

TOSTOCK CHRONICLE

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1. Parish Council

- (a) The Annual Parish Meeting, open to all residents, will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 31st March at 7.30 p.m. Items on the Agenda will include - Bus Shelter, Village Improvement Scheme, and Best Kept Village Competition.
- (b) New Bus Timetable. This, due in May, will include one more bus each way that will enter the village on Saturdays. The times of this bus will be 10 a.m. to Bury St. Edmunds; 4 p.m. from Bury St. Edmunds.
- (c) Sewerage. The Contractors expect to commence the general and final installations in the Village during March. If any resident knows of any defects or omissions they are asked to inform the Parish Clerk, Mrs. Walters, who will pass the information on to the Contractors.

2. Village Hall.

- (a) The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 29th March at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Village Organisations are asked to let the Secretary, Mr. Styles, know the names of their representatives for election to the Management Committee for the coming year. Anyone else wishing to sit on the Management Committee should inform the Secretary.
- (b) Plans for the proposed new Hall will be on view. All who are interested in this important project are urged to attend the meeting.
- (c) Hon. Secretary required. Mr. Styles wishes to be relieved of this important office as he has some important work pending in connection with his profession. Any lady or gentleman prepared to undertake this essential, but not arduous work, should inform Mr. Styles or any member of the Committee. The new Secretary will be required to start duty as from 29th March 1971.

3. Community Council.

- (a) The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th March at 8.15 p.m. in the Village Hall. The meeting will commence at that time, but refreshments will be served from 7.30 p.m. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend, and come early to make the gathering somewhat of a Social occasion. Anyone wishing to sit on the Committee should give his or her name to Mr. Styles before 10th March. There will be four vacancies on the Committee. Mr. P. Buckle, whose term of office expires this year, will seek re-election.
- (b) The Spirit of Suffolk Festival. will be held at Haughley Park on 26th and 27th June. Tostock has been asked to select a "MISS TOSTOCK" to take part in the "Miss Spirit of Suffolk" Competition. If sufficient girls are interested, the selection will be made before the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 24th March.
- (c) New Secretary and Treasurer required. This is urgent. The Treasurer has left the village and the Secretary, Mr. Styles, wants to be relieved for the reasons given above. Surely someone will volunteer ?

4. Church News.

- (a) Tostock is now linked with Norton. The newly appointed Rector, the Rev. B. Butler-Smith, was instituted to the benefice of Norton on 5th February 1971. For the present he is Priest-in-Charge of Tostock. He will reside in the parsonage house at Norton. The Rectory in Tostock will, in due course, be disposed of. Certain legal formalities will have to be referred for the approval of Her Majesty in Council; when this has been done Mr. Butler-Smith will be Rector of Norton with Tostock.
- (b) Annual Vestry Meeting. Open to all residents. This will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 9th March at 7 p.m. It will be followed by a Parochial Church Council Meeting. At the latter members will consider arrangements for a Reception Party in the Village Hall to welcome Mr. Butler-Smith.

5. Women's Institute. The W. I. Choir, conducted by Mr. H. Gibbons, are entering three classes in the Clare Music Festival on 27th March.
A Garden Fete will take place on 12th June at Tostock House by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. D. Hayward.

6. Phoenix Players. The Box Office is now open for the sale of tickets for the comedy - "Breath of Spring" - by Peter Coke. This will be presented at Beyton Modern School on Friday and Saturday 12th & 13th March, at 7.45 p.m. On the Friday only a coach will run from Tostock to Beyton and back for those in need of transport. This coach will leave Wood Close at 7.15 p.m. and the Gardeners Arms at 7.30 p.m. Tickets at 30p and 20p can now be obtained from members or from Mr.M.Spencer, "Bosmere", Perkins Way, Tostock. (Tel. Beyton 395) Old Age Pensioners and children pay half price.
7. Brownies. Meetings now commence at 6 p.m. and finish at 7.30 p.m. There will be no meeting on Friday 12th March. Most of the Pack attended the Thinking Day Service at Thurston Church on 20th February; it was followed by tea and entertainment in the School. Tostock Brownies donned saris etc. and enacted a Moon Festival procession from Ceylon. Plans are in hand for a Pack Holiday at Old Buckenham School, Brettenham from 22nd to 28th July this year.
8. Collection of Silver Paper & Used Stamps. Miss Wheeler and Miss Stevens announce that during 1970 the people of Tostock and children of Elmswell School collected one cwt. of tinfoil which has been sold for £2. This will be forwarded to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Fund when normal postal services are resumed. Regarding Used Postage Stamps sold for the European Refugee's Fund, the Head Office reports that the Fund now stands at £3,686.
9. The T.O.A.D.S. Mrs. Millman reports that the T.O.A.D.S. are having a very busy season. After presenting their large scale production "John Willy and the Bee People" last December, they immediately began rehearsing for their entry in the Sudbury Drama Festival which takes place in March. The older members decided they would like to attempt a serious One Act Play as a change. They chose "The Wall" by Michael Walker and they performed this on 2nd March, with a cast of seven actors. The remaining members will be performing a shortened version of "Golan Scene", which two years ago was produced at the Theatre Royal in Bury St. Edmunds. The T.O.A.D.S. have also entered a short musical mimed skit in the Festival of Revue, due to be presented at the Theatre Royal in late March. As a result of the production of "John Willy and the Bee People", in spite of rather poor audiences on two nights, it has been possible to send a cheque for £20. to the "Action for the Crippled Child Fund".
10. British Legion - Golden Jubilee Celebrations. Her Majesty The Queen has graciously consented to accord the British Legion the privilege of a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on Thursday 8th July 1971. The County has been allocated 58 tickets and any member of the Branch wishing his name to go forward for possible invitation should notify the Secretary - Brig. Campbell - on or before Monday next 8th March. Individual Invitations will be issued from the Lord Chamberlain's Office. Should applications from Branches exceed the County's allocation, names will be put into a hat and drawn by the County President.
Dates to Book:-
 - 22nd March - Branch meeting in the Clubroom, Gardeners Arms 8 p.m.
 - 24th April - Social Evening with arrangements as for previous socials. Tickets available early April from Mr. Vic. Huffey.
 - 26th June - Sponsored Race Meeting at Newmarket in Aid of Earl Haig Fund.
 - 20th July - Golden Jubilee Rally on the July Race Course, Newmarket, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Bands engaged - Combined Bands of the Flag Officer Naval Air Command and H.M.S.Ganges; the Grenadier Guards; the Central Band of the Women's Royal Air Force and Band of the Royal Anglian Regiment.
 - 19th September - Rally at Spa Pavilion, Felixstowe.
 - 27th November - Conference at Headquarters, Bury St. Edmunds.