

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.

Have you noticed any bad smells in the village recently, especially in the evenings and at week-ends? The Parish Council would be very glad if you would keep a note of the dates and times of occurrence, and hand these in to your nearest parish councillor or to the Clerk by August 31st.....
....and carry on recording.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

Our publicity campaign in the June edition of the Chronicle has already provided some new members for the Monthly Draw. The ultimate aim is to see virtually every resident of the village as a member, as was the case soon after the Community Council was formed nearly ten years ago. Plans are in hand for new projects to benefit the whole community, such as seats in the village, equipment for the playing field, and of course the storage extension for the Village Hall. It has also been suggested that a cricket pitch should be laid out on the Playing Field, so would anyone interested in forming a cricket club please let his committee member know.

The Community Council's contribution to the Festival Week was the Victorian Supper Dance. This was widely acclaimed as being highly successful, with everyone joining in the Victorian spirit. The profit from this event was around £90, half of which will be donated to the Village Hall Fund.

Please do not forget the Annual Barbecue at Mr. Henderson's swimming pool on Bank Holiday Monday, August 30th. Numbers will be limited to 100 so contact your committee member for tickets in good time.

A Jumble Sale is proposed for a date sometime in the autumn, so set aside your unwanted treasures ready for the collection which will be publicised later.

The annual Children's Sports Day takes place on September 11th. Forms for entry into the events will be circulated during mid-August and must be returned not later than the 4th September to either Roy Richards, "Ifold", New Road or Mike O'Reilly, "Rookwood", New Road.

TOSTOCK VILLAGE HALL.

The car park has been completed and work is in hand to improve the lighting in the hall. The recently planted shrubs appear to be recovering from the damage done by vandals.

The date for the Autumn Dance has been fixed for October 29th. Village Hall committee members should please note that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 24th at 7.30 p.m. in the Hall.

The Festival Sub-Committee can report that the Week of Victoriana was a great success. It has shown once again what a magnificent community spirit exists in our village. Warm thanks are due to everyone who worked so hard. All the events seemed to go with a swing. The procession started the week off, headed by the Norton Salvation Army Band in a very gaily decorated float. They were followed by Queen Victoria herself in a beautifully thought out tableau produced by the TOADS. Other organisations taking part were the W.I., in authentic Victorian costumes, the Football Club, the Bridge Club, the Junior Church, the Brownies, the Youth Club, the Community Council, the Cubs, and - bringing up the rear - Mr and Mrs Marriott's horses. All the work and impressive results were much appreciated by the many visitors from other villages. The total amount collected and profit on refreshments was £11 - 68½.

The other event which was a joint affair was the Children's Day when

a profit of £47 - 59 was made. All the youth organisations in the village were involved: the Youth Club running a Refreshment Stall, the Junior Church running Hoop-La and Victorian Sweets, the Junior TOADS entertaining with Country Dancing and the Brownies with Maypole Dancing. Many other Mums and children were also helping. These included Mrs. Hopkins and her family, Mrs Pearson who sold ice-cream all the afternoon, and the members of the newly formed Play-Group who ran a very successful 'Victorian' sponge game. The other organisations taking part were the Darts Club and Football Club whose members entertained with a tug-of-war - very sporting of them in the intense heat. Miss Kent arranged the Children's competitions in the Hall and we would like to thank the judges, Mrs Manning, Mrs Lightfoot and Mrs Prior for all their interest.

The Sub-Committee would also like to thank the artists living in the village who kindly lent their paintings for display on Sunday, June 27th. The exhibition was very varied and visitors were much impressed with the pictures on view. Takings on this afternoon, which included commission on two paintings sold, amounted to £8.86.

To date, as we go to press on 20th July, the amount raised for the village is £120. Full details are on display at the Post Office.

MID-SFFOLK BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION.

Tostock was once again well up among the leaders in this competition. There were three judges and our marks from them averaged 91.7 to gain up 3rd place from amongst the seventeen villages competing. We were narrowly beaten by Harleston two points ahead of us with 93.7 marks and by Walsham-le-Willows which came 2nd with 93 marks. We congratulate the winners and note with interest that in 1974 Tostock won with a score of 92 - a full 8 points ahead of Thurston, the runners-up that year. This year Stowupland was close on our heels with 89, so clearly the tussle is tougher near the top these days! Points awarded to Tostock were:

Village centre, village green,			
Playing Field, Hall, Inn etc.	...	...	23 out of 25.
Churchyard	...	...	15 out of 15.
Verges, hedges, fences, walls etc.	...	...	18.33 out of 20
Flower and Vegetable gardens,			
Outhouses and Sheds.	...	...	13.33 out of 15.
Bonus points for general condition			
and evidence of community spirit.	...	...	18 out of 20.

For comparison with 1974 see Tostock Chronicle No 87.

Thus, despite some natural disappointment, we know that the standard was very high and can find encouragement in the judges' comments which were as follows:

1. "I was most impressed with the village and found it difficult to fault. The very large greens were in wonderful condition. An excellent corporate effort."

Sincere thanks to all those who so willingly gave of their time and energy in tending the churchyard, the greens, the verges and their own gardens. Many of us also much appreciated the encouragement we were given.

THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, TOSTOCK

At the end of June the church was beautifully decorated for the Festival of Flowers. We had a memorable concert on the Saturday and on the Sunday evening the Bishop, assisted by the Rural Dean, was with us. On both occasions the church was packed. Thanks are due to those who helped to make these two events so successful.

If anyone would be interested in helping Mrs. O'Reilly with the

Sunday School would they please get in touch with her at Rookwood, New Road (Tel. Beyton 337). She would be most grateful. The need is for someone to help with the youngest children as the present age range is rather too wide.

The annual appeal realised the sum of £157. Members of the Church Council are very grateful to all those who gave so generously.

Tostock and Norton will now be joined with Pakenham, and the Rev. John Newell, already known to many in the village, will be in charge of our services. As yet there is no joint monthly magazine for the three parishes - though this is in the offing - so a notice of services will be placed on the Post Office notice board as well as in the porch of the church. Although there may be an occasional variation, services in each month will be:

First Sunday	9.30 a.m. Mattins.
Second Sunday	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion
Third Sunday	11.00 a.m. Family Service.
Fourth Sunday	10.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

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If there is a fifth Sunday in the month, a service will be held jointly in one of the three churches of the combined parish. There is a fifth Sunday in August and the service will be Holy Communion at Tostock at 10.30 a.m.

The Harvest Festival this year will be Evensong at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday 10th October.

The service on the fifth Sunday in October, i.e. 31st October, will be at Pakenham. It will be Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m. If in any doubt about services, please consult either of the Churchwardens (Tel. Beyton 333 or 579).

TOSTOCK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Victorian teas and the sale of produce on the Friday, Sunday and following Saturday during the Tostock Festival enabled the W.I. to send a cheque for £31 to the Village Hall Committee. The W.I. Committee thanks all members of the village who generously gave produce and cakes for sale on the stall.

You are cordially invited to come, as guests of the W.I. to a Garden Party to be held on August 28th (Saturday) at 'Fermain', Wood Close. Please note the date and watch for notice on the board outside the village shop.

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

Having contributed four separate items towards the successful 'Week of Victoriana', entailing a great deal of preparation and energy, members are now picking up the pieces, and getting their breath back! Unfortunately, although the four presentations - The Procession Float, The Play, The Old Time Music Hall entertainment, and The Childrens Fun and Games Day were much enjoyed by all, only one item, The Play, provided any income; and due to the many expenses incurred for costume, scenery, staging, lighting hire, royalties etc, the Toads regretfully were unable to make any donation towards the Village Hall Funds. However, the Village Hall will benefit from the booking fees paid for the many rehearsals, and the added amenities of stage extension, curtains and rail.

On July 6th the Society was invited to take part in an Inter-Drama Club Quiz, organised by the Irving Club in Bury St. Edmunds, and a small contingent of members duly set out to pit their wits against three other teams. To the amazement of all, the Toads team won the match well and truly and returned home triumphant!

Plans for the coming season will be finalised at the next meeting on July 27th and published later.

TOSTOCK BROWNIES.

The Brownies very much enjoyed taking part in the Festival Week, especially riding on their decorated trailer in their Victorian costumes. One wonderful moment which most of us will remember for some time was when they suddenly grasped the intricacies of Maypole dancing at rehearsal and a big cheer went up! The Brownies are very grateful to Honey for helping them, especially as on some days she was not feeling too well.

The Brownies have spent a few of their meetings very happily at their summer home, kindly lent to them by Mrs Errington. On Monday, 16th August they will be meeting for a 'swim-in' at Willow Farm, Elmswell, by kind invitation of Mrs. Dyball.

Weekly meetings will resume at the Village Hall on Monday, 13th September. Time: 6 p.m. to 7.35 p.m.

TOSTOCK YOUTH CLUB.

The sum of £19-70 was raised from the "Fruit and Veg" Quiz, the draw for which took place on 30th April. The winners were:

- 1st. Mrs M. Austin, 2, Drinkstone Rd., Beyton
- 2nd. Mrs Pritchard, Orchard View, Leys Rd., Tostock
- 3rd. Mrs Bean, 4 Pemberton Walk, Bury St. Edmunds.

On 3rd July the Youth Club ended its first season with a disco party. We meet again on Friday 10th September.

Mr and Mrs Buxton would like to thank Mr and Mrs V. Pettit, Mr and Mrs T. Hopkins, Mr and Mrs D. Beales, Mr. P. Block, Mrs G. Davey and Mr T. Tuffs for the help they have so kindly given over the past nine months.

CUBS.

The Cubs recently enjoyed an outing to a Jubilee Year Rally at Ipswich. Over 2,000 boys attended, joining in such activities as Mini-Olympics, Space Game, cooking pancakes etc., whilst a craft section made Indian head-dresses. A winner in the Space Game was Anthony Howlett.

At present we are working towards our Conservation Badge. The litter collecting around the village has been one part of this.

We urgently need one more full time leader and we would also welcome helpers. If anyone is prepared to help I would be most grateful. The pack cannot continue with only one leader and it would be a shame if so many keen boys were to be deprived of their pack meetings.

BRIDGE CLUB.

The Bridge Club enjoyed taking part in the Week of Victoriana and were pleased to donate the entire profit from the Whist Drive, £11-07½, to the Village Hall funds.

The Tuesday evening meetings have been suspended during the summer and the Club will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, 7th September.

ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND.

The annual House to House collection for the Institute realised £18-17. another very generous amount and one for which sincere thanks are offered to all supporters. Collectors were Mrs Stewart, Miss J. Brown and Mrs Spencer.

OVER 60 CLUB.

Many visitors much enjoyed the exhibition of Victoriana held in the Croft Community Room on Saturday, 26th June. A wide variety of exhibits was full of charm and interest and we are most grateful to those who loaned them for the day.

Members are reminded that there will be an outing to Lowestoft on Wednesday, 25th August. Note the date and apply for places to Mr Sage of Gweek Cottage, Leys Road.