



# Sutton Poyntz Society

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

## NOTICE OF THE SOCIETY'S A.G.M.

This will take place in the MISSION HALL on THURSDAY 6th APRIL at 7.30 pm Following the business there will be a talk by Mr Martin Fielding entitled 'My Life as a Vet - Dorset's answer to James Herriott'. Wine will be served.

### Nominations for Committee Membership and the offices of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

Members wishing to make nominations should return the slip (below) to the Secretary (Don Brierley, 3 Sutton Close, tel: 833244) by 2nd April.

The current Chairman, Michael Pressley, will not be standing for office, having served for the statutory three years. The Secretary, D. Brierley, would also be willing to stand down if someone wishes to be nominated as Secretary.

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## THE POND

Last year the condition of the pond gave cause for concern and the Society instituted a series of discussions with the Weymouth and Portland Borough Council, the Dorset Wildlife Trust and the Environment Agency to investigate the best way of protecting this central feature of Sutton Poyntz. It was agreed that, if nothing was done, the pond would deteriorate and possibly become silted up. Sides of the pond were in danger of breaking down, causing the destruction of the habitat of the protected water voles.

As a result of this co-operation, work has already started to remedy the problems and to enhance the interest of the pond for local people and visitors. The Wildlife Trust has commissioned work to provide 'spikes and faggots' to enable the planting of pond-side plants to take place, thus providing protection for the pond edges; this part of the project should be completed later this Spring. WPBC will manage the willows around the pond  
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### NOMINATIONS for Committee Membership and the offices of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer

I/We wish to nominate .....(who is willing, if elected, to serve) for membership of the Committee.

I/We wish to nominate .....(who is willing, if elected, to serve) for the office of ..... (Signed).....

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Members may nominate more than one person for Committee membership and someone for each of the offices.

Please return this form to the Secretary by 2nd April.

and ensure that the green verges adjacent to the water voles' holes will be left longer to give the voles added protection. Finally, the Wildlife Trust will ask Wessex Water for their co-operation in dredging the pond and tackling the silting problem.

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THE GREAT DORSET BEACH CLEAN, 2000

This will take place on SUNDAY 16th APRIL, 10 am - 12 noon. Volunteers are sought for local beaches at Bowleaze Coveaway, Osmington Mills and Ringstead. At each beach there will be a 'beachmaster' to issue sacks and instructions. Volunteers should take their own gloves. For further information please contact Dorset Countryside on 259292.

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BRITISH ASSOCIATION

A one-day symposium for National Sciences Week is to be held on SATURDAY 25th MARCH, from 10 am to 5 pm at Bournemouth University on:- Foods for Thought - the consumer challenge of genetically modified foods, or what do we do?

Bookings should be made to Anne Gifford, School of Conservation Sciences, Bournemouth University, Poole BH12 5BB - 01202 595255. Tickets are £4.50, including coffee, lunch and tea. (See the SPS Noticeboard for details of the programme).

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