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PARISH COUNCIL



Eight councillors attended the recent meeting chaired by Mr.A.Villar. One Police officer and one parishioner were also present.

FOOTPATH DIVERSION - A new proposal to divert the footpath to the north of the tennis court was agreed if this was a means of resolving the problem. The V.H.M.C. will continue with their negotiations.

LORRIES THROUGH THE VILLAGE - Mr.O'Reilly updated the council on the present situation and showed the photographic evidence submitted to the Highways Department.

POLICE FORUM - Mrs.Beales gave a report on the police forum attended by herself and Mr.Bauly.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - Det.Sgt.D.Rutterford addressed the Parish Council with regard to the neighbourhood watch scheme. Three residents had volunteered to act as coordinators and were willing once again to try to get the scheme 'off the ground' and hoped that this would be 'third time lucky'.

PLANNING APPLICATION - It was noted that the planning application for Ord Cars to continue trading at Place Farm had been refused by the Planning Department. In view of the fact that this business was continuing to operate the clerk was asked to write to the Planning Department to enquire what enforcement action would be taken.

TREASURER - Reported that all monies had now been repaid in full for work carried on to the Village Hall and the Council was thanked for their assistance and help over this.

It was also reported that M.S.D.C. has offered the V.H.M.C. a possible solution to the problem of an Entertainment Licence. An occasional licence could be applied for without the need of the various certificates. This will be done in future so that the hall can still be used for functions requiring a licence. The Chestnut tree on the Green will be having its lower branches trimmed again, and a request to re-site the Perkins Way road sign raised no objections provided it was still placed on Council land.

The Chairman expressed concern to see a football match in progress on Remembrance Sunday 10th November and continuing to play through the two minutes silence. The chairman of the V.H.M.C. took note to speak to the clubs in question so that it would not happen in future



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

This month sees the start of Lent and our Lent Course this year is entitled "A King with a Difference". We would welcome anyone who would like to join the group which will run on Thursday evenings. Further details from Peter Dawson [270005].

By the end of this edition of the Chronicle we will already have reached Easter. We would be pleased to see you at any of our services but I would especially draw your attention to March 30th, Easter Sunday, when there are two services including a Songs of Praise at 6.30 p.m.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH

2nd February	9.30 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Norton</u>
9th February	11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Family Service Open Door - Informal Service
12th February [Ash Wednesday]	8.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer
16th February	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion [B.C.P.]
23rd February	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer [B.C.P.]
2nd March	9.30 a.m.	Joint Benefice Communion Service at <u>Tostock</u>
9th March [Mothering Sunday]	11.00 a.m.	Family Service
16th March	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
23rd March	9.30 a.m.	Morning Praise
27th March [Maundy Thursday]	8.00 p.m.	Holy Communion
28th March [Good Friday]	10.30 a.m.	Morning Service
30th March [Easter Sunday]	10.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Easter Day Service with shortened Holy Communion Songs of Praise for Easter Day

Ian Hooper, Rector

BRIGADIER ROBERT DANIEL who had lived in Tostock for several years sadly died last December aged 95 years. Details of his life and distinguished career have been fully reported in the local and national press, but he will always be remembered as the first British Officer to discover the horrors of Belsen and for receiving the last surrender of the war from Admiral Doenitz at Keil. In 1951 he was appointed to the Sovereigns Body Guard until his retirement.

CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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The ladies of the Committee are arranging a LUNCHEON PARTY in the Village Hall on TUESDAY 25th March at 12-30pm. A hot lunch, sweet and coffee/tea will be provided at a modest cost of £2.50 per head. EVERYONE WELCOME for a chat with friends over lunch. The committee will be hoping to make this a monthly event and look forward to seeing you

If required transport can be provided. Please contact Jackie Livingston 270252 or Jeanne O'Reilly 270337

HELPING HANDS AND WILLING WHEELS

There may be people in Tostock who would welcome help - either on a regular basis or just the odd occasion. If you find yourself in this situation please phone 270005. Kathleen Dawson has a list of good neighbours who are ready to help and she will put you in touch. You have only to ask. Do'nt be shy!

Many of the helping hands referred to in the above belong to the Tostock Ladies group which meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 8-00pm usually in members homes. It is a friendly and very informal group - no committee, no formal structure and no subscriptions.

PAST AND PRESENT SOCIETY

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on Monday, 3rd February with the usual reports from the Chairman and Treasurer, followed by election of a Committee. After the business, the talk with slides by Roger Eburne from Woolpit will be on "ANECDOTES OF BOSWELL & JOHNSON". 8 p.m. start.

Clive Paine's lectures on Local Stately Homes are being widely advertised and will be on Tuesday evenings, 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. with a coffee break mid-way. Please note slight change of date for the first lecture to that given in last Chronicle :

February 18th : Hardwick House	March 11th : Livermere & Ampton
" 25th : Rushbrooke Hall	" 25th : Culford Hall
	April 8th : Great Barton Hall

Charge per lecture £2,50 for Past & Present Members, £3 for non-members. These have proved extremely popular and are thoroughly recommended. There will be two field trips to Hardwick/Hawstead and Culford later in the Spring.

The monthly meeting in March will be a talk by a representative from Bury Hospice on "Hospice Care in West Suffolk & Thetford".

All welcome at our meetings in Tostock Village Hall.



GARDEN CLUB

The A.G.M. and Social was held on 15th January - a frosty and foggy night which restricted the numbers to 19 brave souls.

The 1997 programme was considered and several new ideas were put forward. Members will be advised of proposed meetings and visits in due course but the first event will be a talk on 'The Vegetable Garden' given by a lecturer from Otley College at 7-30pm on Wednesday 19th March in the Village Hall.

In July we hope to arrange an evening of visits to Tostock Gardens. If anyone would be willing to open their garden to club members we should be very pleased to hear from them.

Please advise the Hon. Secretary (D. Copeland tel: 271591) within the next few weeks.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mary and Ken Pettit would like to say a big 'THANK YOU' to all who so kindly sponsored them on their Boxing Day walk at Felixstowe in aid of Breakthrough Breast Cancer Research. They walked 8 miles and have collected £220. Thank you all very much.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February

- 3rd Past & Present Socy. A.G.M. and Mr. R. Eburn
Anecdotes of Boswell & Johnson
- 10th Library
- 11th Clive Paine lecture Hardwick Hall
- 24th Library
- 25th Clive Paine lecture Rushbrooke Hall


March

- 3rd Past & Present Socy. Hospice Care in West Suffolk
- 10th Library
- 11th Clive Paine lecture Livermere & Ampton
- 19th Garden Club - Vegetable Gardens
- 24th Library
- 25th Luncheon Party 12-30pm
- 25th Clive Paine lecture Culford Hall

Stowmarket Mobile Library

- Tostock: Perkins Way 3.45-4.05
- Tostock: Gardener's Arms 4.10-4.30

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