



TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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PARISH COUNCIL

Eight councillors attended the recent meeting. Tracy Rushton was welcomed as a new councillor and signed her acceptance of office.

A quotation for replacing the posts on the Green was accepted and the work will be carried out when conditions are suitable. It was regretted that only 25% of residents completed the questionnaire regarding a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. As the police require at least 60% to be interested no further action can be taken at present. The situation will be kept under review.

The council has been informed that planning permission is required for the operation of car sales at Place Farm and the operator has been advised accordingly.

The budget for 1996/97 was discussed and it was agreed to precept for £1,200. Payment of £55.12 was requested by Mid Suffolk District Council for the uncontested elections last May. This was passed.

The Suffolk County Council have agreed to look at calming measures for this village together with 100 other villages but have informed us that preference will be given to villages with higher accident rates.

Concern was expressed regarding mud on the old A45. This resulted from produce being taken from a field on one side of the road and moving pigs to different fields on the other side of the road. Concern was also expressed regarding the enlargement of a field opening and the damage to trees previously planted by the council to enable the farmer to gain access to the road.

A letter has been written to the farmer concerned.

Some slates are to be replaced on the bus shelter.

A letter of appreciation has been sent to Mr. & Mrs. J. Barker for all their litter picking around the village

The next meeting is on 27th February.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Thanks are due to the residents who returned the Neighbourhood Watch questionnaire and particularly those who offered in setting up a scheme. Unfortunately, only a quarter of the households in the village returned the form and this is insufficient for a formal scheme to go ahead.

St. Andrew's Church

Church Services for February and March

4th February	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Norton</u>
11th February	11.00 a.m.	Family Service
18th February	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion with Hymns
25th February	9.30 a.m.	Morning Praise
3rd March	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion at <u>Tostock</u>
10th March	11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
17th March	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
[Mothering Sunday]	11.00 a.m.	Family Service
24th March	9.30 a.m.	Morning Praise
31st March	11.00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Service
[Palm Sunday]		[All age service]

February brings us to the season of Lent and there will be a special Evensong at St. Andrew's on Ash Wednesday, 21st February at 7.30 p.m. to mark the beginning of Lent. It will also introduce our Lent Discussion/Study Groups entitled "Lord teach us to pray" and will focus on the Lord's Prayer. If you wish to join a group you would be most welcome. Please contact me or Peter Dawson for further details.

Mothering Sunday will be on 17th March and there will be a special Family Service at 11.00 a.m.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on 31st March and as in previous years we plan to meet at the Gardeners Arms ready to process following a donkey to church where there will be a special service. We will leave the Gardeners Arms at 11.00 a.m.

A warm welcome awaits you at all these special events and at our weekly Sunday services.

**Ian Hooper,
Rector**

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Please make a note of the forthcoming events for 1996

Saturday 11th May	EVENING CONCERT	in the Church
15th 16th & 17th June	ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION	
13th July	TREASURE HUNT and BARBEQUE	
11th October	HARVEST SUPPER	
23rd November	CHRISTMAS BAZAAR	

More detailed information for all these events will be given nearer the date.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A meeting was held in January with nine members present. There were two apologies.

The cricket club is in the process of winding up its affairs and any funds will be held. If in future another cricket club is formed there will be some funds available.

The TOAD's seat will be resited when the weather has improved. Both a caretaker and a keyholder's position are available.

Anyone interested in either job should contact Mr.S.Reynolds tel:01359 270675 who will explain the duties entailed.

A grant to supplement the funds available is to be applied for to provide a soft area under the equipment in the childrens play area.

The chairman has been in contact with Mr.Slater and the footpath problem should be resolved by the summer.

Mid Suffolk District Council are setting up a working party to study the energy survey and decide upon their policy of giving grants. Suffolk ACRE have also been approached.

Mr.Reynolds has installed fan covers to the hall and was thanked for his work. He is willing to remain on the committee after his retirement.

The next meeting will be on the 19th March at 7-30pm.

TOSTOCK LADIES GROUP

A meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th February at Elm Cottage (Kathleen Dawsons) when members will share music, poetry, recipes, food, stories - or anything else with a "Valentine" theme - and on 13th March at Rookwood, New Road (Jeanne O'Reillys) when we shall look back at "My favourite period in history" and imagine ourselves as medieval peasants, Elizabethan courtiers, Victorian governesses, suffragettes - or whatever else we might have been in a different age.

Both meetings begin at 8-00p.m. and new members are always welcome

PAST & PRESENT SOCIETY

The next monthly meeting is on Monday 5th February at 8-00pm at the Village Hall and will be the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING with the usual Chairman's report and Treasurer's accounts, followed by the election of a Committee for the year.

After this there will be an illustrated talk on VENICE by Mr.John Clibbon, the well known local artist.

We should be very happy to welcome new members to our meetings, the subscription is a modest £6. per annum. We have a varied and interesting range of speakers booked up for the year.

In addition we have a further course of lectures on the HISTORY OF BURY ST.EDMUNDS AFTER THE REFORMATION starting on Monday 12th February by CLIVE PAINE, who has been such a popular lecturer in the past. A separate fee of £12.50 is payable to the treasurer on the first evening of this course. There will be further lectures on 26th February. 11th and 25th March, 15th and 29th April and two visits to Bury in May.

The March monthly meeting will be a talk by Doreen Rayner on Felixstowe Landguard Fort and Museum. Mrs.Rayner is the Curator of the Museum.

CARPET BOWLS

The members of the club enjoyed a social evening at Christmas when trophies were presented. We have new members now, with a mixture of ages. League results are favourable with Tostock winning half of the played games.

BROWNIES

The Brownies would like to thank all who attended the annual Carol Concert, some who come along year after year, and also friends who gave donations. A total of £65.30. was raised and we are hoping to go along in the next few weeks to present the cheque to the Rainbow Ward at the West Suffolk Hospital.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAR House to House collection and Church Plate donations November 1995

A record £282.37 was raised.

Many thanks for your generosity.

Special thanks for the time given by all the collectors - Ken Bucke, Liz Duvall, Brian Massey, Mick Spencer, Reg & Mary and Jean & Reta.

Richard Duvall (Hon. Organiser)

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING in the village raised £108 for St. Nicholas Hospice who have expressed their warm appreciation. Thanks are due to all who contributed, as well as to the twenty-two people who sang, we hope tunefully, for 2½ hours on a very cold winters night.

Peter Dawson

The late MRS. L.P. GALLAGHER My grateful thanks to the many kind friends and neighbours for their comfort and help both to me and to my 'Big Sister' - Mrs. Lily Gallagher of 3 The Croft during her protracted period of disability and illness and subsequent death in the West Suffolk Hospital. She was in her 96th year. Thank you Tostock.

Bill Hoadley

WANTED

A HELPER WITH HOUSEWORK. HOURS BY ARRANGEMENT. If interested please telephone - 01359 271010.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

5th PAST & PRESENT A.G.M. plus LECTURE BY JOHN CLIBBON
14th LADIES GROUP - VALENTINE THEME
27th PARISH COUNCIL
12th & 26th LIBRARY

MARCH

4th PAST & PRESENT FELIXSTOWE LANDGUARD FORT & MUSEUM
13th LADIES GROUP
19th V.H.M.C. Meeting
11th & 25th LIBRARY