

DECEMBER 1962

1. Clerk of the Parish Council. For some months this year Tostock was without a Parish Clerk. Now Mr. A. Henderson has kindly undertaken this important duty as from 27th October last, for which the Parish are indeed grateful to him.
2. The Rector. In January 1960 the Chronicle welcomed the arrival of the Rev. O.M. Darwin who was inducted as Rector in Tostock Church on 5th December 1959. Mr. Darwin has now left Tostock to become Vicar of All Saints, Ipswich. The Chronicle extends to him best wishes in his new parish.
3. Darby and Joan Club. A Christmas Party for Club members is being organised by Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. Purkiss to take place in the Village Hall after the Drama Club's current production. Members will be notified the day and time at a later date.
4. Village Hall. For two and a half years no money has been raised for the upkeep of the Hall. Now the balance is reduced to £20, which is the sum set aside by the Management Committee as a special reserve. Thus the finances, though not in the "red", are at least in the "amber"!

No external painting has been done and this is becoming urgent. The Hall has been kept in funds principally by the patronage of the Womens' Institute, the Darby and Joan Club and the Drama Club. Indeed the lettings have been so good that the Management Committee have been able to purchase an up to date piano for £30 approximately.

In the New Year the Management Committee will be asking for the support of residents in money raising efforts.

5. Cricket Club. Existing members of the Club met in October last. They decided to turn over the crockery, with certain provisos which are detailed in the Village Hall minute book, to the Village Hall Management Committee. This has been done. The Club also decided upon rules governing the use of the urn; these also are specified in the minute book.
6. Drama Club. The next production will be "The White Sheep of the Family"; a comedy by L. du Garde Peach and Ian Hay. The production days are Wednesday 16th January to Friday 18th, inclusive. The Dress Rehearsal will be at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 15th January. The Drama Club would be very pleased to see any Old Age Pensioners who care to attend the Dress Rehearsal free of charge.

A further production is planned to take place on 1st to 3rd of May 1963. A thriller, "Something to Hide" by Leslie Sands, has been chosen. The production will be in the capable hands of Miss Caffyn.

7. Drama Club Christmas Fair. A Christmas Fair will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 15th December opening at 2.45 p.m. The object is to increase the funds of the Club for the payment of royalty fees, stage and lighting expenses, etc. which will be required for future productions.

It is hoped that this Fair will be well supported. It has a further object, which is to provide a surplus that can be used, subject to the decisions of the Village Hall Management Committee, for improvements to the Village Hall; such as modern lavatories, and a more permanent stage etc.

8. Festival of Carols. At Christmas time in 1954 and again in 1955 a rather special Carol Service was held in the Church and, in a modified form, in the Chapel. The Children enjoyed it. Then, because there was no-one prepared to take charge, it lapsed.

Now, owing to the kindness of the Drama Club, it is to be produced this year under the direction of Mr. J. Glendinning. Rehearsals have been started; the Service will be held in the Church on Sunday 23rd December at 3 p.m.

9. Carols Singers. Members of the Women's Institute, supplemented by members of the Drama Club, will tour the Village on the evenings of Monday 17th December and Thursday 20th December. The money so raised will be given to the Village Hall Management Committee for Hall improvements.
10. Poor Estates Charity. This is better known locally as the Coal Charity. It is administered in accordance with rules laid down by the Charity Commissioners in November 1889, and by five Trustees approved by the Commissioners. The Trustees receive for the Charity a yearly income from £381. - 2 $\frac{3}{4}$  Consols and rents derived from certain lands let off as allotments. The total income is approximately £18.

The Commissioners have laid down that "the yearly income of the Charity shall be applied by the Trustees in making payments ... for the benefit either of the poor of the Parish of Tostock generally, or of such deserving and necessitous persons resident there as the Trustees shall select".

It has become the custom to apply the income in the form of gifts of coal. This year fourteen shillings worth has been given to each of 25 residents. In December 1960 the Trustees passed the following resolution:-

"To consider applications for a share in the Charity in the following order:-

- i. Those whose title was undoubted; such as needy widows and pensioners.
- ii. Those whose participation must be considered by the Trustees".

In November 1962 the Trustees passed the following resolution, which is MOST IMPORTANT.

"That in future a Notice should be posted in the Post Office and The Stores stating who are eligible to apply and when the application should be made and to whom it should be made.

Next year, in October, THOSE WHO DO NOT APPLY WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE TRUSTEES FOR THE GIFTS OF COAL.

11. Women's Institute. The sale which took place on 21st November to raise funds for the Freedom From Hunger Campaign realised £14:11:-d.
12. Tostock Relay Races. Once again the Relay Races promoted by the Ipswich Harriers and arranged by Mr. B.H.Gorringe were run on Saturday 10th November. Tea was provided in the Village Hall by Mrs. V.Huffey and Miss B.Haselwood. It was a pleasure to see so many fine young people assembled and it is hoped that next year Tostock will again be the venue for this inspiring event.
13. Christmas Postal Information. There will be no collections or deliveries on Christmas and Boxing Days this year. There will, however, be a delivery on Sunday 23rd December and normal Sunday collection on that day.

THE LATEST POSTING DAYS are Wednesday 19th December for packets and parcels, and Thursday 20th for letters and cards.

Christmas cards in unsealed envelopes for delivery in the United Kingdom require a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamp.

Overseas, everywhere, require only 2d.

TOSTOCK POST OFFICE will not open until 9 a.m. during the week 17th to 22nd December. This will allow the incoming mail to be sorted, and earlier deliveries made, than is normal at this busy time. The Post Office will remain open daily until 6.30 p.m. including Wednesday 19th December.

#### ADDENDUM

Darby and Joan Club. The date of the Christmas Party is SATURDAY 12th JANUARY 1963 at 5 p.m.