

February - 1968.

1. Parish Council.

a. The Annual Parish Meeting. This important open meeting is held in March in the Village Hall. The date and time will be announced later.

b. Best Kept Village Affairs. When, in March 1963, it was decided at the Parish Meeting that Tostock should enter for the County Competition a Committee was formed to direct the organisation required. Tostock won the Competition and the Fison Trophy was erected on the Green. A Fund, known as the B.K.V.Fund, was raised by voluntary donations, to pay for the festivities at the unveiling Ceremony in August of that year.

The B.K.V.Committee has been in charge of the organisation ever since and was responsible for winning the Competition in 1965 and again in 1967. But changes occurred in the composition of the Committee. It became apparent that it would be more constitutional if the Parish Council were to take over the duties which the Committee has so ably performed.

The Parish Council have now agreed to do this. The accounts of the B.K.V.Fund have been audited and there is a credit balance of £3 remaining in the Fund. It has been decided to keep the Fund in being; it will be administered by the Parish Council, but kept separate from the Parish Council's own accounts.

c. Litter. Did you see the short article from a resident of Ingham in the Bury Free Press of 2nd February? The writer complained about "paper and rubbish of every description" spread along the roadside verges in Ingham. He (or she) exhorted people to do something about it, and ended by saying "I am sure the litter conscience inhabitants of TOSTOCK would not allow this ugly mess".

Does Tostock deserve this compliment? Some of us are "litter conscious", i.e. it offends us to see it lying around. Some of us even pick it up and put it in the bins provided. But some of us are not "litter conscious". Despite much effort, cellophane, paper, empty cigarette cartons, can be seen lying about the village every day of the week. Oh well, it is nice to receive a compliment even if we do not all deserve it. Of course some of the litter is due to passing motorists which we cannot help.

2. Womens' Institute. The Institute raised £8 by Carol Singing; this has been sent to the Training Centre for the Mentally Handicapped in Bury St.Edmunds. Members hope to visit the Centre shortly.

A Coffee Morning has been arranged to be held at the President's house, Better View, on Thursday 22nd February commencing 10.30. There will be a "Bring and Buy" Stall.

On Wednesday 21st February, at the W.I.Meeting in the Village Hall, Mr. Sherwood will give a talk on Tea Planting, accompanied by slides. Interested visitors will be welcome.

3. Church News.

a. On Ash Wednesday 28th February there will be a Service for Tostock and Drinkstone parishioners in Drinkstone Church at 10.30.a.m. Transport will be provided for Tostock parishioners; cars will leave the Village Hall at 10.10. Anyone who will kindly help in providing transport is requested to let the Rector know.

- b. A film concerning the work of the Missions to Seamen will be shown by the Rev. Perry Mitchinson in the Village Hall on Thursday 7th March commencing at 2.45 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be a collection for this great work among the seamen of our land.

4. Methodist Chapel News.

- a. A Sale will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 16th March commencing at 2.45 p.m. Details of Stalls will be announced later.
- b. Centenary Services will be held in the Chapel on:-
Sunday 21st April at 6.30 p.m. and
on Monday 22nd April at 7.30 p.m.
- c. Salvage. Mrs. Quilley, the Green, has kindly consented to act as a Depot and Sales Manager for salvage. The money raised will be for Chapel funds. Mrs. Quilley would be obliged if those who bring salvage to her would tie the papers together in handy bundles and put them in her garage, any time after 10.30.a.m.
- d. The Chapel Youth Club. This will start again as soon as evenings can be arranged. There will be two age groups. The Club is in need of games, playing cards and a dart board, and would be grateful for gifts of this nature.

5. Village Hall.

- a. The Committee is greatly obliged to Mr. Bert Huffey for undertaking the supervision and recording of all lettings for the Hall. Applications for use of the Hall should in future be made only to him.
- b. Electric Heating. is now being installed in the Hall and will be completed in a week or two's time.

6. Phoenix Players.

Rehearsals are in full swing for the next production, a comedy called "Haul for the Shore" by Jean McConnell. The Producer is Mrs. Frances Woodward of Stowmarket. The Play will be staged at Beyton Modern School on Friday and Saturday 5th and 6th of April, at 7.45 p.m.

The Players Annual Dinner Dance was held at the Swan Hotel, Lavenham on Friday 26th January. Arrangements were in the capable hands of Mrs. H. Russell, Miss D. Pritchard and Mr. J. Proctor. The success of the evening was due in no small part to the light touch of Mr. D. Hele in his role of Master of Ceremonies.

7. Darby and Joan Club.

The members of the Club are very grateful to Mr. Millman and Mr. Hele for their great kindness in providing transport for some of the members on the occasion of the Christmas Party. Without that help eight members would not have been able to attend.

8. Whist Drive for the Blind. Mrs. Scott and Mr. R. Mulley are organising this to be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 14th March commencing at 7.30p.m.

9. Community Council.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in March in the Village Hall. The date and time, together with the Agenda, will be circulated in due course.

10. Tostock Operatic And Dramatic Society.

The T.O.A.D.S. will be presenting their musical fantasy "The Man In The Moon" by Alan Cullen, at Beyton Modern School on Friday and Saturday, 16th and 17th February at 7.30 p.m. They are working hard at rehearsals. It is hoped that Tostock residents will come to support their young people; a most enjoyable evening can be assured. Tickets - 4/- and 3/-; Old Age Pensioners and schoolchildren half price - can be obtained from Mr. D. Hele, Strawberry Cottage, Telephone Beyton 360.

The West Suffolk Youth Drama Festival will be held on 18th to 21st March at the Theatre Royal, Bury St. Edmunds. The T.O.A.D.S. who won last year's Festival, will be performing selected scenes from "The Man In The Moon".