

TRIBUTE

In a foreword to the Tostock Chronicle No. 81 of August 1973 a tribute was paid to Captain R.H. Errington, its founder and editor, who in "his" last and 80th issue had rather suddenly announced his intention of handing over the task to someone else. The full extent of our indebtedness to him came home to us then; for it was he who started this friendly news sheet in 1955 and who fathered it and kept it going for eighteen years. His regular harvesting of local news brought him into contact with young and old alike; and those of us who are comparative newcomers to Tostock soon learned of his enthusiasm and sincerity in fostering countless village activities and projects. This Chronicle is but one of them, and now, on learning with sadness of his recent death, we recall his unfailing interest in our doings and all the time and energy he so generously spent on our behalf. We hope these few words will serve to express the gratitude felt by so many.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.

The Parish Council at their annual meeting re-elected Mr. Villar as Chairman, with Mr. Armstrong as Vice - Chairman and Treasurer. Mr. Mulley was appointed representative on the Village Hall Management Committee, Sir James Currie as representative on the Suffolk Association of Local Councils and Mr. Armstrong as representative to the Peers' Charity Commission.

As directed by the Parish Meeting, the Parish Council gave further consideration to the appeal from the Suffolk Accident Rescue Service and decided to send a donation of £25 to this very worthwhile cause, to support our own local doctors who are all committed to the scheme.

Tostock has been entered for the Mid Suffolk Best Kept Village Competition this year. It is hoped therefore that everyone will do their best to see that the trophy returns to our green next year.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

At the A.G.M. held in the village hall on May 5th. the following members were elected for service on the Committee: Mr. F. Armstrong, Mr. M.O'Reilly, Mr. T. Tuffs and Mr. A. Villar. These are in addition to those members already serving for three years. Vice-Presidents are: Mrs. J. Chamen, Sir James Currie, Mr. G. Tacen Chapman.

Chairman	Mr. A. S. R. Villar
Secretary	Mrs. E. Nunn
Treasurer	Mr. D. A. Beales

Forthcoming Activities

July 2nd The summer dance this year will take the form of a Victorian Music Hall with Supper, Dancing and Musical Medleys by the T.O.A.D.S. at the Village Hall. Tickets at £1.60 will shortly be available from Mr. Simon Reynolds - Beyton 675. We hope everyone will enter into the fun of the evening and dress up for the occasion. The number of tickets will be limited to 120, so please order now to avoid disappointment.

Aug 30th Barbeque.
Sept 11th Childrens Sports.
Nov 5th Bonfire Night.

Monthly Draw.

At the A.G.M. it was noted that membership of the Community Council with its Monthly Draw was steadily falling. It was felt that this was due in part to the fact that new residents were not informed of the Community Council and its purposes.

In May 1967 the Community Council was formed with the aim of improving the life of the whole Community of Tostock by providing social and recreational facilities. The late Captain Errington was our first President and it was as a result of his leadership that within a few months over half the adult population of Tostock were members, subscribing and helping to raise money for their first project which was to obtain a playing field. The croft field was duly purchased. The next project was a new village hall to replace the old 1874 school building which had been purchased by the village for a village hall in 1955. The Community Council in fact donated the purchase fee for the land on which our present Village Hall stands.

Much still needs to be done. At present there is no storage space for the village hall equipment or for the large playing field lawn mower. Plans are in hand to provide for this and the Community Council has already agreed to help financially. Other projects will follow and we are confident that with total cooperation we can provide for the needs of the whole village. Those who collect the monthly subscription of 12½ p will be happy to hear from any residents who would like to join and put themselves in line for one of the three monthly money prizes. So please contact them before they contact you, and let us revive enthusiasm for such a worthwhile cause.

Your collectors are:

Mrs. Dahl, Mrs. Friend, Mrs. Walters,
Mr. R. Richards and Mr. C. Buxton.

TOSTOCK VILLAGE HALL.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Friday 30th April at the Village Hall. The committee was able to report that the past year has been successful in giving the village an excellent new amenity which is also a financially sound venture. The hall has been booked for 73% of the available time and some problems have been experienced by local organisations in booking at relatively short notice.

The election of officers brought no change in the committee which reads:

Chairman	Mr. Villar
Secretary	Mr. O'Reilly
Treasurer	Mr. Beales
Members	Messrs Baully, Livingston and Richards.

It is hoped to improve the lighting in the main hall and the heating in the committee room. We thank those who showed interest and attended the meeting.

THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, TOSTOCK.

The Rector, the Rev Basil Butler-Smith has resigned and will have left us by 26th May to take up a living in the diocese of Oxford. We all wish him well in his new appointment. Mean while with the help

of the Rural Dean we hope that services at the church will continue normally and that there will be the minimum of curtailment.

At the annual general meeting of the Parish Mrs. O'Reilly was elected to the Parochial Church Council and we welcome her presence and advice there.

In connection with the Flower Festival, the Bishop is coming to Evensong at 6.30 pm on 27th June and he will be assisted by the Rev Laurence Kyle, the Rural Dean. This is really a very special occasion for the Church and the village. We hope that as many as possible will be present so that we may have a packed as well as a beautifully decorated Church. The Bishop and the Rural Dean will come to the Village Hall for refreshments after the service.

Do not forget the concert in the Church the previous evening, Saturday 26th June, at 7.30pm. We are promised a very interesting programme.

We hope the Annual Appeal will have had as successful a result as last year as it is one of the main supports of the Church's finance.

The Parochial Church Council took a lenient view of some acts of vandalism in the Church after Easter. It will not do so again.

TOSTOCK WOMENS' INSTITUTE.

Two members attended the County Federation Spring Meeting and were proud to see Mrs. Rochford receive the Lady Blake Cup for her winning design for a table frontal drop.

"Bits and Pieces from a Victorian Wastepaper Basket" is the title of a talk to be given at the W.I. meeting on Wed 16th June. This will be an Open Meeting and all visitors will be most welcome. Please come at 8 pm.

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

The A.G.M. was held on the 22nd March and the following Committee was elected:

Chairman - Sheelagh Millman, Secretary - Gordon Cummings,
Vice Chairman - Michele Faiers, Treasurer - Ceral Unwin,
Officers: Janet Block, Stephen Reynolds, Ian Robertson.

The St. Georges Day Supper Dance proved very successful and made a profit of £85. This will cover the deficit from the last production and enable the society to provide some money towards the timber needed for the portable extension to the existing stage in the village hall. All members are busily preparing for the numerous activities connected with the Tostock 'Week of Victoriana' and tickets will be available for the comedy "True Love - or the Bloomer" - price 30p (senior residents and children 20p). See posters for details.

Great sorrow is felt by all members of the Society on hearing of the death of our past President, Captain R.H. Errington. Since the formation of the original Tostock Drama Club he has been a wonderful benefactor, giving every venture his full support and encouragement. He will be sadly missed. It is felt by us all that we would like to honour his memory by presenting a new wall clock, with plaque, to the Village Hall. It is hoped that permission will be given by Mrs. Errington and also by the Village Hall Management Committee for this to be put into effect.

Sheelagh Millman - Chairman.

WEEK OF VICTORIANA 25th June - 3rd July.

Arrangements are under way and will be discussed fully at a general meeting for all concerned. It is hoped that as many organisations as possible will decorate a float for the opening procession on Friday the 25th of June, assembling at the Village Hall at 7 pm. On return to the playing field there will be hot pies and

cordials.

Permission has now been given for the use of the Creft community room for the exhibition of Victoriana, organised by the Over 60's. If anyone has a Victoriana book, ornament, piece of clothing jewellery or photograph which they would be willing to lend for one afternoon of the 26th June, would they please inform Mr. Sage of Gweek Cottage, Leys Road or Mrs. Lee of Fairlawns, Leys Road. Security arrangements are being made.

Saturday 3rd July- Childrens Fun and Games Victorian Style.

A programme of events has been drawn up for the afternoon, commencing 2.30 pm, including maypole dancing, entertainment by the young TOADS, Punch and Judy show, pony and donkey rides, tug-of-war, sideshows and competitions. All the children in the village will be asked to enter a painting competition, Victorian Bennet show, and best hand-writing. Any small prizes for these competitions and for the stalls would be most gratefully received by the organisers - Mrs. O'Reilly, Mrs. Hopkins, Miss Kent, Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Andrews.

TOSTOCK BROWNIES.

The Brownies are soon to begin rehearsals for their maypole dancing, which will be their contribution to the "Childrens Fun and Games - Victorian Style" on the afternoon of Saturday 3rd July. Mrs Manning has kindly agreed to help the Brownies with this dancing which used to be so popular.

BRIDGE CLUB.

All card players, in addition to Contract Bridge Players, should note that a Festival Whist Drive will be held at the Village Hall on Thursday 1st July at 7.30 pm. Good prizes !

RED CROSS.

The excellent sum of £24.52 was realised by the recent house to house collection in Testock in aid of Red Cross funds. Mrs. Jacobs would like to express her sincere thanks to all who so generously contributed towards this encouraging result - and especially the collectors who were: Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Marriett, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. O'Reilly.

SPORTING NOTES

FOOTBALL CLUB.

At the Annual General Meeting held on 5th May it was decided to field two teams in the coming season, thus providing an opportunity for some of the younger less experienced players. Anybody interested in playing should contact Graham Styles.

A sub-committee are to arrange fund raising activities, including dances, in the near future. Details will be announced shortly.

DARTS CLUB.

The Annual Dinner Dance was again a great success and was even better than last year. The next dance is to be a Supper Dance on September 10th. Dancing will be to the "Two x Two" and tickets are £1.25 available from committee members. Sincere thanks to all those who help make these dances a success throughout the year.

Present competition positions are:

Dick Talbot League	approx. 5th
Suffolk Championship	in the last 16
Richard Jones Cup	through to the quarter finals

QUOITS CLUB.

At half way through the season Tostock are second in the league and stand a very good chance of winning this year.

An individual trophy is being planned and the details will be announced.