



# TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

No: 186

JUNE/JULY 1991

\*\*\*\*\*

## PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish meeting on the 26th March was chaired by Mr. A. Villar and attended by 19 residents, 8 Parish Councillors, The County Councillor and District Councillor.

After the formalities of the reading of the previous year's minutes Mr. P. Buckle gave a report on the work that had been carried out on the village pond during the year and a vote of thanks was given from the floor to all who had helped in this project making the pond such an attractive feature of the village. Thanks were also expressed to Simon Reynolds, Chris Buxton and Andrew Brown for cutting The Green, The Leys and Playing Fields.

County Councillor Mrs. Susan Sida with the two main items involving Tostock during the past year namely pressing for the continuance of the footpath from the old school to the new development and the controversy regarding the removal of the direction sign on the old A45. She spoke about the general work of the County Council and the big problem regarding the high cost of waste disposal and how they were looking for methods of recycling. District Councillor Bernard Siffleet informed the meeting that Mid-Suffolk had no such problems with waste disposal. A Business Planning Committee had been formed by Mid Suffolk in order to sort out priorities. He made brief comments about the Community Charge and stated that well over 90% of the residents of Mid-Suffolk had paid their charges on time and that the majority of the remaining debts would be collected.

The Chairman thanked both councillors for their attendance and help. The Clerk then gave a brief report of the work of the Parish Council throughout the year followed by the treasurers report showing a closing balance in hand of £4,989.50 The Poores Estate Charity showed a closing balance of £374.87. Reports were also received from the Village Hall Management Committee, Carpet Bowls, Past and Present Society and the Brownies. The Clerk reported that information received from British Gas indicated that there was a distinct possibility of gas being available for this village in 1992 and anyone interested requested to hand their names to the clerk. A petition has been received requesting the provision of a Bottle Bank within the village. This was discussed at length and the council will look into the possible siting for this.

Best Kept Village competition. No one was in favour of entering the competition.

Alarm Systems. The Clerk gave details of Personal Alarm Systems provided at low cost by Mid Suffolk District Council and any resident requiring further information could ask for details.

It was agreed to make the usual charity payments to St. Nicholas Hospice, Suffolk Age Concern, Suffolk Accident and Rescue, and a donation to St. Andrews Church for the upkeep of the Churchyard and a further donation of £50 to the Past and Present Society towards the cost of the Village Survey. There was a request from the floor for the provision of a slide on the childrens play area of the playing field, but the enquirer was told that this is not the responsibility of the Parish Council and should be referred to the V.H.M.C. The P.C. has also passed a petition to the V.H.M.C. for additional play equipment and had agreed that they would consider financial help towards its costs should they be approached.

Mr. Parnum, Leader of Venture Scouts, informed the meeting that his troupe of scouts were willing to undertake jobs for any resident who was unable to cope themselves.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

The election for the new Parish Council was uncontested with only six residents applying for the nine seats. The new council is Mr. F. Armstrong, Mrs. M. Beales, Mr. C. Buxton, Mr. P. Buckle, Mr. A. Villar and Mr. S. Walker.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held on 14th May and the following officers were elected. Chairman Mr. A. Villar, Vice Chairman Mr. P. Buckle, Treasurer Mr. F. Armstrong, Rep. to V.H.M.C. Mr. C. Buxton and the Rep. for S.A.L.C. is left unfilled at present.

Mr. D. Livingston has expressed a willingness to be co-opted onto the council to fill a vacancy and all councillors have agreed to this.

Following letters of protest to both the Planning Department and Highways Department regarding the danger caused by the fence of the new property on the Corner of Leys Road and The Green, the fence has now been moved back one metre.

Enquiries are still being made regarding Street Name signs. A planning application to demolish Wayside in Norton Road and the erection of two dwellings on the site was discussed. All councillors agreed to the demolition of the existing building, but that there should only be one dwelling built to replace it. It was further suggested to the planners that the new dwelling should be in line with those existing in Perkins Way and a new access be made to the site from Perkins Way.

The Treasurer requested payment of £5.00 - petrol for mower. All agreed. The owner of the car seen crossing the Green has apologised, but it has been noted that tyre marks still appear. Should anyone see the culprit please inform any member of the council.

It has also been reported that horses are being walked on some public footpaths and those responsible are respectfully requested to refrain from this practice.

Rubbish has been removed from the ditch along footpath No. 4 and the P.C. have written to the Environmental Department for this to be collected. Residents are reminded that there is a free service for the collection of any large items which cannot be collected in the normal way.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

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

SERVICES:

June 2nd	10.00 am	Joint Communion at <u>Tostock</u>
9th	11.15 am	1662 Communion
16th	10.30 am	Family Service
23rd	10.30 am	Matins
30th	10.00 am	Joint Communion at <u>Norton</u>
July 7th	10.00 am	Joint Communion at <u>Pakenham</u>
14th	11.15 am	1662 Communion
21st	10.30 am	Family Service
28th	10.30 am	Matins
Aug 4th	10.00 am	Joint Communion at <u>Norton</u>

Our thanks to all who helped make the celebration of Miss Mash's seventy years at the organ such a happy occasion, and especially to Pat Reynolds for all her hard work.

**Sunday School:** For such a long time we have been wanting to re-start a Sunday School, and now arrangements have been made for meetings in the Village Hall at 10.30 am on Sundays, except on Family Service days when the children will join in the service in the church. Meetings will start on June 2nd, initially for a one month trial period. Further details from Julie Harrison.

**Art Exhibition:** We are grateful to Heather Spencer for organising this once again, and trust the exhibition will be as well supported by the village as it has been in the past.

I shall be ending my ministry here, after almost ten years, at the end of June. We have very much enjoyed working with people at St Andrew's Church, and knowing so many of you in Tostock. There is a lot to do as we prepare to move, and we won't be able to fit in much in the way of good-bye calls, so if I don't see you again, please accept this as a farewell note, with every good wish for the future.

Richard Addington

N.B. From July 1st, church enquiries should be addressed to the Churchwardens or to Canon Edward Finch, St. Clare, The Street, Pakenham (Phone 30949).

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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

A Tribute to our much-loved Kathleen Mash

What a happy evening was spent to celebrate Miss Mash's 70 years as Organist at St. Andrew's Church. A lovely service in the church with a personal 'Thank You' from our Bishop, followed by presentation of a cheque given by the people of Tostock and her many friends which amounted to £350, with which we believe she will be buying herself a handsome garden seat.

The service was followed by a social evening in the Village Hall and our sincere thanks are due to the ladies who provided the delicious food and those who helped during the evening making and serving quantities of coffee and tea - with a special mention of Mary Pettit and Jackie Livingston who did so much in the background, and also Mick Spencer who prepared the hall and is always so ready to help on such occasions, certainly an evening to remember.

Afternoon Tea at 'The Croft'

There will be no tea afternoons during July and August but it is intended to resume these monthly Teas from September.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT

(Bookings: Mr. & Mrs. P. Buckle. 'Crosswinds', Flatts Lane. Tel: 70605)

(Keyholders: Mr & Mrs. S. Reynolds, 'The Hawthorns', Perkins Way: 70675)

(Secretary: Mrs. R. Williams, 'Holly Tree Cottage', Flatts Lane. 70425).

A Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday 17 April to be followed by the Annual General meeting.

The then Chairman reported on the past year which included a very successful Art Show, a Car Boot Sale and a Flower and Vegetable Show; also the first visit of the Caravan Club which, despite some reservations in the village, proved very popular and we hope will be repeated at some future date.

At a short Committee Meeting following the AGM the following Officers were appointed:-

Mr. D. Rochford	Chairman
Mr. M. Spencer	Vice Chairman
Mr. D. Livingston	Treasurer
Mr. & Mrs. Buckle	Bookings
Mr. & Mrs. S. Reynolds	Keyholders
Mrs. R. Williams	Secretary.

The two outstanding matters remaining to be dealt with urgently are (a) Play Equipment and (b) replacement windows to Village Hall.

ART EXHIBITION

To be held in St. Andrew's Church 22 - 24 June 1991.

Times

Saturday 22nd	11 am - 9 pm
Sunday 23rd	2 pm - 9 pm (Note, Service in morning)
Monday 24th	11 am - 5 pm

-----

There will be an Exhibition and Sale of Local Crafts in Tostock Village Hall on the Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Refreshments by Church Social Committee in Village Hall.

Saturday 12.30 - 2pm - Ploughman's Lunches.

Saturday and Sunday. 2.30 - 6 pm Afternoon Teas.

There will be an Exhibition by Tostock Past & Present Society of the Village Survey on the Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

PAST AND PRESENT SOCIETY

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

Members and friends were impressed with Mrs. Wickham's excellent slides of the wildlife of the Falklands Islands, including seals, penguins and various gulls.

At the next meeting on June 3rd, the speaker will be John Wiley from Woolpit History Group talking about the Woolpit Museum and some Woolpit history. This should be an entertaining and humorous evening, bearing in mind the speaker's personality!

The July meeting consists of a visit to Netherfield Herb Garden at Rougham, where the hostess will be Lesley Bremness, who has had a series of TV programmes on 'Herbs'. The charge per person will be £2.50. Visitors are welcome, but please contact the Secretary so we have some idea of numbers. Assembly point will be the Village Hall car park at 7.15 pm on Monday 1st July, to fill up cars.

The Village Photographic Survey will be on display again in the Village Hall the weekend of the Art Exhibition and Craft Sale, Saturday and Sunday afternoons, 22nd and 23rd June. We would still be most grateful to receive or borrow any old photographs of the village, it's personalities and events.

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

(Mrs. Lorna Turner, 'The Gables', New Road, Tostock. Tel 70186).

Nothing to report at the moment with TOADS. If there are any adults who would like to help on a regular basis please contact me and maybe if we can get sufficient interest we can re-start again.

'TOSTOCK LADIES'

(Mrs. L. Walker. Tel 70186: Mrs. J. Harrison. Tel: 70247:  
Mrs. R. Lister. Tel: 70179)

We've now had our first two 'official' meetings, one in April sampling our favourite recipes and a very different meeting in May discussing Virgin Births. We now have a group of about a dozen interested ladies.

Our next meeting is on June 11th, at 'Better View' at 8 pm. and is a garden meeting, and we'll all be bringing a plant or cutting.

On July 10th we are having a 'Treasure Hunt' starting at 1 Perkins Way and ending at the 'Gardener's'.

PLEASE LADIES OF TOSTOCK - come along and join us. If anyone wants any further information ring any of the above numbers.

MARATHON MAN

Is this a first for Tostock? On Sunday 21st April Ian Jagger of Greenlees, Flatts Lane completed the London Marathon in 3 hrs 58 mins 57 secs. Not bad for his first ever marathon!! Ian who is working for the Wellcome Foundation Pharmaceutical Company as part of a business studies degree course, was running for the charity 'Action on Addiction'.

When all his sponsorship money is collected Ian hopes to have raised £600 for this worthwhile cause which aims to establish a National Addiction Centre for research, training and treatment of drug and other addictions.

Ian would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those in the Tostock area who encouraged him and contributed so generously to his sponsorship.

BROWNIES

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

We have had a boost to our numbers in the past few weeks. Six Brownies were enrolled at one meeting which hasn't happened before. One or two will be leaving soon to enrol at Guides or Scouts.

A good turn-out of Brownies attended the Church Parade on Sunday 19th May. The service was taken by the Rector, the Rev. Addington and Canon Chapman. The Brownies contribution to the service was singing 'Sing Hosana'.

Armed with trowels and forks the Brownies went along to the churchyard recently to weed the rose beds. This coincided with church members cutting the grass the same evening in preparation for Evensong to celebrate Miss Mash's 70 years as our church organist. The girls worked well and we had enquiries as to whether we would hire out the girls for such work!

B.B.C. RADIO SUFFOLK

Robert Digings has asked us to pass along his thanks to everyone who took part in his afternoon show broadcast live from the village shop making it such a success.

We all had great fun and the afternoon tea with the cucumber sandwiches, cake and gallons of tea was as Robert said - 'just perfik'.

We all marvelled at how he seemed to be working on six channels at once whilst broadcasting.

The weather was kind and people sat outside on the Green to enjoy the programme. Truly an afternoon to remember and 'Thank You' Robert for coming to have tea with us.

And YES there really is a BBC Tea Bag!!

TOSTOCK SUNDAY CLUB

(Jo Pitchers, 'Daltry House', The Green. Tel: 71202)

Starting next Sunday, 2nd June, for children aged between 3 and 10 years old, a Sunday Club at the Village Hall. It will be run along the lines of a Sunday School and will be held for a trial period of 5 weeks from 10.30 - 11.30 am. COME ALONG!  
Jo Pitchers.

POSTAL COLLECTION TIMES

Since the introduction of Sunday postal collection last June, many residents would have been aware that the plate on the box showed an incorrect collecting time for the afternoon mail. Much correspondence has taken place with 'The Powers that be' and they have finally conceded that they were wrong to show 17-30. As a result a new plate has been made showing the time as 17-15 although in fact it will still be leaving at 17-20!

A REMINDER FROM MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Refuse Collection following Public Holidays.

A general programme for refuse collection following Public Holidays that fall on Mondays (i.e. Easter Monday, May Day, Spring Bank Holiday and Late Summer Bank Holiday) is that refuse from ALL households will be collected one day late during those weeks.

Refuse collection scheduled for Good Friday will be collected one day late on Easter Saturday.

Christmas and New Year arrangements will vary each year and we will notify you of these arrangements, annually.

CRAFT SHOW IN VILLAGE HALL, TOSTOCK  
SATURDAY & SUNDAY 22ND & 23RD JUNE.

TOMBOLA will be run by Mary and Ray Rouse who are anxious to have ample prizes for the two days to make this a worthwhile venture.

Donations of items for prizes, however small, are urgently needed well beforehand - at the latest Thursday 20th June. Please deliver to 'Orchard View', Leys Road, Tostock, or phone 70554 for items to be collected.

Proceeds are to be divided equally as usual between the Village Hall and the Church.

ICENI VENTURE SCOUT UNIT

The unit has been through a not unusual period of losing members as they go off to University, training etc. However with Matthew and Andrew recently joining us from the Scout Troop we have the nucleus of re-building the unit into really something.

We have carried on with our programme which has included a Quiz v. the Bury V.S.U., Skiing at Ipswich, Cricket and Pancake Night. Future activities include a Wet Weekend at Oulton Broad (Sailing, Canoeing, Windsurfing etc) and Drakes Challenge Hike in Yorkshire.

We have been delighted to undertake the upkeep of the grass in Tostock Churchyard, as requested by the P.C.C. This is just the sort of community project we have been looking for. Does anyone know of someone needy in Tostock who would benefit from our help in any way?

We are repeating our popular 'Crockery Smashes' at Mendlesham, Thurston and Beyton Fairs. This not only raises money for the unit, but hopefully gives enjoyment, and offers an aggression release!

We welcome new members. Scouting has a silly image created by the media. It really is fun, satisfying and very different from that portrayed. So go on, give it a try. Phone me and find out more on Beyton 70942.

John Parnum. 'Ifold',  
New Rd, Tostock.

FRIENDS OF WOOLPIT HEALTH CENTRE

Chairman: Mr. L.E. Baker.  
Poplar Holding, Woolpit.  
Tel: Elmswell 40373

Secretary: Mrs. S.J. Eburne,  
Street House, Woolpit  
Tel: Elmswell 40704

Since the end of December 1990 we have purchased a Traction Unit for the use of the physiotherapist (£475) and we have also equipped each of the Doctors with a Nebulizer for the emergency treatment of asthmatics (£500).

Last year £1,200 was spent on maintaining the existing equipment, so donations towards this are always appreciated. The next major pieces of equipment we would like to purchase are a further Defibrillator and a Slit Lamp (for eye examinations).

Editor's Note: A copy of the Friends' report and detailed balance sheet is available from me for anyone wishing to see it. We notice that their income includes a donation of £41 from Tostock Brownies.

THE LEYS POND. AN APPRECIATION.

To the Editor,

Dear Sir,

May we through the 'Chronicle' as three members of an old Tostock family having lived in the village all our lives, say how lovely the pond on The Leys looks.

Well done to all concerned. Keep up the good work.

Mrs. J. Brown  
Mrs. E. Fuller  
Mrs. A. Largent

Editor's Note: I am sure that these ladies' view is supported wholeheartedly by every one of us who is fortunate enough to live in this delightful little community. Well done indeed!

WHAT'S IN A NAME?"

We have all had experience of wrongly spelt names of people or places on envelopes or parcels sent through the post but a communication safely received recently by a resident of The Croft must surely take some beating. It was addressed to her at somewhere called FOTSOCK. Full marks to somebody at the Post Office sorting room.

RED CROSS HOUSE-TO-HOUSE COLLECTION

There was a wonderful response this year and the sum of £102.39 was received. A very grateful 'Thanks' to all concerned. Cynthia dean.

FOOTBALL FUN

On Sunday 19th May between 250 to 300 spectators enjoyed a fun football match between the 'Over 40's' and the Tostock Football Club. Sons were playing against their Dads and nephews against their uncles. The local team won 6 - 4. During the afternoon there was a Barbeque, tea and light refreshment as well as a Giant Raffle. The whole event raised £425-50 with a further pledge of £50 and was organised by Mr. & Mrs. R. Minshall, Mr. & Mrs. Sylvester, and Mr. & Mrs. S. Neal and family together with many other helpers and friends. The proceeds of the event are being shared equally between the St. Nicholas Rebuilding Fund and Amy's Fund and warmest thanks are expressed to everyone who supported the event in any way.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

YOUTH CLUB: (Jonathan Sturman. Tel: 71010 or Barny Harrison. Tel: 70247)

A few weekends ago we held a jumble sale in the Village Hall, it was a great success and we raised about £120 profit. I would like to thank all of the Villagers who gave us the jumble we needed and especially the people who gave us advice and help completely free. We intend to donate £50 of the profits to charity and use the rest to buy new equipment for the youth group.

A lot of the young people from Tostock and the surrounding villages attend the youth club every other Sunday but we would still like more people to come, so if you are the right age and feel your Sunday evening could be more interesting then come along. The youth club is held from 7 - 9 pm fortnightly on Sunday (June 2 and 16, and so on) at the Village Hall in Tostock. We play a number of sports including Uni-hockey, Table tennis, Soft-ball etc and new members will be made very welcome.

If you have any queries then don't hesitate to ring either of the above numbers.

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

The league matches have now been played with Tostock finishing favourably in 7th position.

A team entered the Triples Competition at Risby on 12th May. Although getting knocked out in the quarter final we knocked out a team from the league's winning club.

Our singles competition was played recently and the winners were:-

Ladies.	Winner	Mrs. V. Nice	Runner-up	Mrs. D. Buckle
Gentlemen.	Winner	Mr. R. Fuller	Runner-up	Mr. R. Huffey.

The Club's pairs competition will take place on June 20th at 7 pm. All members are invited to enter.

Forthcoming events:- 1st November )Christmas pairs competition  
8th December )Woolpit. Preliminary rounds.  
15th December -Final Rounds.

We have two enjoyable sessions weekly on Thursdays (2.30 - 4.30 and 7.30 - 9.30 pm but we would very much like more members. We play in league matches and also enter local competitions. Please come along and have a go at Bowling - all ages welcome.

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

Every 1st Saturday of the month members meet to play between 3 pm and 5.30 pm and Ladies' Morning every Tuesday from 10.30 - 12 noon.

There is a possibility of coaching for members on 6th July, 20th July and 3rd August. Helen Carter (Tel: 31095) has the details.

If you wish to become a member of the club please contact Heather Spencer 'Bosmere', Perkins Way. Tel: 70395.

'THE GARDENERS' CORNER'

(Minehost: Reg Ransome. 'The Gardeners' Arms'. Tel: Beyton 70460)

Hello again. I bet you thought I had disappeared for good but like all good spirits I have come back to haunt you with tails of 'derring-do' and (k)nightly pastimes!

Starting at the top of the tree we'll go to Sunday night and the all-conquering Quiz team who once again have won the league in the same fashion as last time by not losing a game all season. Therefore, it's on to the K.O. Cup competition and a home draw on June 9th against Barrow 'Weeping Willow'. We mustn't forget our other team who, in their first season, came in a very creditable third place.

The Monday night Cribbage team, although not doing so well in the league, proved their worth by reaching two cup semi-finals and only failing by a few pegs for honours. However Dale Brown, captain of five years standing - will he retire this season or won't he?? Will he win the Captain's cup on finals night to bring a little honour to the pub?

The Pool team playing on Tuesday evenings eventually finished fourth and therefore the chance of an immediate return to Division 1 was lost. No honours coming their way but a minor success was recorded when your correspondent won the Landlord's Trophy by beating John Ostler from the Beyton 'Bear'.

Zilch for the Darts teams playing on Wednesday and Friday evenings. A very modest fourth place in the Stowmarket league, after 5 years as Runners-up, and even less to write about for the Ingham League team.

After a lot of years there is no Summer darts this year, everybody agreeing that they need a break, but the Pool team are continuing on Tuesdays and of course, as mentioned earlier, the Quiz team hope to continue their successful ways. Following on from that we have a team entered for the Pop quiz which is due to start in June and will be played on Sunday evenings.

For the second successive season we have a team entered in a Pub 7-a-side Cricket K.O. competition. A bit of a farce last year but we learned from it and this year we have actually won our first game - against Elmswell Railway Tavern. A good all-round team effort except for the one man (?) who tried gallantly to lose the game all in one over. (Joking really!). However having won, everybody is now really keen and looking forward to the next round.

The Morris Dancers will be around again this year and we can welcome back the ladies of Bury Fair on the 10th July at 8.45 pm.

OBITUARY

'ROSIE' - Put to rest on the 29th April, 1991.

Sorely missed now - and missed a lot more in life (on the corner). An independant spirit, she never liked a collar or to be walked on a lead, and have you ever known a dog take a short cut on a walk - well Rosie always did as I'm sure Heather Spencer will bear out.

There is now no-one to Hoover up all the crumbs in the pub after a session but it will save the butcher a lot of bones. She never married and there were no pups.

\*\*\*\*\*

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE:

Sunday 2nd	7 pm Youth Club (see club notes)
Monday 3rd	Talk on Woolpit Museum (see notes)
Monday 10th	MOBILE LIBRARY
Sunday 16th	Youth Club
Saturday 22nd)	Art Exhibition in Church and
Sunday 23rd )	Crafts in Village Hall. (See Church
Monday 24th )	and V.H. notes)
Monday 24th	MOBILE LIBRARY
Thursday 27th	MOBILE BARBER
Sunday 30th	Youth Club
Sunday 30th	The Rev. Richard Addington ends his ten year ministry at Tostock.

JULY

Monday 1st	7.15 pm 'P & P' visit to 'Netherfields' (see notes)
Monday 8th	MOBILE LIBRARY
Wednesday 10th	Tostock Ladies' TREASURE HUNT. (see notes).
Sunday 14th	Youth Club
Monday 22nd	MOBILE LIBRARY
Saturday 27th	<u>LAST DAY FOR MATERIAL FOR NEXT 'CHRONICLE'</u>
Sunday 28th	Youth Club

\*\*\*\*\*

Our grateful thanks to Mr. Alan Crosby-Browne for stepping into the breach and putting out the April/May issue in my absence. Glad to report my safe return from Australia and your contributions for the next issue (No. 187 August/September) should reach me as usual at 'Romans Croft', Flatts Lane, Tostock - Tel:70424 not later than Wednesday, 24th July.

A.W. Hoadley. Editor