

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday, 5th April at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Hall. It is hoped that a good attendance will be recorded. Some items likely to be on the Agenda are:

- (1) Monetary support for the Suffolk Accident Rescue Service to enable a voluntary team of doctors to reach accidents as soon as possible and deal with casualties while awaiting ambulance help.
- (ii) An appeal by the Suffolk Trust for Nature Conservation to purchase Groton Wood and preserve it for all time as an ancient woodland.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

Owing to the forthcoming departure of Mr Fowler from the village, his role as Treasurer of the Community Council will be taken up by Mr D Beales of High View, Wood Close. (Tel. Beyton 218). All future communications to the above address please.

We express our gratitude to Norman for all his invaluable work with the Community Council and we wish him every success for the future.

TOSTOCK VILLAGE HALL.

The matter of extractor fans for the main hall is being actively pursued and in fact two extractors have now been obtained. Advice is being sought as to the best means of installation so that before the warmer weather is with us they should be in service.

The Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee, Mr Norman Fowler, is leaving the village after nearly seven years in Tostock. Norman was Treasurer throughout the purchase negotiations for the new hall and it is largely thanks to his enthusiasm and perseverance that we have the hall today. We offer him our sincere gratitude for all his efforts over such a strenuous period. By the time you read this Chronicle, Norman and his wife may already be in their new home. We hope they will be very happy there and we wish them well in their new life.

The duties of acting Treasurer have been taken over by Mr. Derek Beales of High View, Wood Close. (Tel: Beyton 218). All future business with the Treasurer should be directed to him.

STOP-PRESS

The 25th June to 3rd July

Following on the Festival of Flowers in the Church, there will be a Week of Victoriana, when each organisation in the village will be asked to organise an event. Full details will follow, but it is planned to have a special event each day.

THE CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, TOSTOCK.

The Church was full for the annual carol service on 21st December. It is always good to see a packed Church on this occasion. The thanks of the Parochial Church Council are due to all those who helped decorate the Church, and especially to Mrs O'Reilly and the Sunday School for their attractive contribution to this enjoyable service, and to Mr Peter Buckle who once again very kindly presented the tree, which was beautifully decorated.

It is good to hear from Mr and Mrs Lloyd Ward. Though now living in the Isle of Wight, they still take an interest in the Church and the PCC greatly appreciate their continued financial support. The PCC at its last meeting also expressed its thanks for the work Mr P.P. Chapman so unobtrusively but so effectively does for the Church and especially for the new gate which he made.

The Church is always well decorated with flowers but this task falls on a small number of ladies. Are there any others who would care to arrange flowers in the Church for one or two Sundays a year? If there are, and we are sure there must be, would they be good enough to contact Lady Currie on Beyton 579 or call at Juniper House, Flatts Lane, or Mrs Dahl on Beyton 311 or any other member of the congregation. It would be a great help.

There will be a joint service of Mattins with Norton at Norton on Sunday 7th March at 10.30 a.m.

The Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Council meeting will be held on 31st March in the committee room of the village hall at 7.00p.m. This is open to all those on the Parochial Electoral Roll. This meeting will be followed by the ordinary meeting of the Parochial Church Council to transact current business.

A note for the future. In connexion with the Festival of Flowers, the Bishop of St Edunsbury and Ipswich has agreed to be present at our service on Sunday, 27th June, in the evening. We will publish details of the service later.

#### TOSTOCK OPERATIC AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY. (T.O.A.D.S.)

The T.O.A.D.S. held a general meeting and social evening on Monday, January 19th, much enjoyed by twenty eight members and their friends. Future plans were discussed and it was decided to hold a Dance on St. George's Day, April 23rd, and to present a three-act Victorian comedy in the Village Hall as a contribution to the proposed Tostock "Week of Victoriana" in June.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, 22nd March at 8 p.m. and we shall be very pleased to welcome any newcomers who are interested in any aspect of theatre work. Please contact the Secretary, Mrs Maureen Beales, Tel. Beyton 218 for details.

#### TOSTOCK YOUTH CLUB.

At a meeting held on 9th January a committee was formed to run the affairs of the Youth Club. Those elected were: Jame Hines, Melanie Spencer, Heather Layng, Jill Reynolds, Adrian Buxton, Andrew Kelly, Stephen Neal and Barry Block.

At that meeting it was decided that a sale would be held in the Village Hall on Saturday, 14th February. A collection in the village will be made by members of the Youth Club on 12th and 13th February for cakes, produce, jumble, Draw prizes, tombola etc. The money raised will be used to purchase equipment for the Youth Club. We are indeed grateful to those who have helped us so far.

The carol singers raised £18-55 and we would like to thank the residents of Tostock for their generosity.

TOSTOCK BROWNIES.

The Brownies would like to thank their kind friends in the village for making their Christmas Mini-market a success, resulting in net proceeds of £56. About half of this amount will be sent to a charity which the Brownies themselves are deciding upon at present. The remainder will help pay the annual capitation fee to Headquarters. The Brownies were particularly grateful to Mrs Livingston and Mrs Jeffrey for their hard work in the kitchen.

Although there is still quite a long waiting list for Brownies, priority is always given to children in Tostock itself.

Weekly meetings continue each Monday evening through to 5th April, with the exception of Monday, 16th February which is half term.

TOSTOCK BRIDGE CLUB.

The Bridge Club, now in its second year, meets every Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Membership is on the increase and new members are always welcome.

SPORTING NOTES.

FOOTBALL CLUB

A fund raising dance is to be held on March 13th, Saturday, in Tostock Village Hall.

Dancing will be to the Salamanda Show Band. Tickets are 80p. and are available from committee members.

DARTS CLUB.

The next Darts Club Dance will be held on April 9th in Tostock Village Hall. Dancing to "Two Times Two". Tickets are now available from committee members price £1.25p., which includes refreshments.

QUOITS CLUB

The Quoits season will be with us soon and in preparation Tostock Quoits Club is to hold its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 12th February in the Gardeners Arms at 8.30 p.m. Anybody interested in this leisurely sport is most welcome to attend.

SQUOSH CLUB.

At the A.G.M. held on Monday the 15th Dec. 1975 it was decided that Membership applications and fees are to be collected on Monday the 23rd of Feb., at the Gardeners Arms, starting at 8.00 p.m., at which time the next seasons programme of events will be decided.

Club facilities are available on Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's. Subscriptions are £1.00, and Juniors 50p. Court fees are 10p per person. The key is available to members at the Gardeners Arms.

If anyone who wishes to join but is unable to attend the meeting, please write to Mr. K.Fennell, 95 Oakes Road, Bury St. Edmunds.