

# TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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1. Best Kept Village Competition. The arrangements made by the Rural Community Council, as reported in Tostock Chronicle No.59, were cancelled; instead Tostock was entered for the County Competition.  
In May the Village Green was looking rather untidy because the Parish Council had great difficulty in obtaining a machine for mowing it. However, before the end of May, owing to the strenuous help of Mr. Mann, Mr. Villar, Mr. Styles, Mr. Layng, Nigel Hele and others, what had looked impossible was achieved. As a result we won the Thedwastre Competition and, for the fourth time, the Fison Trophy.  
Besides those mentioned above credit is also due to many people. The pretty gardens in Tostock are a feature of the village and residents can be proud of their well trimmed hedges; the Churchyard is always a show piece; and the Litter Wardens played their part.  
As we are not allowed to retain and display the Fison Trophy, and Lidgate, the runner up, refuses to receive it, one wonders what will be done about it. The Trophy itself looks a bit tired; perhaps it would be a good thing if the Rural Community Council took it back and gave it a rest for a year.
2. Village Hall. Charges for hiring the Hall. At their meeting on 15th July the Management Committee had under review the yearly accounts for the Hall. It was apparent that even with the funds raised at the yearly Sale there would be a deficit. It was therefore decided to cancel the statement of charges as detailed in Chronicle No.59, and substitute the following, commencing 1st. July 1969.  

<u>Meetings</u> :	Hire of small room at any time	£0. 10. 0.
	Hire of large room after 7.30.p.m.	12. 6.
	" " " " before 7.30p.m.	17. 6.

(Add surcharge)

Sales & Parties Basic charge £2.10. 0. and in addition the meter will be read before and after, and an extra charge made for electricity used.

Parliamentary & Local Elections. £4. 0. 0.
3. Tostock Community Council.  
Playing Field. Good news. The Department of Science and Education has approved our plans for the Playing Field and given us a grant of £900. The process of purchase has begun and seeding will be done soon.  
Barbecue. This will take place on Saturday 16th August at 8 p.m. at Tostock Place. Tickets 7/6d. (School children 5/-d). There will be a licensed Bar, Tombola, a Darts Competition, and dancing. All are invited to come and have an enjoyable evening.  
Childrens' Sports. These will be held on the afternoon of Saturday 6th September. The entry forms will be distributed nearer the day.
4. Church News. The Rector of Tostock Parish having retired, the incumbency is now in Sequestration and will remain so until another Rector is inducted. During this period arrangements for all Services, including Weddings, Baptisms and funerals will be made by the Churchwardens, viz, Mr. R.I.Mulley and Mr. H.G.Woodley.  
Church Cleaning. Mrs. Gibbons is unable to continue and the Church Council would be very glad to hear of anyone who would kindly undertake this work, for which £26. is paid annually.  
Annual Church Appeal. The sum raised this year was £98.11. 9d. The Church Council is very grateful to the Collectors and also to those who gave so generously, particularly the Rev. G. Westbrook who gave £40.
5. Womens' Institute. The President, Mrs. J.A. Reynolds, will be having a Garden Party at her house, Better View, on Tuesday 26th August, commencing at 2.45 p.m. for the benefit of W.I. Funds. There will be a White Elephant Stall, a Bring and Buy Stall, and a Produce Stall. Also there will be Childrens' Fancy Dress Parade (all ages), and races, competitions and teas. Gifts will be very acceptable.

6. Phoenix Players & T.O.A.D.S. Rehearsals have started for the pantomime "Robinson Crusoe" which will be produced on 16th and 17th January 1970. New members from the age of ten upwards are wanted and will be very welcome for the Chorus and helping backstage with scenery, props etc.
7. Collection for The Blind. This was made during the week ending 12th July on behalf of the Royal Natinnal Institute for the Blind and realised the sum of £6. 6. 9d. The Collectors were Mrs. Hele, Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Spencer. This is an annual collection in aid of the West Suffolk Fund for the Blind.
8. Salvage Collection for the Chapel. Mrs. Quilley is grateful to all who have brought their waste paper to her garage for sale in aid of Chapel Funds. In doing this people have not only helped the Chqpel, but also their action has been nationally helpful. The Times newspaper reported on 9th July that stocks of waste paper in this country are at a dangerously low level. Only 37% of our requirements is collected; the rest has to be imported in some form or other. So please save waste paper and cardboard, and tie it in bundles, and give it to Mrs. Quilley.
9. British Legion. The next General Meeting of the Branch will be held at the Gardeners Arms on Monday 4th August 1969 at 8 p.m.