

August, 1963.

1. Best Kept Village Competition : Tostock wins! Team work has done it. Thanks to -- ALL ; to those who worked on the Green and Churchyard ; those who trimmed hedges and verges ; those who lent machines and those who used them ; and last, but not least, those who picked up scraps of paper.

On Thursday, 29th August at 6.30 p.m. the Trophy will be unveiled by the Earl of Stradbroke, Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, at a ceremony on the Green. Many people from West and East Suffolk will attend. Afterwards there will be refreshments in the Village Hall for all, both Tostock residents and guests.

An open meeting was held on Wednesday, 7th August to plan for the ceremony and for maintaining the good appearance of the village. Briefly the following arrangements were made :-

The Fison Trophy is a sign mounted on a high post. This will be erected in the triangle opposite the houses of Mr. Phillips and Miss Wood. It will be draped with a Union Jack until the ceremony.

In addition to the Trophy, Tostock will receive as gifts :-

- (a) A hand lawn mower from the Suffolk Iron Foundry.
- (b) Three trees from R. C. Notcutt Limited.
- (c) A seat from Thedwastre Rural District Council.
- (d) A 9-gallon cask (72 pints) of beer from Tollemache & Cobbold.
- (e) A 4½-gallon cask (36 pints) of beer from Greene King.
- (f) A 4½-gallon cask (36 pints) of beer from Mr. R. Bloom, Chairman of Thedwastre R.D.C.

It was decided to engage the services of a caterer for the light refreshments ; Greene King & Sons are providing a marquee free of charge.

Finance : The above arrangements will entail expense and some money will occasionally be needed for keeping up the appearance of the village. A Best Kept Village Fund will therefore be opened and residents are asked to give what they can in an envelope before Tuesday, 20th August

EITHER to Major Woodcock at the Post Office
OR as follows :-

Those who live	in Norton Road	to Mr. Stephen Gulyas
"	"	" in Flatts Lane to Mrs. Armstrong
"	"	" on or near the Green to Major Woodcock
"	"	" in Church Road to Mrs. Waylett
"	"	" in New Road and Ticehurst to Mrs. C. Mulley
"	"	" in Bridge Farm to Mr. A. Cutting
"	"	" in Tostock House to Captain Errington
"	"	" on or near the Lays and Lays Road to Mrs. Fuller.

Captain Errington will act as Hon. Treasurer.

For the next two years Tostock will display the Fison Trophy as the Best Kept Village in Suffolk. Everyone will want to keep up the wonderful appearance of the village as it is and as it was on Friday, 26th July when the award was made.

THE COMPETITION IS OVER - THE CHALLENGE REMAINS

"Once more unto the breach, dear friends ;
Once more
Stiffen the sinews, summon up the blood.
Now set the teeth and stretch the nostril wide.
And you, good yeomen,
Whose limbs were made in England, show us
The mettle of your pasture.
I see you stand like greyhounds in the slips,
Straining upon the start. The game's afoot."

2. Message from the Rector : "Thank you very much for the kind welcome you have given me and my wife. We know that we are amongst friends whose goodwill has already expressed itself in many ways.

I shall endeavour to visit every home in the parish during the coming months. Meantime, if anyone is ill and would welcome a visit from me, will you see to it that a relative or friend lets me know, and I will be with you as quickly as possible.

May I add my congratulations to the parish on winning the Best Kept Village Competition. I know that much planning and very hard work went into the effort, and you rightly deserve the trophy. I have never seen a Churchyard better kept than yours. George Westbrook."

3. Village Hall Clay Pigeon Shoot and Fete : The sun shone for the Shoot on Saturday, 20th July and on 27th July for the Fete ; both were a success. Credit is due to Mr. Stephen Gulyas for the organisation of the Shoot ; to the Fete Committee for the Fete ; to the many helpers at both events ; to the ladies for the refreshments and to Mr. Henderson for lending his Park. An interesting side show at the Fete was the Dog Handling Display given by Brigadier A. Campbell, for which the organisers are grateful to him and to the Bury St. Edmunds Dog Handlers Association.

As a result of the two events the approximate profit was £48 on the Shoot and £190 on the Fete. These sums have been paid to the Hon. Treasurer. The Improvement Fund now stands at £224. 5. 0. and the Village Hall Current Account at approximately £50.

4. Tostock Garden Competition : Maximum marks 342.

1st Prize : Mr. Dye - 264 marks
2nd " : Mr. Buckle 234 marks
3rd " : Mr. Thompson 233 marks.

Judging was based on Royal Horticultural Society rules. The following gardens were also inspected :-

Mr. G. Waylett : 218 marks
Mr. Ted Everitt : 209 "
Mr. P. Coffill : 184 "
Mr. R. Austin : 158 "

The following gardens were unmarked but highly commended :-

Mr. V. Huffy	Mr. Andrews	Mr. Scutcher
Mrs. A. Mulley	Mr. F. Everitt	Mr. Bennett
Mrs. Hayward	Mr. Halls	Mr. Russell
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Alderton	Mr. Davey

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 1963.

TOSTOCK.

The Tostock Parish Council extends a cordial invitation to you and your family to the Unveiling of the Trophy by LORD STRADBROKE, HER MAJESTY'S LIEUTENANT IN SUFFOLK, at a ceremony on the Green on THURSDAY next 29th August 1963, at 6.30 p.m., and afterwards at the VILLAGE HALL for a BUFFET RECEPTION.

PROGRAMME.

- 4.30 p.m. CHILDRENS TEA in the VILLAGE HALL.
(ALL children at present living in Tostock are invited and are asked to bring either a Mug or a Beaker)
- 6.30 p.m. UNVEILING OF THE TROPHY.
- 7.00 p.m. BUFFET RECEPTION, for ALL residents, in the VILLAGE HALL and MARQUEE.