



# Sutton Poyntz Society

*Affiliated to the Council for the Protection of Rural England*

## THE SOCIETY'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The A.G.M. will take place in the Mission Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 15th April. Nominations for Committee membership should be submitted to the Secretary (D Brierley, 3 Sutton Close - tel. 833244) by Wednesday 14th April. Following the meeting there will be a talk by Geoffrey Poole, the well-known polymath, on 'Dorset you may not have noticed'. Wine and soft drinks will be served.

## LOCAL STRUCTURE PLAN

At a meeting with local councillors and officers in October 1997, the Society was invited to submit its own proposals for Sutton Poyntz for consideration by the Borough Council for inclusion in the local structure plan when it is next revised by the Council early in the next Millennium. A great deal of detailed work has been undertaken by a SPS sub-committee in drawing up a report and reviewing the village structure. A final draft of this is nearing completion and will be on display at the A.G.M. before the final version is submitted to the Chief Planning Officer.

## OTHER PLANNING MATTERS - THE BARN, PUDDLEDOCK LANE

It is pleasing to report that the Chief Planning Officer has been informed that the Government Inspector has turned down Mr Seal's appeal against the original decision to refuse planning permission. The Society fought hard in support of the original decision; it is gratifying to know that we sometimes win an important battle!

## NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN - APRIL 1999

The National Spring Clean is an anti-litter campaign organised by Keep Britain Tidy Group to encourage individuals and groups from all walks of life to take pride in their local environment. If you wish to join in the official campaign, you can get a free 'Clean Up Kit' by telephoning the National Spring Clean hotline (0870 241 2441) to register for the free materials, or alternatively just take the unofficial line and clear up any litter or mess round the village.

## THE VILLAGE HALL

Following the village meeting in February, a Village Hall Management Committee has been set up under the chairmanship of Norman Brown, with the intention of taking over the lease of the Mission Hall from St Andrew's P.C.C. and developing the room as a village hall. Plans are being drawn up to apply for grants and to raise the required funding. The Society's representative on the Management Committee is Simon Emblen.

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## SOCIAL EVENTS

In addition to the talk by Geoffrey Poole at the A.G.M., it is intended to hold the following:

- a) Summer Walk - Once again, Richard Backwell has kindly arranged to organise this walk which will take place in June: date and details to be notified.
- b) Cream Teas - This popular event will be held in late July or early August on a Saturday afternoon. Details will be published nearer the time.
- c) Barn Dance - Arrangements are being made for a barn dance to take place at the end of September or early in October. Again, details will be published later on.

If members have any suggestions for events or speakers that they would like the Committee to consider, please pass them to Maureen Morris (at the Mill), the Social Secretary, who will be pleased to receive them, as new ideas are always being sought and will be welcomed.

## CELEBRATING THE MILLENNIUM

Members may be aware that a small working party has been set up to make suggestions on appropriate ways in which the village as a community can celebrate the Millennium. The working party consists of representatives of the Victorian Street Fayre Committee, the Village W.I. and the Society, under the chairmanship of Dave Caddy.

A list of suggestions currently being considered is being circulated with this Newsletter, seeking the views of residents and their support. The Society felt that a joint approach to co-ordinate the activities during the celebration period was most appropriate and would avoid wasteful competition or overlap. It is hoped that whatever emerges from these consultations and discussions will have the general backing of the village community.