

MAY - 1965

1. Drama Club. The Club is presenting "Strictly Business", a farce produced by Mrs. Sheelagh Millman, on the following dates:-

Wednesday	5th May	at 8 p.m.	Dress Rehearsal
THURSDAY	6th May	"	First Performance
FRIDAY	7th May	"	Second Performance
SATURDAY	8th May	"	Third Performance

Tickets price 4/- and 3/- are on sale at Tostock Post Office or from any member of the Club.

Old Age Pensioners are cordially invited to be guests at the Dress Rehearsal on Wednesday 5th May.

The Club has now completed its third year and deserves hearty congratulations for the many talented performances that have been staged. The first meeting of the Club was on 5th March 1962.

2. Best Kept Village Competition. This year Tostock is competing in both the County Competition and the Thedwastre R.D.C. Competition. A meeting to organise preparations was held on the 23rd April.

The whole area was reviewed and decisions taken as to the necessary action.

3. British Red Cross Society. A collection will be made during week commencing Monday 3rd May.

4. Darby and Joan Club. A Bingo Evening will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 11th May commencing at 7.30 p.m.

5. Parish Clerk. Owing to pressure of work Mr. A. Henderson has resigned after carrying out the duties during the past three years. Mr. H. Russell has kindly volunteered to take his place. The Parish Council is very grateful to both these gentlemen; to Mr. Henderson for what he has done and to Mr. Russell for undertaking this important duty.

6. Rights of Way. The question of Rights of Way in Tostock was raised at the Parish Meeting on 26th March. The laws on the subject may therefore be of interest. In accordance with the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949, County Councils, District Councils and Parish Councils had to review and define Rights of Way. This was carried out over a period of years in three stages, viz:-
 - i. Preparation of a Draft Map.
 - ii. " " Provisional Map.
 - iii. " " Definitive Map.

Tostock Parish Council and all other Councils in West Suffolk promptly carried out these duties with the result that West Suffolk was one of the first counties in England to complete their Definitive Map. Copies of the Map showing Rights of Way in Tostock are held by Thedwastre R. D. C. and by Tostock Parish Council, and can be seen by anyone who wishes to do so.

The Highways Act 1959 lays down certain regulations concerning Rights of Way. The County Council is responsible for their maintenance but a Parish Council can do so if it wishes. Tostock was asked in 1960 if the Parish wished to have their Rights of Way signposted, but the Parish Council considered that this was not necessary.

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Regarding the ploughing of Rights of Way the following extracts are applicable:-

- a. An occupier who proposes in accordance with the rules of good husbandry to plough his land and it is convenient in so ploughing the land to plough a footpath together with the rest of the land, may do so after giving not less than seven days notice of his intention to plough to the Highway Authority. As soon as maybe after the ploughing is completed the occupier must make good the surface of the path so as to make it reasonable convenient for the exercise of the Right of Way.
- b. Where an owner crossed by a footpath satisfies the District Council concerned that for securing the efficient use of the land or for providing a shorter or more commodious path it is expedient that the line of the path should be diverted, the District Council may make a diversion order. The order is subject to confirmation by the Minister of Housing and Local Government and cannot be made until the approval of the County Council has been obtained. Also, in practice, the District Council would not normally make an order without the blessing of the Parish Council concerned.

Complaints have been raised in Tostock concerning three Rights of Way viz:-

- i. The path from the main road, A45, opposite Bridge Farm, that runs towards Tostock Church, has disappeared. The stile giving access to this path has also disappeared, having been destroyed by the County Council's machines in making the new bye-pass from Woolpit. The dwastro R.D.C. is taking up this matter with the County Council.
- ii. The path from the Drift to Flatts Lane has disappeared.
- iii. The path between Flatts Lane and Norton Road, known as Narrow Path, is now so narrow, due to encroachment in the past, that it is difficult to walk along it.

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LATE NEWS - Elmswell School Bus. Parents living in the vicinity of Norton Road will be pleased to learn that the Education Committee has agreed to our Parish Council's request and from next Autumn the bus will pick-up in Norton Road.