

TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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1. Best Kept Village Competition. Tostock has, for the third time running, won the Fison Trophy as the Best Kept Village (population under 400) in Suffolk. The efforts of many people have accomplished this. Most of their names have been recorded in Tostock Chronicles of the past. But credit is also due to many more; nearly every resident has helped and this year the judge, Mr. Ambrose, remarked on the beauty of the new gardens in Norton Road, Perkins Way and Wood Close.

Turning over the pages of past Chronicles it is interesting to see the change that has occurred during twelve years in the appearance of the village. In 1955 the grass in the Churchyard was "jungle high", and the Churchyard fencing was "in decay". The Leys was a wilderness, and the Green was patchy, until Mr. Mann and the Volunteer Working Party, organised by Mr. Armstrong, set to work on them. It took eight years to work up to the state of perfection that won for Tostock the Fison Trophy in 1963.

What of the future? Can Tostock maintain this standard? That is for the Parish Council to decide.

Now for the Festivities. There will be a ceremony at the end of August when the Trophy will be handed once more to the village, as it was in 1963 and 1965. The prize for winning the Thedwastre competition will be presented at the same time. Afterwards there will be refreshments for everyone in the Village Hall and in the Marquee erected in the forecourt. On the Saturday immediately following the day of the Ceremony there will be Sports for Tostock Boys and Girls on the Village Green commencing at 2.30 p.m. The Chairman of the Parish Council is calling a meeting of Organisers to make the necessary arrangements.

Finance - The Festivities will, of course, require funds as they did in previous years. In 1963 the cost was £48; in 1965 it was £45; and some expenses were incurred in maintaining the good appearance of the village. The Parish Council is not allowed by the District Auditor to pay for Festivities and Sports; so once again it is necessary to ask for donations to the Best Kept Village Fund. In the past there was a generous response to the appeal; in 1963 £64:13:-d. was raised; in 1965 £30:9:3d. The Fund now has a balance in hand of £26:19:6d. Mr. Armstrong has kindly agreed to organise the Appeal and he asks for donations, as soon as possible, to be given as follows:-

EITHER to the ladies at the Post Office, or
in Norton Road to Mr. J. Glendinning, Perkins Way,
in Leys Road to Mr. E. A. Williams at The Stores,
in Flatts Lane and Church Road to Mr. F. G. Armstrong,
in New Road and The Green to the Post Office.
Tostock Place, Place Farm and Lodge to Mr. A. E. Henderson.
Tostock House, Old Hall etc. to Capt. R. H. Errington.

2. Church Flower Festival. This, organised by Mrs. Reynolds and held on 7th, 8th & 9th July, was a great success. The Church looked beautiful, with lovely arrangements made by twenty eight Tostock residents. The Georgian dresses, lent by Mrs. Pearson-Rogers, attracted many visitors to the Village Hall, and they, with the money raised by the Stalls and teas, contributed to the total receipts. These were as follows:-

Church Services collection.	£14:10: 3.
Glass Jar in the Church.	48:10: -.
Village Hall.	18:16: 6.
Bury St. Edmunds Cubs (Mrs. Poole)	2: 7: 3.
Donations (£5 from Rhodesia)	6: 2: 9
	<u>£ 90: 6: 9</u>

It is expected that the expenses will amount to about £10.

3. Village Hall. At the Annual General Meeting on 9th June something occurred that will be of great benefit to the Hall. Mr. F. D. Styles volunteered to undertake the duties of Secretary and was, of course, thanked and elected. For nearly two years the Management Committee have been without a Secretary; now their affairs will have that attention which is so necessary. The Financial state of the Hall is as follows:-

Balance in hand	£14:17: 5d.
(a bill for repairs is outstanding)	
Deposit Account, for improvements only	£210.

During the past two years the Hall has been able to meet current expenses, but no money has been raised for maintenance. At the meeting of the Management Committee on 24th July the following resolutions were passed:-

That (a) A Sale of Work to raise funds for maintenance be held on Saturday 9th September;

(b) Charges for hire of Hall, commencing 1st August 1967 shall be:-

Meetings.	10/-d.
Over 60's Bingo	10/-d.
Weddings, parties, sales etc.	£2: -: -d.
Government & Local Elections.	£3: 3: -d.

The Committee also considered improvements for the Hall. A small Sub-Committee was appointed to investigate, and report back, on priorities and costs.

4. Village Community Council. The result of the Grand Draw on 22nd July was:-

1st Prize	£10.	Mr. Shennahan.	Ticket No. 1220
2nd "	£5.	Mr. Burnand.	" 63
3rd "	£2.	Mr. C. Haselwood.	" 805

and the Council thank all who sold and bought tickets.

The Pigeon Shoot held on Saturday 22nd July was very well attended and The Council wishes to place on record thanks and appreciation to all the helpers. A profit of £39:-11d. was made from these two efforts.