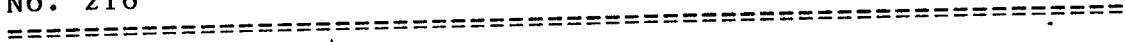




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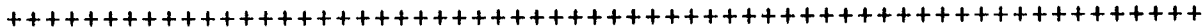
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+ PLEASE PLEASE +

+ YOUR HELP IS REQUESTED +



+ IN AN EFFORT TO TRY TO REDUCE LONG AND HEAVY LORRIES +

+ TRAVELLING THROUGH OUR VILLAGE CAUSING FURTHER DAMAGE +

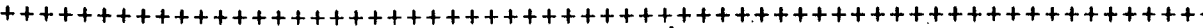
+ TO OUR VERGES, THE HIGHWAYS AUTHORITIES HAVE SUGGESTED +

+ THAT THE NAMES OF THE FIRMS AND/OR REGISTRATION NUMBERS +

+ OF VEHICLES ARE RECORDED. +

+ IF ANY RESIDENT OBSERVES ANY SUCH VEHICLE PLEASE +

+ MAKE A NOTE OF THE DETAILS AND INFORM THE CLERK. +



PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting was attended by ten parishioners, the members of the parish council, County Councillor Mrs.S.Sida, District Councillor Mr.B.Siffleet and P.C.Graham-Scott. Mrs.Sida gave a report on the County workings and spoke of her frustrations at the various cutbacks including highway matters and schooling. She answered a number of questions raised by parishioners.

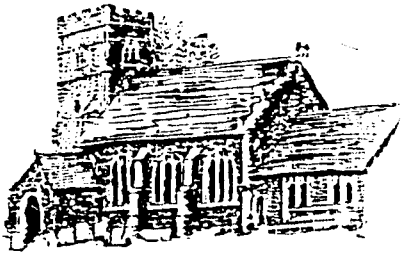
Mr.Siffleet explained why the Council Tax had been increased by the District this year and also answered questions from the floor. The councillors questioned him regarding the lorries coming through the village mainly because of planning permission having been given some years ago against the protest of this council to allow a business development. He promised to look into the situation to see what he could do.

Reports were given by the clerk and treasurer who explained the balance sheet which showed a closing balance of £3741.60.

The balance sheet of the Poores Estate Charity which was re-instated to the original constitution following the 1995 annual parish meeting showed a closing balance of £577.76.

The item causing great concern to both councillors and parishioners is the continuing loss of verges throughout the village due to the ever increasing size and weight of lorries which travel through the village. Various operators have now been written to requesting that they re-route their journeys, The 30 mph signs are soon to replace the 40 mph signs through the village. Site meetings have been held with the Highways Department to try to get some signs removed and other re-positioned.

The Annual Parish Council meeting was held in May and all the officers were re-elected for 1996/97. Planning Applications were discussed and replies sent to the planning department. The Audit Commission questionnaire was discussed and will be returned after completion. Requests from the V.H.M.C. for financial help towards the replacement of windows in the village hall was approved. Assistance was also requested regarding protecting the play area from dogs and fouling. The council has recommended that the play area should be fenced off with a large gate to enable mower to enter. The provision of a Dog Litter Bin to encourage irresponsible owners and visitors to the hall would be a positive action to help keep the field clean. A vote of thanks was expressed to Mr.S.Reynolds, Mr.A.Brown and Mr.L.Flatman for mowing the playing fields, the Green and the Leys. A special thanks was given to Mr.S.Reynolds for maintaining the triple cut mower in such good and working order. This machine is now 43 years old.



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE & JULY

2nd June	10.00 am	Joint Benefice Communion Service [A.S.B.] at <u>Tostock</u>
9th June	11.00 am	Family Service
16th June	9.30 am	Holy Communion [B.C.P.]
23rd June	9.30 am	Morning Praise
30th June	11.00 am	Morning Prayer
7th July	10.00 am	Joint Benefice Communion Service [A.S.B.] at <u>Pakenham</u>
14th July	11.00 am	Family Service
21st July	9.30 am	Holy Communion [B.C.P.]
28th July	9.30 am	Morning Praise

On Sunday 2nd June we will be dedicating a new altar frontal given in memory of Patrick Chapman who did so much in taking care of the churchyard and the fabric of the church.

Home Group meetings take place in June and July at Elm Cottage. Please contact Peter Dawson for further details. We warmly welcome you to all our services and activities.

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

A most enjoyable evening was spent at the Church Concert on 11th May. Many thanks to the ladies who helped with the refreshments. A total of £273.60 was raised for the Church Fabric Fund.

Refreshments will once again be provided in the Village Hall during the week-end of the Annual Art Exhibition.

Saturday 15th June	12-00 noon	until 5-00pm
Sunday 16th June	2-00 pm	until 5-00pm

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

At the meeting on 30th April, 7 members were present with one apology.

The daughter of Captain Errington would like to donate a seat for the playing field in memory of her Father.

After a recent visit of the caravan club there was an accident due to a manhole cover not being replaced by them. A visitor injured his leg by falling into the manhole. The Caravan Club has been contacted about this and in the interim period the manhole covers have been painted black and yellow.

Grants have been made available for energy conservation in the hall. The committee have decided to commence with the replacement of windows and to enclose the porch. The roof insulation will be left until September.

A quote for Soft Landing Areas under the play equipment was very high and another quote is to be sought.

A new cleaner has been found, but the position of Keyholder is still vacant. Anyone interested please contact Mr.S.Reynolds tel: 270675.

The English Basketball Association have money available to provide 10,000 outdoor goals and Tostock is to send a letter of application.

After the Treasurer's report the committee discussed the hiring rates for the hall. These have not been raised since 1992 and all agreed the charges need revision - mainly to cover electricity and cleaning rates.

The A.G.M.will be on TUESDAY 11th JUNE at 8-00pm proceeded by a committee meeting at 7-30pm.

PAST & PRESENT SOCIETY

The next monthly meeting on Monday 3rd June will be a talk by Mrs.Van Driel on "PRICKLY CUSTOMERS - HEDGEHOGS" at 8-00pm. Mrs.Van Driel would be most grateful for any tins of cat food members might like to bring along to help with feeding the hedgehogs in her care.

For members who have been attending Clive Paine's lectures, please note the last lecture will take the form of a walk around Bury on Monday evening 8th July, meeting at 7-00pm at Moyses Hall, with one or two internal viewings of buildings.

The annual outing this year will be on SATURDAY 20th JULY to Southwold via Dunwich Museum, with fish and chip lunch at Dunwich or for those who prefer a picnic, culminating with a visit to Southwold Summer Theatre to see Michael Frayn's "NOISES OFF". The approximate cost will be £10.00 excluding refreshments/food. If anyone is interested in joining us please contact the secretary, Heather Spencer tel:270395.

There will be no monthly meeting in July or August.

Preliminary work has begun on the Society's project for the Millennium which is to produce a history of the village.

With this book in mind, the Society would be most grateful for the loan of any old photographs of Tostock, buildings, events or people.

RED CROSS COLLECTION

The sum of £116.18 was raised during Red Cross Week.
Many thanks to all who helped and contributed.

Cynthia Dean (Red Cross Representative)

Normally a new Information Sheet is distributed with the June Chronicle but as the V.H.M.C. have not yet held their A.G.M. all the details are not yet available. The Information Sheet will be distributed with the August edition of the Chronicle. Apologies for the delay.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3rd	June	PAST & PRESENT	8-00pm
11th	June	Village Hall	A.G.M. 8-00pm
15th	June)	
16th	June)	ANNUAL ART SHOW St.ANDREWS CHURCH
17th	June)	(see Posters for full details)
20th	July	PAST & PRESENT	OUTING
22th	July	Last day for entries	for Chronicle