

TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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1. Mr. Leonard Buckle. He was known to us as Ben. His death after a road accident means a sad loss for Tostock. There were so many things that Ben did for the village and for all of us, quietly and without being asked. For instance, to mention a few, he trimmed the Right of Way known as the Narrow Path; he would clear snow from a neighbour's doorway; and, when we were preparing for the Best Kept Village Competition, Ben was always there in the Volunteer Working Party. At the funeral on 10th March Tostock Church was filled to capacity; a clear sign of the affection and regard we all had for him. He will be remembered for a long time in Tostock.
2. Annual Parish Meeting. This will be held in the Village Hall on Monday 24th March at 7.30 p.m. Among matters to be discussed are the following:-
 - a. Suffolk Rural Community Council's new plan for a best Kept Village Competition to include the whole of East Anglia instead of just Suffolk alone. The Council has suggested that Cavendish and Tostock should be Suffolk's representatives.
 - b. A tree planting scheme in order to enter for Thedwastre Rural District Council's lottery prize of £250.
 - c. Maintenance of Rights of Way.
 - d. General use of the village's new hand mower.
 - e. Coal Charity Report.

This important meeting is always well attended in Tostock. It is hoped that everyone who can will come and express their views on matters discussed.
3. Tostock Community Council. The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 27th March at 8 p.m. A financial statement will be presented at the Parish Meeting on 24th March.
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5. Church News.
 - a. Easter Services. Good Friday. 10 a.m. Matins.
7.30 p.m. The Story of the Cross.
Easter Sunday. 7.45 a.m. Holy Communion
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6.30 p.m. Thanksgiving Service.
 - b. At the Annual Church Council Meeting on 24th February the Rector announced that he will be retiring and leaving the parish at the end of June. Tostock will sadly miss Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook who have done so much for us during the six years they have been here; Mr. Westbrook as Rector, and Mrs. Westbrook, who, amongst her many other activities, started the Churchwomens' Guild in Tostock. The Guild has met monthly and provided many interesting afternoons, besides fostering friendship between Drinkstone and Tostock.
6. Chapel News. The Methodist Chapel celebrates it's 101st. Anniversary on Monday 21st. April at 7.30 p.m. All will be welcome.
7. Womens' Institute.
 - a. A Tea Party, with a Bring and Buy Stall, will take place at Tostock Old Hall on Thursday 24th April commencing at 3 p.m. Any Tostock residents who would care to come will be welcome. Proceeds will be for Institute funds.
 - b. The Institute Choir has entered three classes for the Clare Music Festival to be held on Saturday 22nd March. Mrs. Radice of Hepworth Rectory will be the conductor.
8. British Legion. The next meeting of the local branch will be held in the Clubroom, Gardeners Arms at 8 p.m. on Monday 31st. March. It is hoped to hold the Annual Dinner in Tostock and members views and ideas would be welcomed at the meeting.

9. Used Stamps Collection. Miss Stevens at the Post Office has received acknowledgement for the stamps collected during 1968 in aid of European Refugees. Total sales for 1968 amounted to £550, and the total raised to date by the Society amounts to £3,012.18. 4d.
Miss Stevens will be happy to supply details of the Society to anyone who would like to assist her in collecting used stamps for this excellent charity.
10. T.O.A.D.S. May 2nd, 3rd. 7.45 p.m. at Beyton Secondary Modern School, "PENNY PLAIN, TUPPENCE COLOURED", a three piece suite of music, drama and dance. Tickets 4/- and 3/- (schoolchildren and O.A.P.'s half price).
Phoenix Players and T.O.A.D.S. will be amalgamating for a joint production of a pantomime to be presented in mid-January 1970.
11. Countryside Notes. Two red squirrels were seen on 1st March by Mrs. Shaw near her house at the bottom of Church Road. It is worth noting this because grey squirrels, which exterminate the red ones, are known to have been seen in Suffolk, and indeed in Tostock.

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