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PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk: Miss Jean Wheeler. The Post Office

All councillors were present at the recent meeting chaired by Mr A Villar. Matters arising from previous minutes included quotations for making street name plates. It was agreed to accept the quotation for approximately £35 each. A Bottle Bank was again discussed as some residents were disappointed that one was not being provided. A letter was to be sent to one resident requesting further information about a possible site. Playground equipment - Parents are arranging fund raising events towards purchase of further equipment .

A reply has been received from Suffolk County Council that no funds are available to carry out repairs to the footpath in Norton Road. Clerk to write to County Councillor Mrs S Sida requesting her help.

Treasurer requested payment of £22 for hire of Hall and £5 for the printing of one edition of Tostock Chronicle. He also reported that attention was needed on the Mower and it was agreed by all to allocate up to £200 costs for same.

A letter was received from the residents of Green End regarding the change of access to the property. Correspondence is taking place with the Suffolk County Council to ascertain if any of the registered area of the Green has in fact been taken.

A letter has been received from Suffolk County Council inviting comments regarding taking heavy goods vehicles off the 1088 between Elmswell and Ixworth. Reply that in principle the council agrees with this but fears that some drivers may find other short cuts and divert through other villages.

Mrs Beales produced a letter from the Suffolk County Council Highways about the diversion of some footpaths. This was discussed at length and all agreed to let her go ahead with whatever action the S.C.C. suggested. It was hoped to obtain earlier correspondence on footpaths back from Mr O Reilly.

A complaint has been received regarding noisy motor bikes on a recent week end. This was caused by a scramble held on land in Drinkstone and the owner had permission to hold six such meetings during any year and was acting completely within the law.

Work has taken place on pond clearance and a request to leave part of the Leys uncut in the interest of conservation has been observed.

The present subsidised typing and printing of the Chronicle has now stopped and the council are investigating other methods of printing. Miss M Fulcher has kindly offered to type and to set up the lay out. In future the publication will be on both sides of two sheets only and all unnecessary and over long reports drastically cut or omitted. Only Parish Council news will be reported in detail.

The vacancy from the uncontested election was discussed and all councillors agreed that they would like another lady on the council and that Miss J Sherwood should be invited to fill the position.

Further complaints have been received about the offensive smell from Rookery Farm Drinkstone and the matter has again been taken up with the Environmental Department of the District Council. A letter of reply is on the notice Board requesting the names of any resident prepared to keep a log record.

ST ANDREWS CHURCH

priest-in-charge: Canon Edward Finch, St Clare, The Street, Pakenham
Tel. 30949

Preparation for Christmas begins with the Christingle Service on 1st December, which is also the first Sunday in Advent—the season of Coming. Carols are for Christmas, despite many stores attempts to force them on us earlier and earlier in the year! We sing ours in Tostock Church as near to Christmas Day as we can, and of course, on the day itself.

Sunday 22nd December: 3 p.m. Carols and Readings for Christmas.

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December: The first Eucharist of Christmas is at 11.30pm in Norton Parish Church this year.

Christmas Day 25th December 11.00 a.m. Family Communion in St Andrews Tostock with Carols and songs.

On the Sunday after Christmas 29th December there will be a joint Family Communion for the three parishes in the benefice, at 10.00 a.m. in Norton.

We look forward to welcoming you as we remember the homeless infant, Jesus and his parents and as we support through the special gift opportunity at the Crib and Christmas Tree at the Carol Service on the 22nd the Womens Refuge Project in Bury St Edmunds.

I take this opportunity of wishing the Editor and all Readers of the Tostock Chronicle A VERY HAPPY AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS.

Edward Finch.

Family Services: From Sunday 12th January 1992 the 11.00 a.m. service on the 2nd Sunday of every month will be a Family Service, with something to appeal to all ages. To launch this service the Sunday Club will come from their 10.30 a.m. meeting to join us in church.

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Mrs Pat Reynolds. "Betterview" The Green. Tel: 70341

The Christmas Bazaar made a record profit of £515.47 plus a donation of £40. Our sincere thanks to all who contributed in any way towards this splendid result. A beautiful Christmas Cake made and given by Mrs Doris Armstrong made £41 when raffled.

Afternoon tea at the Croft will resume on the last Tuesday in January with a New Years Party. We hope many retired residents will attend.

PAST AND PRESENT SOCIETY

Mrs Heather Spencer. "Bosmere" Perkins Way Tel: 70395

Monday 2nd December. Members Evening ANTIQUES ROAD SHOW . 8 p.m. with Mr D Asher of Lacy Scotts Fine Art Department. Members are invited to bring along an antique - a piece of china or silver or small furniture etc for Mr Asher to talk about or value.

Monday 6th January A.G.M. at 8p.m. followed by slides on Greece, Norway and the Four Seasons by Mr Bill Hoadley. Also to be shown are slides of Tostock in the 1960s given to the Society by Mr. M. Canning whose parents used to live at "Flinders" on the Green.

THE SUNDAY CLUB

JO Pitchers. "Daltry House" The Green Tel: 71202

Coffee Morning: Thusday 5th December at 10.30a.m. at Vanessa Malcolms home "Rutland House". There will be a cake stall, craft stall bring and buy, etc to raise funds to help cover our running expenses. Please come and bring your friends.

The Sunday Club will meet at 10.30 a.m. in the Village Hall on Sundays 8th, and 16th, December and 12th, 19th, and 26th January 1992.

TOSTOCK LADIES GROUP

Mrs Lorna Turner. "the Gables" New Rd. Tel:70186

Our next event is a Christmas "Get-Together at the "Gardeners". Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th January at Mariens Errington Way at 8.00p.m. to review and discuss our future programme. Anyone interested please come along -ALL WELCOME.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

chairman:D.Rochford Tel:70216. Key Holders:Mr and Mrs S Reynolds Tel:70675
Bookings: Mr and Mrs P Buckle Tel:70605 Secretary:Mrs R Williams Tel:70425

Two members sent their appologies to the last meeting.Ian Friend (Football) and Teresa Rutherford (Play equipment) were welcomed to the meeting. The Normal fee of £10 would be charged for the Harvest Supper. Carol singing would be held in the Village Hall on Friday 20th December at 6.30pm Groups going to different areas of the village. Proceeds to St Nicholas Hospice. Heating in Committee Room to be rectified and rails fitted to steps. Also Asphalt surfacing to entrance in hand.

T.O.A.D.S. Tostock Operatic and Dramatic Society

Following the retirement of the Chairman, Mrs Lorna Walker a Special Meeting was held resulting in the decision to form a small caretaking committee to safeguard the considerable effects and interests of TOADS.A quantity of missing lighting equipment has now been located and we are awaiting its promised return. Mrs Maureen Beales kindly agreed to continue her good work as Treasurer and we are grateful to Mr Simon Reynolds for his offer to act as Custodian for the TOADS property stored in the village hall.Due to the wonderful support of many past and present members, a Committee Meeting will now be held in the New Year to formulate future plans. TO ALL OUR LOYAL TOSTOCK SUPPORTERS, SINCERE GOOD WISHES FOR A REALLY "HOPPY" CHRISTMAS FROM THE TOADS. Sheelagh Millman.

BROWNIES

Mrs D Buckle "Crosswinds" Flatts Lane. Tel:70605

10th Annual Carol Concert: Rehearsals for this is now in progress. As in previous years we do this for charity and this year we have chosen the Childrens Hospice at Milton near Cambridge. This hospice caters for children up to 18 years who are chronically ill. The care and support offered gives many families much needed breaks. We do not charge admission but we make a collection at the end of the concert. Refreshments will be available and the profit from this will also go to the hospice. We would welcome everyone to the Village Hall on Saturday 14th December at 7p.m.

THANK YOU TOSTOCK

I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Spencer, Jacky Livingston and other friends for having given me such loving care during my stay in hospital and still continue to do so. I really dont know how I would have managed without them. Greta Coulson.

Bonfire Night. Our deepest appreciation to a few dedicated families for organising such a splendid evening.

Eleventh Night Party: Everyone welcome to a fun do-it-ourselves party to celebrate the end of the Festive Season in Tostock Village Hall 3-5p.m on Sunday 5th January. Cost will be £1 per family. Bring a plate of food, a bottle of pop and a game/prize/balloons or similar!

Contact Julie Harrison, Tel:70247 to make arrangements so that we dont end up with a dozen games of "pass the parcel" and no mince pies.!

Come "a Carolling" A carol party is planned to tour round the village on the evening of Friday 20th December. All are welcome. See V.H.M.C.

Charity News from the Post Office. An enormous "Thank you" to so many people and organisations in the village and surrounding areas for their contributions of foil for the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association- enough has been collected for the purchase of another Guide Dog this year. Ring can pulls go to Addenbrooks kidney Patient Association. These are kindly taken by Mr Roy Pope. Used Xmas and Greetings cards are given to the Red Cross and used postage stamps and foreign coins go to the St Nicholas Hospice appeal. A further £50 has been collected from the ongoing sale of paper-backs making a total of £426 being donated from our September sale.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

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

We have now played four league matches giving us a total of 11 points. In the Knock out Competition Hargrave were our opponents. After all four games had been played it was discovered that both Hargrave and Tostock had drawn on shots and points.

Unfortunately or fortunately a return match at Hargrave will have to be arranged- and lets hope we can triumph this time!.

Fixtures: December-2nd v Bardwell. 8th v Felsham & Gedding . Both Away.

January- 9th v Badwell Ash (H). 16th v Moreton Hall (A).

January-23rd v Bardwell (H) 30th v Risby (H).

TABLE TENNIS Kate Ransome. Tel:70460. Robert Walker Tel:70186.

Held every Wednesday (apart from 4th December) 7p.m.-8.30p.m. at the Village Hall. All ages welcome between 8 and 108. 50p per night, crisps and drinks are available.

TOSTOCK YOUTH CLUB: Jonathan Sturman Tel:71010

With summer behind us all activities have moved inside, we have had two "Special" events, the Making a Guy competition for Bonfire Night and a Drama Evening. Events laid on for the future include a trip to Bury Sports Centre and a Ballroom Dancing Night. The cost is 75p per evening to pay for overheads.

SQUASH CLUB Gareth Jagger. "Greenleas" Flatts Lane . Tel:70613

The court will remain open throughout the winter with membership fees remaining at £6 for Adults and £2 for juniors, including students.

GARDENERS CORNER: Mr Reg Ransome "The Gardeners Arms". Tel:70460

Thoughts are now turning to the festive season and beyond as the cold weather creeps up on us, but the heat is on as various activities in the pub get ready for the Christmas break. I shall now "jinx" the winners and help out the losers by announcing that the two QUIZ teams are 1st and 2nd, the CRIBBAGE team are 1st and the Wednesday Darts are 3rd in their respective leagues, while the POOL team and the Friday DARTS team are left floundering! HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

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