

December 1965.

1. Parish Council. Concerning the suggestions for a new Village Hall, the Parish Council is not yet in a position to present the proposition to a Parish Meeting for consideration. This they will do as soon as it is possible. In the meantime it is important to maintain interest in the existing Village Hall. AN HON: SECRETARY IS STILL URGENTLY NEEDED.

2. Best Kept Village. The Parish Council has voted the sum of £10 to assist the B.K.V. Committee in maintaining the good appearance of the village during the coming year and until the next Competition.

The Council has also voted that the Thedvastre R.D.C. Prize of £25 shall be handed over to the B.K.V. Committee for expenses in connection with the Competition.

As the total number of residents of Tostock, including children, is approaching 400, the Parish Clerk wrote to Mr. Reid to ask how the population of a village is assessed for the Competition. Mr. Reid replied that the assessment is made on the actual number of residents, including children, and not on the number of names on the Electoral Roll. The time, therefore, may not be far off when Tostock will have to compete in the Competition for villages with a population of over 400.

3. Church News. The following Services will be held in Tostock Church:-
Monday 13th December, at 7.30. p.m. Carols sung by the Beyton Modern School Choir. The Collection will be shared equally between the Church and the Beyton Choir.
Sunday 19th December at 3 p.m. A Service of Carols.
It is hoped that both these Services will be well attended.
Christmas Eve, Friday 24th December at 11.30. p.m. Holy Communion.
Christmas Day, Saturday 25th December at 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion with Carols.
Sunday 26th December at 10 a.m. Matins.

4. Chapel News. The Sunday School Carol Singers will tour the village during Christmas Week. The proceeds will provide funds for the Sunday School Party.

5. Postal Information. There will be two deliveries on Saturday 13th December but no delivery on Sunday 19th. The last collection previous to Christmas will be 5.30 p.m. on Friday 24th, and there will be no deliveries on Christmas Day, Saturday 25th, on Sunday 26th and on Monday 27th. There will, however, be a collection on Sunday 26th at the usual time; but NO collection on either Saturday 25th or on Monday 27th.

Arrangements have been made for extra collections starting Thursday 16th December. Everyone is asked to post as early in the day as possible, particularly parcels.

6. Womens' Institute. Members will be Carol singing round the village on the evenings of 10th and 11th December. The proceeds will be given to St. Mary's Hospital Lift Fund.

At the Annual General Meeting the following Officers were elected:-

President.	Mrs. Reynolds.
Vice President.	Mrs. Errington.
Hon: Secretary.	Mrs. Andrews.
Hon: Treasurer.	Mrs. Layng.

On 4th September a Sale was held to raise funds for providing a seat for elderly people commemorating the Jubilee Year of the National Federation of Womens' Institutes. Approximately £40 was raised; a very nice seat has been bought and erected at the junction of Church Road and New Road.

7. Drama Club. The November the Fifth Bonfire Party proved a blazing success. Congratulations to those who built the fire and staged the

fireworks contributed by those present. And what sizzling hot dogs to round off the evening. A splendid combined effort that brought pleasure to all.

A coach load of friends and members enjoyed the performance of "Private Lives" at Ipswich Arts Theatre on 20th November.

The Club's eighth production "Murder Mistaken" was presented on 2nd, 3rd and 4th December. Those who failed to see it should ask those who did for their comments. It was a pleasure to see in the audience support from Elmswell, Thurston, Ixworth, Ipswich and Cambridge.

The Club will always welcome new members. If you have no wish to "tread the boards" but would like to enjoy the social activities why not become an associate member? The next General Meeting to which all members, associate members and prospective members are invited will be in the Village Hall on Friday 17th December at 8.00 p.m.

8. Dr. N. Stevens. For a number of years Dr. Stevens has been the senior General Practitioner for this District and has earned the affection and great respect of many patients. He is retiring at the end of the year and will be leaving the district.

A collection is being organised in order to make a presentation to Dr. Stevens as a mark of appreciation for all his valuable services. Mrs. F. G. Armstrong has kindly volunteered to make the collection in Tostock.

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