

TOSTOCK CHRONICLE.

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1. Tostock Drama Group. The Drama Group mentioned in Chronicle No. 18 has met with enthusiastic support and made a good start. A meeting was held on 5th March and the following officials were elected:-

Chairman.	Mr. Jack Woodcock.
Secretary.	Mrs. H. Spencer.
Treasurer.	Mr. Peter Coffill.
Producer.	Mrs. P. Nobes.
Business Manager.	Mr. G. Turner.

The play chosen is "The Happiest Days of Your Life" and three performances will be given in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on:-

Saturday 14th July.
Monday 16th July.
Tuesday 17th July.

The price of tickets will be 3/6d. and 2/-d. obtainable at the Post Office.

2. Drama Group Dance. A dance will be held on Saturday 30th JUNE at the Buffalo Hall, White Horse Inn, BEYTON from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. FREE transport will be available to and from the dance, leaving Gardeners Arms at 7.45 p.m. Tickets for the dance will be 4/-d. obtainable at the Post Office.
3. Tostock Tennis Club. A decision was taken in March to start a tennis club for adult residents. The only court available is a derelict one at Tostock Old Hall which is, or was, in a shocking state having been used for years as a chicken run! This did not deter several enthusiasts from making a start; they set to with machines and a roller hoping to get the court into playing condition this summer.
- However it now looks as if this was too much to hope; but work will continue and it is confidently expected to have the court ready for the 1963 season.
4. Tostock Womens' Institute. There will be a Sale in the Village Hall on Saturday 21st July at 3 p.m. Stalls, Tombola, Jumble, etc. Please come.
5. Dangers of the Main Road. It seems incredible that the Ministry of Transport, who should treat Road Safety as of prime importance, have designated the main road, A 45, between Beyton and Woolpit, as a CLEARWAY! They pay no heed to local advice yet they must know that scores of girls and boys have to cycle to and from Beyton Modern Secondary School along this road, with particular hazards in the dark evenings of winter.

A Tostock resident, a schoolmaster, writes, "While it continues to be necessary for school children to risk their lives in cycling or walking to Beyton Modern Secondary School we must all continue to be vigilant on their behalf. Riding two on a bicycle, or playing games on the main road, will lead to accidents, and children should be incessantly urged, by friend and parents alike, to observe the strictest safety measures while on the highways."

6. Village Hall Piano. The Management Committee have purchased a really good second hand overstrung piano which is now in the Village Hall. The 'Womens' Institute have generously subscribed £5 towards the cost. The piano is kept locked; Mrs. Huffey has the key and the Secretary has a spare one. The charge for use of the piano, which does not of course apply to the Womens' Institute, is 5/- a time.

The old piano is almost valueless and the Committee would sell it for a very small figure.

7. Parish Meeting. It was good to see such a large attendance, about forty people, at the Annual Meeting on 12th March; it was particularly good to see that many of them were new residents. The meeting was rather lengthy.
8. Tostock Church Tower. A further sum has been paid to the builders and now the sum of £200 remains to be paid. Altogether, in two years, Tostock has raised £836.
9. Best Kept Village Competition. Mr. N. Parker has noticed, as no doubt many others have also, the improvements which are visible in the general appearance of Tostock. The Churchyard is a credit to Mr. V. Huffey's attentions; the roadside verges are well cared for by Mr. Sid Allen; the village Green reflects the interest taken by the Parish Council and by residents whose gardens border it; everywhere one sees lovely gardens; and the Lays (old spelling) is taking shape thanks to Mr. Hector Mann.

Mr. Parker suggests that Tostock might now think of working up, in time, to enter for the above competition. This year it is too late and next year the competition will be for villages with a population of over 400; but in 1964 an opportunity will come again. As it needs a lot of thought and preparation it might be a good thing to start thinking about it now.

There is one sad blot that mars every village and the countryside in general - LITTER! Paper, cartons, rubbish and even tins are thrown down everywhere.

O Litter Bugs!

Why do you throw waste paper on the ground?

Why do you scatter squalid things around?

Have you no eyes?

Have you not seen

The beauty of our village green

And hedgerows fair?

When next you're passing there

I beg you think how thoughtlessness

Can transform beauty into ugliness.

N.P.