

April 1967.

1. Womens' Institute. A "COFFEE MORNING" will be held at Tostock Old Hall on Tuesday 2nd May from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in aid of W.I. and County Funds. There will be a "Bring and Buy" Stall.

This is an open invitation to all residents who would care to come.

2. Best Kept Village Competition. It was unanimously decided at the Annual Parish Meeting that Tostock will enter for this year's County Competition and also for the Thedwastre R.D. Council Competition. The judging dates are as follows:-
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| Preliminary | 26th to 30th June. |
| Semi-Finals | 3rd to 7th July.   |
| Finals      | 12th July.         |

An open meeting to consider preparations necessary for the Competition was held on 5th April. Mr. Mann confirmed that he would care for the Green and Leys; it is now well known what that entails and the Parish Council have expressed their thanks. Mr. Armstrong has agreed to act as Co-ordinator of the Volunteer Working Party. Group Captain Pearson-Rogers has undertaken to care for the verges near the R.D.C. Seat. Terry Styles will organise a small party to assist elderly residents. And the Churchyard will be cared for by Mr. V. Huffey and Mr. C. Burton. So it is evident that Tostock residents are as keen as ever to win the Trophy again. It would be a great achievement to win it three times running.

But someone does not want Tostock to win this year! The Fison Trophy on the Green was MALICIOUSLY DAMAGED on Friday 8th April; after dark of course. The board recording past winners was forced out of its iron frame and scribbled over with a hard implement.

3. Local Government Election. The election of a new Parish Council for Tostock will take place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 9th May commencing at 11.30 a.m. The names of the present members of the Council was given in Chronicle No. 46. Unfortunately by mistake Mr. J. B. Glendinning's name was omitted. The Chronicle apologises. Mr. J. D. Sheerin has been elected as our member on the W.S.C.C.

4. Darts Club. The Club has just finished a successful season by winning the Wetherden League K.O. Cup. The R. Mulley Cup was played for on 7th April and was won by Mr. J. Haselwood. Mr. E. Rose was the Runner-up. Mr. R. Mulley presented the prizes in the Gardeners Arms.

Mr. H. Russell has kindly offered to give a Cup for next season which will be played for every year. The Club members are very grateful for this most kind gesture.

5. Village Community Council. At the Annual Parish Meeting it was decided that Tostock should explore the possibility of starting a Village Community Council. Mr. A. E. Henderson, who is Assistant to the Secretary of the Suffolk Rural Community Council, explained that the object of a Village Council is to initiate and co-ordinate all those activities which provide social and recreational facilities in a village; such for example as a Playing Field etc. When a reasonable sum of money has been raised by a village, generous grants will, if approved, be given by the Government and the County Council. Mr. Henderson said that many Suffolk villages have adopted the scheme and are progressing well.

After the Parish Meeting a Steering Committee was formed to carry out preliminary work. As a result another Parish Meeting was held on 25th April; this was well attended. Members of the Steering Committee explained the procedure for adopting the scheme and after some discussion it was resolved to form a Village Community Council in Tostock. Residents are being invited to become members of the Council by subscribing sixpence a week. A meeting of the members will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 16th May at 7.30 p.m. when an Executive Committee will be elected. In the meantime the Steering Committee will carry out the duties in preparation for the meeting.

6. Church News. a. Flower Festival. Mrs. J. A. Reynolds is organising a Flower Festival to take place in Tostock Church on 7th, 8th and 9th July. Many residents have volunteered to help her.

b. Salvage Collection. Mrs. C. Mulley has raised to date £18.15.3d. which she has handed to the Church Treasurer. With it the Parochial Church Council have purchased a red carpet for the central aisle.

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c. Car Park. Mr. A. E. Henderson has presented the Parochial Church Council with a piece of land adjoining the Churchyard and a much needed Car Park has been made. The P. C. C. are very grateful for the gift.

7. Chapel News. The sum required to complete the payment for the recent alterations is £110. It is hoped that a grant will be received in aid of this.

8. Village Hall. The Annual General Meeting will be held at the beginning of June. Notices will be posted in the village nearer the date.

9. Phoenix Players. On Thursday 20th April the Phoenix Players production "Laughter in the Dark" was staged in the Suffolk Drama Festival at the Theatre Royal, Bury St. Edmunds. The Club would like to thank their supporters from Tostock in helping to make the 20th the second best house of the Festival Week.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 26th April and the following officers were elected for the current year.

Chairman - Mrs. E. Glenindinning. Vice-Chairman and Business Manager - Mr. M. Spencer. Secretary - Mrs. R. Pearson. Treasurer - Mr. F. G. Armstrong. Committee - Mrs. S. Millman, Mr. B. Siffleet, Mr. D. Williams, Mr. J. Proctor, Mr. T. Brown together with the Stage Manager and a cast representative. Entertainments Sub-committee - Mrs. M. Russell, Miss D. Pritchard and Mr. J. Proctor.

Three possible plays for the Autumn production will be read at play readings and Mrs. Glendinning has kindly agreed to act as producer again.

It is hoped to organise a coffee morning in May and plans will be made for another Cheese and Wine Party in September.

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