

# TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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1. Best Kept Village Competition. This year Tostock will be entering for two Competitions; this was decided at the Parish Meeting in March. The Competitions are :-

East Anglian Competition. Final judging on 11th July.  
Thedwastre R.D.C. Competition. Prize £25. Final judging one day between 23rd and 27th June.

The East Anglian Competition is a new one which will embrace all the Counties of East Anglia. Each County will enter two villages; one for those with a population over 400, and one for those under it. Cavendish and Tostock are being entered as Suffolk's representatives. This will be a severe test for Tostock. A lot of help from all residents and our usual team spirit are once more required.

In preparing for the East Anglian Competition Tostock will, of course, achieve the standard needed for the Thedwastre Competition, the judging for which will take place two weeks before the judging for the former. Under the new rules Tostock is not allowed to enter this year for the Fison Trophy and the Trophy will have to be surrendered.

The Parish Council has held two meetings in April for the special purpose of considering preparations needed for the Competitions. Several people kindly volunteered help as recorded below. The principal items on the Agenda were:-

Maintenance of the Green and the Leys,  
Organisation of the Volunteer Working Party,  
Elderly residents front gardens and frontages,  
Litter.

For the past six years Mr. Mann has maintained both Green and Leys at his own expense. At the meeting he informed the Council that in future he could only maintain the Leys. The Council expressed their gratitude for this and for his generous help in the past, and discussed how to deal with the Green. More helpers are required for the Working Party and the following timetable is given for information.

Sat. 24th. May (Morning)	-	Village Green
" 31st. " "	-	" "
" 7th. June "	-	" "
Monday to Friday 2nd/6th June (Evenings)	-	Village Green and Leys -
" " " 16th/20th "	"	" Verges etc. etc.

On Saturday 3rd May work started on the Green and the Working Party was there. Mr. Styles undertook to organise the work on elderly residents' gardens which will be done by juniors. There will be a small payment for the latter; finance for this and for Working Party refreshments have been arranged.

Litter. Mr. Walters volunteered to be responsible for Norton Road, and Captain Errington said the Mobile Litter Bin, with his Litter Wardens, would tour the Green and Leys as heretofore. It would be WONDERFUL if NOBODY in Tostock EVER threw Litter on the ground.

The Village Hall will be cared for by the Management Committee. The Churchyard and extension will be maintained by Mr. V. Huffey, Mr. C. Buxton and Mr. A. Henderson.

So the work of preparation is progressing. Everybody is asked to help.

2. WANTED. A Paid Secretary. Mr. A.E.Henderson, who is employed by Suffolk Rural Community Council, requires a Part-time Secretary to assist in Community Council work. Three half days a week. Transport can be arranged. Apply to Mr. A.E.Henderson, Tostock Place. Telephone Beyton 370.

3. Tostock Community Council. At the Annual General Meeting in March it was decided that the following events should be organised:-

A Barbecue to be held at Tostock Place in June,  
Children's Sports on the Leys towards the end of August or beginning of September,  
A Whist Drive in the Village Hall later in the year.

The Playing Field. A reply has been received from the Department of Education and Science which gives some hope that a grant may be forthcoming. The Department has given permission for the field to be seeded and it is hoped that this will be done in the late summer.

Emergency Service. Mrs. Scott has the names of 12 residents who have indicated that they would be prepared to fetch medicines for elderly residents or in an emergency. Anyone wishing to avail themselves of this service please inform Mrs. Scott.

4. Village Hall. Hire charges. At the last meeting of the Management Committee it was decided that an increase of 25% would be made on the charges for hire of the Hall commencing 1st July 1969. The new rates would be
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| Meetings                      | £0. 12. 6. |
| Weddings;Parties;Sales        | £2. 10. 0. |
| Government & Local Elections. | £4. 0. 0.  |

This increase is necessary to meet the cost of repairs, maintenance and electric heating.

For sale. The gates and posts at the entrance to the Hall are for sale. Price £7. 10. Od.

5. Womens' Institute. At the Tea Party held on 21st April at Tostock Old Hall the sum of £12. 0. 7. was raised for Institute funds. The members are very grateful to everyone who helped.

At the South Suffolk Show the following members won prizes:-

Mrs. Layng.	1st Prize for bread.
Mrs. Spencer	1st Prize for chocolate cake.
Mrs. Andrews	3rd Prize for Red Riding Hood Basket.
	and 4th Prize for orange wine.

6. Darby & Joan Club. Over 60s. The Club is holding a Sale for the benefit of Club funds on Saturday 31st May, commencing at 2.45 p.m.

7. Red Cross. A Collection was made during the first week of May and realised £10. 8. 5d. The Society is very grateful to the Collectors, Mrs. Armstrong, Miss Haselwood, Miss Anne Dyer, and to all who gave so generously.

8. Phoenix Players. The Annual General Meeting of the Phoenix Players was held on 22nd April and the following main Committee was elected:-

Mr. D. Hele	(Chairman)	Mrs. Spencer	(Secretary)
Mr. Armstrong	(Treasurer)	Mr. Spencer	(Vice Chairman/ Business Man.)
Mrs. Millman	(Producer & T.O.A.D.S.Liaison)	Mrs. Hele	(Rep.on West Suffolk Drama Comm.)
Miss Burnand	(Younger members)		
Mr. Siffleet	(Beyton School Liaison)	Mr. T. Brown	
		Mr. M. Cowdell	

The following were elected to the Entertainments Committee:-

Mrs. R. Pearson, Mr. B. Schlosser, Mr. P. Faiers.

The Phoenix Players and the T.O.A.D.S. would be joining forces for a joint production of a pantomime to be produced by Mrs. Millman at Beyton Modern School on 16th and 17th January, 1970.

9. T.O.A.D.S. The T.O.A.D.S. show - "Penny Plain, Tuppence Coloured" staged at Beyton School earlier this month, proved an enormous success. As so many people have expressed a wish to see it again, it has been decided to give a repeat performance at the Theatre Royal, Bury St. Edmunds, on Saturday June 14th at 8.15 p.m.

In order to give the people of Tostock the opportunity of a pleasant evening out, Mr. D. Styles is organizing a coach trip to the Theatre for the all in price of 7/6d. and tickets will be available at Tostock Post Office. OR Tickets for the Theatre only are available at the Theatre Box Office, phone Bury 5469, price 6/=d, anywhere in the house, so please book early for the best seats.

Do come along to support the young people in this venture, and enjoy a wonderful evening's entertainment in the lovely Theatre Royal. Coach pick-up - 7.40 p.m. 'Gardener's Arms'

10. The Red Squirrel. An interesting article on this subject was published in the magazine COUNTRY LIFE on 17th April from which the following are extracts.

Red squirrels survive in many parts of Scotland and Wales, and in the woodlands of East Anglia, north and north western England, the Welsh borders and in Devon and Cornwall. At the beginning of the century they were abundant throughout the country, Indeed organised efforts were made to control the species, thousands being shot each year because hordes of red squirrels were robbing garden produce, Then the squirrels began to die and disappear; a process which has continued to the present day.

The writer, after suggesting deforestation and disease as reasons for the decline, finally comes to no definite conclusion.