

SEPTEMBER - 1964

1. Village Hall. A Special and VERY IMPORTANT PARISH MEETING will be held on Tuesday 6th October in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to give residents of Tostock the opportunity to decide what alterations, improvements or enlargement of the Hall is considered desirable. The architect, Mr. J. McM. Abbott, will attend and explain a plan and model of the suggested improvements. Mr. Reid, Secretary of the Rural Community Council, will also attend; His advice will be most valuable as nothing can be done without the approval of the Charity Commissioners who are the Trustees of the Hall and the proposals will have to be forwarded to them through the Rural Community Council.

Finance. There are two Funds, one called the Village Hall Improvement Fund controlled by the Hall Management Committee the other called the Improved Village Hall Fund controlled by the Parish Council. The amounts in these funds are:-

Improvement Fund	approximately	£140.
Improved Village Hall Fund	"	£326.

2. Parish Council. Some people have been enquiring about the powers of the Parish Council regarding the Village Green and the Lays. It will be remembered that in 1961 (see Chronicle No. 14) Sir John Wood presented to the Parish Council "the Manors or Lordships or reputed Manors or Lordships of Tostock and Loricocks in Tostock." In other words Tostock Parish Council is the Lord of the Manor; the Council owns the Village Green and Lays and has jurisdiction over them.

3. Church Affairs

a. Church preservation. The Archbishop of Canterbury says that the preservation of historic churches is a problem which will never be solved. Tostock people are doing a great deal to solve our problem. The bells have been lowered because the bell frame was decayed and dangerous; the tower has been repaired; the flooring in the side aisles has been renewed; and in October the roof timbers are to be sprayed to kill furniture beetle. The total cost has amounted to approximately £1,700.

Further improvements are projected. Firstly money has been given to instal electric lighting in memory of Major and Mrs. C. H. Ackroyd and Mr. G. P. Chamen, but the Electricity Board have said the connection cannot be made until the end of 1965. Plans are also in hand to heat the Church by electricity.

b. Harvest Festival There will be three Services on Sunday 27th September - 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Matins, and 6.30 p.m. Evensong. At this last Service there will be a modified form of Songs of

Praise. There will be no Service on Friday 25th September. Donors of Harvest Decorations are asked to bring them to the Church on Saturday 26th September.

c. Church Record. In 1952 the Rev. D. E. Lilley started a record of all improvements and repairs made to the Church. There is in this book a list of the names of Tostock men who built the wall on the south side of the Churchyard extension. A new book, bound in red leather, has now been given in order to continue the record. In it will be inserted the names of Tostock people who by their gifts and services are maintaining and beautifying the Church. Besides those connected with the Parochial Church Council the names of those who clean and care for the Church and Churchyard will be recorded.

d. Churchwomens' Guild. A good opening meeting for the Autumn Session was held on 3rd September; 29 members were present. The next meeting will be on Thursday 1st October at 2.45 p.m.; the guest speaker will be Dr. Stephen Bland. On 5th November at 2.45 p.m. the meeting will take the form of "Any Questions" which will be put to a panel of four invited guests. The Churchwomens' Guild is open to any women living in the Parish who have an interest in the work of the Christian Church.

4. Womens' Institute. A Carol Singing Party is being organised to tour the village on 17th and 18th December. The proceeds will be given to the Fund for Cancer Research.

5. Drama Club. The Annual General Meeting was held on 17th September. The play selected for the next production is "Arsenic and Old Lace." It will be produced by John Proctor. Rehearsals have commenced and the performances will be on the following dates:-

1st Performance	Thursday 3rd December.
2nd "	Friday 4th "
3rd "	Saturday 5th "

The Club invites Old Age Pensioners to attend the Dress Rehearsal on Wednesday 2nd December as guests of the Club. Further details will be announced later.

The Club is still in need of new members, particularly young men.

6. Junior Drama Club. The Secretary reports - "After eleven months the T.O.A.D.S. have become firmly established in the village both socially and financially, with a successful play "Double Dutch" performed in February and an excerpt in this year's Fete behind us.

A General Meeting was called on Monday 14th September. A new Committee was formed; Chairman - Michele Millman; Secretary - Jennifer Williams; Treasurer - Coral Bryant. The rest of the Committee consists of - Enid Boby, Susan Turner, David Williams. Pat Sheppard does the advertising for the Club. A warm welcome was given to all new members.

At a previous Committee Meeting "Alladin" had been decided upon as a suitable "panto" for our next production, but owing to technical difficulties "Jack

and Jill" was decided upon instead. This is to be produced by Mrs. Glendinning with Mrs. Millman as choreographer. A new pianist, Mrs. Elsie Manning, has kindly offered to play for us.

We are hoping to present it during mid-January.

We are grateful to last year's Treasurer who has unfortunately left us, and we hope he will be happy in his work."

7. Darby and Joan Club. Arrangements are being made to have the Christmas Party on Saturday 19th December in the Village Hall at 5 p.m.
8. A Summer to Remember. As the weather is a universal topic of conversation it is worth recording that Tostock has enjoyed an exceptional summer. Day after day the sun shone the only flies in the ointment were the little black thunder flies that tormented us in July. Now the swallows are rallying for departure and our clocks will be put back when summer time ends on 24th October.