 mile as recently as Sunday 27th May he finished in 2nd place.

So next time you see him pounding the streets give him a toot or a wave of encouragement because it's a lonely life!!

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All events at the Village Hall unless otherwise stated)

JUNE:

- Friday 1st : 2.30 p.m. 'informal' service at Croft Community Room
- Sunday 3rd : Sunday Football Club A.G.M. (Football notes)
- Monday 4th : Visit to Bury Records Office (P. & P. notes)
- Tuesday 5th : Dr West, Archeologist visiting Tostock (P.&P. notes)
- Monday 11th : Mobile Library
- Wednesday 13th : 7.00 p.m. T.O.A.D.S. Annual General Meeting (TOADS notes)
- Saturday 16th : | ART EXHIBITION AND (Village Hall & Church
- Sunday 17th :)
- Monday 18th :) COSTUME DISPLAY ETC Social Committee notes)
- Monday 25th : Mobile Library

JULY:

- Monday 2nd : Visit to Pakenham Water Mill (P. & P. notes)
- Thursday 5th : Mobile Barber
- Friday 6th : 2.30 p.m. 'Informal' service at Croft Community Room
- Sunday 8th : 11.15 a.m. Brownies' Annual Church Parade
- Monday 9th : Mobile Library
- Wednesday 11th : 8.30 p.m. Lady Morris Dancers at "Gardeners' Arms"
- Sunday 15th : 11.15 a.m. Archdeacon at Tostock church service
- Monday 23rd : Mobile Library
- Thursday 26th : Last day for receiving notes for next 'Chronicle'

AND SOME ADVANCE DATES

- Thursday 16th August - Evening visit to Otley Hall (P. & P. notes)
- Early September - Car Boot Sale at the Village Hall (Hall management notes)
- Saturday September 22nd - Flower and Vegetable Show at the Hall

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