



Sutton Poyntz Society

Affiliated to the Council for the Protection of Rural England (Dorset Branch)

Joyful Occasions

Mr Ernest Saunders, a founder member of the Society, was 90 years of age on 1st September. The Society congratulated him and gave him a copy of the new book "Weymouth through old Photographs".

Dorset Cream Teas on the Lawn and the customary summer Walk were enjoyed by all who participated, both in magnificent weather.

After all the lovely weather, final preparations for the Barbeque at the Springhead were made under grey and damp skies, although on the day the weather relented. About 300 people enjoyed the food and drink and the foot-tapping music of the Mill Street Jazz Band. The stalls, tombola and games for the children were also popular. From the proceeds, donations of £150 in total have been made to the W.D. Hospice Macmillan Service, Mrs Betty Austin's PAWS (animal welfare) and a newly-formed body called Trimar which aims to provide a local hospice for the terminally-ill.

The stone commemorating the village's centuries of existence is now in its accepted place overlooking the pond. Thanks to Mrs Lucy Thomas, Mrs Margaret Brown, Mrs Molly Hanson and Councillor Peter Harvey, whose kind donations paid for the installation.

Congratulations were sent to P.C. Rick O'Shea, our "Community Copper", when in August he was awarded the Chief Constable's Commendation for dealing with a nasty bout of loutish behaviour in Weymouth.

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Forthcoming Events

Please make a note now of:

Monday, 11th December - a talk and film on the Coastguard Service, with mulled wine and mince pies, in the Pavilion at the Springhead - 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 21st February 1990 - another welcome slide presentation by Mr Mick Shepherd in the Sutton Room (new name for the Mission Hall) - 7.30 p.m.

Perhaps next June the Society may be able to present an evening locally as part of the Thomas Hardy Celebrations.

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Planning

The Riding Stables - As mentioned last time, the Society put to the Council's Chief Planning Officer a number of comments on, and suggestions for improving, the plans submitted to the Council for development of this site. Those comments included what we thought were constructive ideas from a local architect - the only architectural input into the plans. Regrettably, in a report to the Planning Committee the Planning Department appeared virtually to dismiss most of the Society's comments, and letters to the Department have remained unanswered. Subsequent correspondence with the Chief Executive hasn't taken us much further. At the time of writing, nothing much appears to be happening

DCC Structure Plan - The County Council produced a report on mineral exploration and waste disposal. In view of the oil companies' conclusions on oil extraction in this part of Dorset, no comments on that aspect

seemed called for. But on waste disposal, the SPS Committee have reiterated the general concern about the Lodmoor tip - smells, methane, nuisances and slack supervision at times.

Overhead Wires, etc. - Renewed representations have been made, this time to the local authority, for at least some of the overhead cables and wires in the centre of the village to be "undergrounded" for aesthetic and environmental reasons; through the grapevine it was learned that financial assistance might possibly be available.

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Wessex Water's museum at the Pumping Station has been opened and is well worth a visit. There are fascinating photographs etc. of old Sutton Poyntz as well as interesting old machinery.

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The Borough Council wrote to the Society about possible amenity work to be undertaken by the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers. We have suggested that attention be given to some of the stiles over foot-paths, sections of Sutton Road (including the former Wesleyan chapel), and the old Roman bridge in Preston.

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Bus Services - Weymouth/Sutton Poyntz

After the end of September the Shuttle 'A' buses became quite erratic. Southern National have written to say that the service is:

Arrive Silver Street	Depart
09.59	10.00
thereafter every hour until -	
14.59	15.00

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Thanks to

- everyone who organised or helped with the Society's events this season and to all who supported them;
- many traders and individuals who kindly donated prizes for the tombola at the barbeque and for various raffles;
- villagers who are clearing up litter from near their homes;
- Mr Jack Noden-Wilkinson for renovating the Society's notice-frame by the pillar box.

No thanks to

- the Environmental Committee who somehow don't seem able to provide the two extra litter bins for the village we have asked for;
- the moron who, when the refurbished notice-frame was put back in position, filled the keyhole with pitch or whatever.

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Waste not, want not ...

Mrs Camiel Swords, "Claveens", Plaisters Lane, would be glad of almost anything which is salvageable and of possible use in the School. Waste paper is still being collected on behalf of St Francis of Assisi Church and can be left at the Vicarage, Canberra Road, Littlemoor.