

# TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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## PARISH COUNCIL

Seven Councillors attended the recent meeting chaired by Mr P.Buckle.

Matters arising from the previous minutes included the reply from the Highways department that in the interests of road safety the chestnut tree on the Green should have some of its lower branches trimmed. It was agreed that this work should now be carried out.

A Notice of Appeal against the refusal of planning permission to extend New House in Norton Road was discussed and all the councillors present were adamant that any further extensions to this property should not be allowed and the Secretary of State was advised accordingly. The Planning Department are to be asked the latest position with regard to the enforcement for the blocking up of the northern access of Woodside in compliance with the planning permission conditions.

The Treasurer then presented the precept for 1993/94 and after discussion Mr Armstrong proposed that we should precept for £1000 as last year. This was seconded by Mr Buxton and agreed by all councillors. The amount would work out at approximately £6 per household.

The Clerk reported on the damage to the green caused by a Calor Gas tanker and her subsequent conversation with the company. Apologies were received and compensation will be made.

As the new footway between New Road and Leys Road has not yet been started the Clerk was requested to write to the Highways Department to enquire when this would be done.

Residents are concerned regarding the additional stables which are being built in the field at the end of Flatts Lane and the council will be keeping a careful watch on any developments.

The ditches in Norton Road have again become filled with soil and the Highways Department have been requested to dig them out and also trim back some of the overhanging hedges.

Anglian water have notified the Council that new water pipes will be laid throughout the village. The work is expected to start in March and carry on throughout the summer hopefully to finish in the autumn. Copy of letter and plans can be seen on the Parish notice Board.

## ST ANDREWS CHURCH

The season of Christmas seems far behind us now - but it was good to see the church so full for our Carol Service and the Midnight Communion Service.

We now look forward to the season of Lent - which begins with Ash Wednesday - the 24th February. The word "Lent" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "Spring". So Lent

came to be known as God's Springtime, the period when Christians tuned into Gods love and made a fresh response to it.

The fourth Sunday in Lent - this year 21st March - is also traditionally Mothering Sunday. We will be holding a special family service in St Andrews at 3 p.m. on that Sunday and I do hope that the families from the village will come together to share in this service.

#### Church Services for February and March.

February	7th	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion <u>Norton</u>
February	14th	11.00 a.m.	Family Service
February	21st	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
February	28th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Praise
March	7th	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion <u>Tostock</u>
March	14th	11.00 a.m.	Family Service
March	21st	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
		3.00 p.m.	Family Service for Mothering Sunday
March	28th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Praise

Ian Hooper, Rector.

#### CHURCH YARD RULES

Most people - quite understandably - are unaware of the Churchyard rules as laid down by the Chancellor of the Diocese. These are displayed in the church porches - but with the sad need to lock churches for security they are often not visible.

One of the churchyard rules states that no artificial flowers be placed in the churchyard. However exceptions are made to this for Remembrance Sunday poppies and for traditional Christmas wreaths and memorials. These can be left for a period of two months - during the time of winter when few fresh flowers are available at a reasonable price.

May I respectfully ask therefore in order to comply with the Chancellors rules that any artificial flowers be "lifted" during the first week of March.

The Rector.

#### CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

A New Year Party was held on Tuesday ,26th January for members and guests. 17 attended and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. After a lovely tea, games and a sing song, Mrs Jeanne O'Reilly entertained with slides of her recent trip to China.

#### VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 2nd December 1992. Nine members were present and apologies were received from Mrs P Reynolds, Mrs R Lister, Mrs R Williams and Mr C. Buxton. Mr Spencer very kindly acted as secretary. The Chairman welcomed Mrs Margaret Grooms as Tennis representative to the committee. The driveway to the Car Park has now been repaired and three new litter bins have been fixed in position around the playing field.

The committee reconsidered the erection of a fence round the play area. It was felt by all that the dog fouling not only occurs in the play area but also makes conditions most unpleasant in the football and cricket areas. The objective must be to stop dogs fouling on the whole area.

Secretary. Owing to her husband's illness Mrs Rita Williams has unfortunately not been able to do this valuable work lately, but hopes to carry on in the near future. We are most grateful to her and send her and Mr Williams our very good wishes. The Art and Craft Shows will take place in June 1993 and it is confirmed that Mr and Mrs Lister will organise the Art Show and Mrs Lorna Walker the Craft Show. Date of next meeting Wednesday 10 February 1993.

### TOSTOCK PAST AND PRESENT SOCIETY

At the A.G.M. on 4th January, the following Committee were elected:-

Mr R. Sulman ( Chairman ), Mr D. Livingston ( Treasurer ), Mrs H. Spencer ( Secretary ), Mr J. Barker, Mrs J. O'Reilly, Mr D. Rochford, and Mrs M. Rutland who fills the vacancy left by Mrs Saumarez, who has had to resign due to family commitments. The Chairman and Treasurer both gave yearly reports. Subscriptions remain the same at £6 per annum.

The next monthly meeting on February 1st at 8p.m. will be a talk with slides on the subject of Suffolk Windmills given by Mr P. Dolman from Bramford. Visitors are most welcome.

The series of lectures on Sources for the History of Tostock given by Mr Clive Paine, Education Officer from Suffolk Record Office will commence on Monday 8th February, followed by 22nd February, 8th and 22nd March, 5th and 19th April all at Tostock village Hall at 8p.m. There will be a charge of £15 for these 6 lectures plus 2 local outings- £7.50 being payable in February. This should be an instructive and enjoyable course- again open to all interested parties.

The monthly meeting on 1st March given by Mr D. Weston will be on the History of Abbeygate Street, Bury St Edmunds.

### BROWNIES

We would like to thank all relatives and friends who came along to our Carol Concert before Christmas. Approx £70 was raised, the exact amount will be in the next chronicle. We are now arranging to go to the West Suffolk Hospital to present the cheque to the Heartbeat appeal.

### TOSTOCK TENNIS CLUB

The A.G.M. will be held at Tostock Village Hall on 16th March 1993. Members please try to attend.

Present plans are to have fencing replaced for start of new season.

Ladies now play Thursday mornings year round at 10.30 a.m.

### CAROL SINGING

On Friday 11th December 1992 a good gathering braved the weather and toured most of the village in the rain. Many thanks to all who helped and to Miss Sherwood who gave us such a welcome with Mince pies and coffee. Thanks to all those who were so generous. We raised £50.78 which was given to St Nicholas Hospice.

## A REMINDER OF TIMES PAST

*10 years ago.*

Suffolk Conservation Corps and Village Volunteers began work on clearing the Village Pond. The Tostock Village sign was completed and erected.

*20 years ago.*

Due to local government reorganisation Tostock ceased to be under the guidance of Thedwastre R.D.C. which was disbanded. The new governing body was Mid Suffolk District Council.

*30 Years ago.*

Tostock entered the Best Kept Village Competition for the first time and won the Fison Trophy - a lawn mower - a seat - 3 Trees - and 18 gallons of Beer!!!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

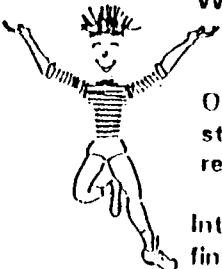
### FEBRUARY

- 1st 8.00 p.m " Past and Present" Mr P.Dolman on " Suffolk Windmills"  
1st MOBILE LIBRARY  
8th 8.00 p.m." Past and Present" Mr Clive Paine , Lecture course on:-  
"Sources for the History of Tostock" begins.  
15th MOBILE LIBRARY  
23rd Afternoon Tea at the Croft.

### MARCH

- 1st 8.00 p.m. "Past and Present" Mr D. Weston on "History of Abbeygate Street".  
1st MOBILE LIBRARY  
15th MOBILE LIBRARY  
16th 8.00 p.m. Tostock Tennis Club A.G.M.  
20th Jumble Sale at Village Hall  
22nd LAST DATE FOR MATERIAL FOR NEXT CHRONICLE.  
29th MOBILE LIBRARY  
30th Afternoon Tea at the Croft.

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