

TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting was attended by 25 parishioners, 9 Parish Councilors, County Councillor, Mrs S.Sida, District Councilor Mr B. Siffleet, Mr J. Chapman and Mr J. Smith from Anglia Water and Mr Slater the County Footpath Officer. After the formalities of reading the minutes, Mrs S. Sida took the floor and gave a brief outline of the work of the County Council throughout the year and the proposed work for the forthcoming year including her commitment to support the speed limits and reduction of heavy traffic through the villages. A suggestion was made from the floor regarding placing a sign on the old 1088 stating Tostock Village ONLY and to the possibility of widening the southern end of Long Leys Road. This would be followed up. The question regarding a rubbish tip in New Road was raised and it was stated that due to the fact that such tips must be licenced and rules and regulations were applied to any tip. As this tip was not licenced it was in fact illegal.

The District Councillor explained the work done by the District Council and the proposed reorganisation to take place in 1995. He spoke about the new Council Tax, the Mid Suffolk Local Plan and also answered questions from the floor.

The work currently being carried out in the village by the Anglian Water Authority was explained by the two representatives and the ultimate future of the water system. The meeting expressed their appreciation of the care and neatness of all the work so far carried out and how smoothly it was all going with very little disruption throughout the village.

Mr Slater the Footpath Officer gave a very interesting outline of his work and powers to control footpaths in the area. He explained that enforcement procedures could be taken for footpaths to be re-instated and the various laws involved. Specific questions were answered by him to various enquirers at the end of the meeting.

Village reports were given by the Clerk, V.H.M.C. and Church Social Committee. The Treasurer gave his report showing an opening balance of £3590.61. Income was £4894.65 with an expenditure of £4401.02 leaving a closing balance of £4084.65. The Poores Estate Charity opened with a balance of £438.06 with an income of £130.67. Eight vouchers had been issued to a total value of £125 leaving a closing balance of £442.70 after payment of £1.00 bank charges.

A Parishioner complained that he had been contacted by the County Council regarding bollards outside his property and felt that the Parish Council should have contacted him first. The Chairman explained that this was not a Parish Council matter and that the correct procedure had taken place.

A request for the posts and chains around the Green to be replaced would be done as soon as possible.

The Chairman expressed the thanks and appreciation of everyone to Mr S. Reynolds for cutting the Green and the maintenance of the mowers.

The Treasurer announced that he proposed to stand down from this post after holding it for the past forty years. Mr Hoadley proposed a vote of thanks to him and this was reiterated by the whole meeting.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held in May and the following officers elected for 1993/4. Chairman: Mr A.Villar, Vice Chairman : Mr P.Buckle Treasurer: Mr D. Livingston. Mr F.Armstrong has resigned from the position of Treasurer after holding this office for more than forty years. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to him for all his loyalty during his long term of office pointing out that through his careful budgeting over the years he had kept the rates for the village down to a very low level thus saving the parishioners considerable amounts on the general rates. Other items discussed at this meeting included the Mid Suffolk Local Plan and it is still hoped to have a meeting with the planning department to discuss the matter further.

Footpath diversions cannot progress as the V.H.M.C. are holding up the process by not giving the P.C. a reply.

Concern has been expressed about the frost damaged surface of the footway in New Road. The Highways Dept. has been written to for their inspection of this and also requested to replace the Tostock sign at the entrance to the village from the old A45.

ST ANDREWS CHURCH

At this time of year- in the summer - many people take the opportunity to visit some of the many picturesque villages in this part of Suffolk. Perhaps this is something we do ourselves. Quite often we would like to visit the church but sadly it is likely to be locked. St Andrew's in Tostock , however, is usually open during the day time for those who wish to take the opportunity to enter and to be quiet in God's presence. Making space to allow us to ourselves to draw near to God is important and of course we are also able to do this by joining with others on a Sunday morning. Our services are listed below and we often a warm welcome to those who would like to join us.

Church Services for June and July.

June 6th	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion <u>Tostock</u>
June 13th	11.00 a.m.	Family Service
June 20th	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
June 27th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Praise
July 4th	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion <u>Norton</u>
July 11th	11.00 a.m.	Family Service
July 18th	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
July 25th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Praise
August 1st	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion <u>Pakenham</u>

Ian Hooper, Rector.

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Thursday 15th July, Coffee morning and Bring and Buy at Betterview 10am to 12.30 p.m. Stalls and Raffle. In aid of the Church Fabric Fund. Children welcome.

Afternoon Tea at the Croft 29th June and 27th August.

Ploughmans Lunches and Teas will be served at the Village Hall on Saturday 19th June and Teas on Sunday 20th, the weekend of the Art Exhibition.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 5th May at 8p.m. 9 Members present, plus Treasurer, Chairman and Secretary. Apologies were received from Mr M. Spencer, Mrs H. Spencer and Miss J Wheeler. Mrs Livingston, Mrs Buckle and Mr S. Reynolds also attended.

The Minutes of the A.G.M. held on 29th April 1992 were read by the Secretary, agreed and signed by the Chairman.

The Treasurer then presented the Accounts in detail, which were passed unanimously. There would be no increase in Fees this year. Due to the imminence of Bank Charges being levied against our account, the Treasurer requested the Committee's agreement to negotiate with the Bank. This was unanimously given.

Election of Officers: Mrs R. Williams was re-elected as Secretary and Mr D. Livingston as Treasurer. Mr and Mrs Buckle agreed to continue as Booking Managers.

Elected Member: Mr M. Spencer had expressed a wish to retire and this was reluctantly accepted. Gratitude was expressed for all his tireless work in the past and he has agreed to be on hand as a consultant. Mrs T. Rutterford was elected in his place. The other Elected Members are Mr Rochford (Chairman) Mr R. Pope and Mrs R. Lister.

Mr S. Reynolds agreed to continue with his work of cleaning the Hall and was warmly praised by all for his efforts in this respect. We are most grateful to him and the Hall has never looked so spic and span. Mr Reynolds raised several small points regarding cleaning and he was invited to attend future Committee meetings, which he agreed to do if convenient.

At a short Committee Meeting following the A.G.M. the Chairman Mr Rochford stood down but was elected for one more year only at his request. He gave a very full account of the year's work of the Village Hall Management Committee.

The next Committee Meeting will be on Wednesday 21st July 7.30p.m in the Village Hall, when it is hoped to report on the Art Exhibition and Craft Show on June 19 20 and 21. Mrs Lister had previously reported that arrangements were well in hand for this event.

TOSTOCK PAST AND PRESENT SOCIETY

About 2 dozen members have enjoyed Clive Paine's course of lectures on the History of Tostock culminating in a visit to St Andrew's Church on May 24th. If there is sufficient interest we hope to have a similar course next Spring, again with Clive Paine.

The next monthly meeting on Monday June 7th at 8 p.m. will be a talk by Gordon Kinsey on life on a Country Estate (Resgrave) earlier this century.

On Monday July 5th our monthly meeting will be in the form of a Walk around Georgian Bury with Dr Pat Murrell. Please note we meet at Bury Record Office car park at 7p.m. Visitors welcome to all our meetings.

TOSTOCK OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY

A meeting was held on May 12 to discuss the future, and after much debate it was decided with the greatest regret, to bring down the final curtain on our 30 year old society. Therefore it is proposed to hold an auction sale on Sat. July 3 to dispose of the vast majority of our stage equipment, scenery and costumes, but to retain the stage curtains, basic set and lighting for Village Hall use. Simon Reynolds has kindly volunteered to act as custodian for this amenity. Further details of the Auction will be publicised later.

(Chairman) Sheelagh Millman.

TOSTOCK TENNIS CLUB

Tostock Tennis Club would like to know if any tennis players would be interested in playing social tennis on Sunday afternoons during the summer months. If so please contact either Diane Plester on 71652 or Heather Spencer on 70395.

The Club has a supply of good quality 'T'shirts. Small and medium sizes are £3.00 and the large size costs £3.50. A medium sweat shirt is available at only £7.00. Plans are in hand for the present tennis court fencing to be replaced. If anyone is interested in making an offer to purchase some or all of the old fencing (chain link fence 3.15 gauge and 50mm mesh) for a modest sum please contact either Diane Plester on 71652 or Heather Spencer on 70395.

TOSTOCK CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Tostock Carpet Bowls Club meet on a Thursday in the village hall. Sessions are between 2.30 and 4.30 and 7.30 and 9.30 and alternate Sundays. Anyone wishing to come along is welcome, all ages. League Season starts in October.

Red Cross House Collection.


The amount raised this year was £91.91. A sincere thank you to all who gave their time and contributed.
Cynthia Dean. Red Cross Representative.

Norton School.

A number of events are planned for the summer term. The whole school will go swimming in Bury Pool. Groups will be visiting, Framlingham and Orford Castles and West Stow Anglo Saxon Village. Year 1 will hold a party for the Blackbourne Day Centre. A large Rainforest Mural has been painted near the main School entrance by Adam Yates, one of our parents. Sports Day is on 15th July and the Fete is on 17th July.

Thurston Upper School Old Students Association

Barn Dance/Celidh - Saturday 12th June 1993 at Ixworth Middle School. All ex-pupils welcome. Tickets from John Cook, (s.a.e.) Thurston Upper School



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

- 7th MOBILE LIBRARY
- 7th 8.00 p.m. "Past and Present" Gordon Kinsey on "Life on a country estate"
- 19th Art Exhibition and Craft Show in Church and Village Hall
- 20th Art Exhibition and Craft Show in Church and Village Hall
- 21st Art Exhibition in Church
- 21st MOBILE LIBRARY
- 29th Afternoon Tea at the Croft.

JULY

- 3rd T.O.A.D.S. Sale.
- 5th MOBILE LIBRARY
- 5th 7.00 p.m. "Past and Present" Dr Pat Murrell "Walk around Georgian Bury" meet at Bury Record Office Car Park
- 19th MOBILE LIBRARY
- 22nd LAST DATE FOR MATERIAL FOR NEXT CHRONICLE.



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