

March - 1966

1. Parish Meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 23rd March at 7.30 p.m. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MEETING. In view of the decision taken at the Meeting held on 9th February (see para. 2 - Village Hall) the Parish Council are to recommend the purchase of a Playing Field. Only people on the Electoral Roll will be entitled to vote on any resolutions that may arise.
2. Village Hall. On 9th February the Parish Council convened a Parish Meeting to consider and vote upon various schemes for an Improved Village Hall. Residents on the Electoral Roll were invited to attend and vote. About fifty people attended.

Various designs of village halls, together with their estimated cost, ranging from about £2,500 to £11,000, were shown to the meeting. A field known as The Croft was available for purchase, at the District Valuer's valuation, which could be used as a Playing Field and site for a new hall.

It was assumed that a 50% grant could be obtained and the remainder of the purchase money could be borrowed from the Public Works Loan Board. After some discussion it was resolved not to build a new hall and not to have the present hall extended on the lines of the 'Abbott Plan', because both projects entailed borrowing money at the present time.

3. Flag Days.

March 7th to 12th	British Sailors Society.
March 21st to 26th	West Suffolk Old People's Welfare. (If anyone is willing to collect in Church Road will they please contact Mrs. Scott. Beyton 286.)
May 2nd to 7th	Red Cross.

A request has been received to hold two Flag Days in Tostock for the following causes:- Royal National Life-boat Institution on 16th April., King George's Fund for Sailors on 23rd July.

It would be greatly appreciated if anyone would volunteer to organise these. Anyone willing to do so is requested to write direct to:-

Rear Admiral W. J. Munn., C.B. D.S.O. O.B.E.,
The Old Rectory, Langham, Bury St. Edmunds.

4. Drama Club. A General Meeting will be held in the Club Room of the Gardeners Arms on Tuesday 15th March at 8 p.m. All members are urged to attend. A cordial invitation is extended to new and associate members. It is hoped that a production will be staged in the summer and meantime there is an extensive programme for the coming months.
5. Church News. A Family Service will be held in the Church on Sunday 20th March at 3.30 p.m. to which families in the Parish, and all other friends, are warmly invited. As in ancient times, flowers will be presented to mothers. Children who would like to give flowers to their mothers during the service are asked to bring their flowers to the Church not later than 3.20 p.m. and please see that the child's Christian and Surname are written on a card. At a special time in the Service the name will be called and the flowers handed to the child to present to the mother. Mr. B. Siffleet, a Diocesan Reader, has kindly promised to give an address to those present.

GOOD FRIDAY. April 8th. Services in Church at 10 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY. April 10th. Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. and 10 a.m. The 10 a.m. Service will be Choral with a Sermon.

Church Sunday School Sale. With the coming of better weather, spring cleaning of homes will be the general thing. Please remember a Jumble Sale, in aid of the Children's

Church, which will be held on 30th April. Articles can be collected, or taken direct to the Village Hall, on Friday 29th April.

6. Methodist Chapel. At present plans and estimates for alterations and for the building of a new kitchen are in progress. A Trustee Meeting is to be held very soon. If the plans and estimates are accepted the work will be put in hand. It is hoped to have a Sale of Work late in June; the proceeds will be given to the Building and Alterations Fund.
7. Coal Charity. In December 1964 it was stated in Chronicle No.33 that there were three vacant allotments and applications for them were invited. No-one applied. Now there are eight vacant allotments. It seems that only a few people nowadays find the allotments useful. As the rent from them is the main source of income for the Charity, the Trustees may not be able to distribute the same quantity of coal next winter.
8. Womens Institute. A Sale in aid of the Funds will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 19th March. The sum collected by the Institute's Carol Singers in December last amounted to £10:5:-d. This was presented to St. Mary's Hospital Lift Fund.
9. Dr. N. Stevens. £19:10:6d. was collected in Tostock and, together with a small album containing the signatures of the donors, was presented to Dr. Stevens before he left the district in January. A very appreciative letter of thanks was received from him. Everyone will be glad to hear that his operation has been successful.
10. Tostock Operatic And Dramatic Society (Juniors). The T.O.A.D.S. presented a one-act Musical Phantasy entitled PANDORA at the West Suffolk Youth Drama Festival, Theatre Royal, on 19th January and gained high praise from the Adjudicator, Frieda Hodgson L.R.A.M. Each member received a certificate. The whole event proved most exciting and was thoroughly enjoyed by all concerned. The Producer, Sheelagh Millman, is especially indebted to members of the Senior Drama Club who so willingly gave assistance with the set and costumes, and coping with the large cast of 28 young people!

Parents will be interested to hear that a letter was received from Olga Ironside-Wood (recently retired Drama Adviser for West Suffolk) in which she congratulated the T.O.A.D.S. warmly on their enterprise and performance. She said that if she had been adjudicating that evening, they would certainly have won the Cup! She urged them to enter the Lowestoft Festival and offered help with transport, costs, etc. Unfortunately it was not possible to do this. However it was most gratifying to receive such encouragement and support for their efforts.

A Committee Meeting was held on 11th February and disappointment was expressed that Tostock is not to have a larger Village Hall, which would have enabled the T.O.A.D.S. to stage their productions in their own village. As it was felt impossible to continue under present conditions, it was decided to postpone paying the annual Affiliation Fee to West Suffolk Youth Association. Inquiries are being made with regard to alternative accommodation for rehearsals, and the W.S.Y.A. Secretary has offered all possible assistance. A General Meeting will be held as soon as possible; until then members are requested to retain costumes and props. they may have.

11. Wood Close. The trees presented to Tostock by R.C.Notcutt Ltd., as part of the prize for winning the Best Kept Village Competition in 1965, have been planted in Wood Close by the following Junior Litter Wardens:-

Lewis Bennett.
Martin Durrant.
Christopher Deeks.

Jack Glendinning.
Ross Glendinning.
Gillian Howlett.
Philip Meacham.

Leslie Scott.
Peter Scott.
Paul Wheeler.