



Sutton Poyntz Society

Affiliated to the Council for the Protection of Rural England

SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY NEWSLETTER No.92 March 2001.

NOTICE OF THE SOCIETY'S AGM.

This will take place in the MISSION HALL on THURSDAY, 19th.APRIL at 7-30 pm. Following the business there will be a talk by Mr. Roy Adam, of the Society of Dorset Men, who is well-known for the humour of his tales about life in Dorset. Wine will be served.

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

Members wishing to make nominations should submit them to the Secretary (D.Brierley, 3,Sutton Close, tel. 833244) before 18th. April.

The current Chairman and Treasurer are prepared to continue in office but the Vice-Chairman ,the Secretary and the Social Secretary will be standing down after the AGM.All the other Committee members are prepared to continue to serve.

OTHER EVENTS.

THURSDAY,8th. MARCH at 7-30pm. in the MISSION HALL.

RICHARD BACKWELL will give an illustrated talk on the activities of the Dorset Expeditionary Society.This should be a fascinating evening covering the exciting locations visited by the Society including the ascent of Mont Blanc.

THE RAT POPULATION.

Members will be aware from recent wide coverage on radio and in the newspapers that the rat population in the country as a whole is growing at an alarming rate.Experts attribute this to a series of mild winters, the proliferation of 'take away' meals and the associated dumping of left-over food that provide ideal conditions on which the rats thrive. In Sutton Poyntz the problem has been exacerbated by the growing number of people feeding the ducks around the pond.Not content with a few titbits, some visitors seem to distribute the output of entire bakeries, unaware that bread is not an ideal food for ducks but is perfect for the rats. Notices requesting people not to feed the ducks appear to have been ignored.These were put up by Dave Caddy and his colleagues who for years have cared for the ducks by providing the proper food for them . It is difficult to suggest a solution to this problem but every effort should be made to persuade people not to throw foodstuffs in and around the pond. In addition it would be helpful to report any sign of rat infestation to the Environmental Health Services (Pest Control) tel. no. 206432.

SUBSIDIZED FRIDGES AND FRIDGE-FREEZERS.

The Society has been asked to publicize this item in the Newsletter.

Southern Electricity has recently introduced a scheme providing fridges and fridge-freezers at low cost for people who are dependent on the state pension or other type of state benefit. The purpose of the scheme, in addition to helping those on low incomes, is to promote energy efficiency by replacing old appliances with new energy efficient ones that are less costly and wasteful to run. The trade-in cost of a new fridge is £25 and that of a fridge freezer £50. Full details available from Clarice Wickenden, Health Education Officer, Weymouth and Portland Borough Council. tel. no. 206432.