



Sutton Poyntz Society

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SUTTON POYNTZ WATER TREATMENT WORKS

The July Newsletter (no.58) mentioned the new treatment works which Wessex Water are to construct behind the existing buildings. Before the work proper began, an archaeological dig had to be undertaken; it was to have ended by early November but, because of the great importance of the finds, it was extended until Christmas. The site has evidence of occupation from Palaeolithic to late Medieval periods and is a rare find in Dorset. The findings will be published in due course.

Wessex Water have arranged an Open Day at the Works for local people to view the archaeology uncovered. It will be on Sunday, 5 December from 10 am to 3 pm. Experts from the Trust for Wessex Archaeology will be on hand to answer any questions.

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THE MILL HOUSE

Congratulations to Ian Critchell on being awarded a Certificate of Merit by Weymouth Civic Society - work which was referred to at the Sutton Poyntz Society A.G.M. with admiration. The "citation" by W.C.S. says:

A major rescue operation has ensured that this building, and the setting of the Mill, remain very much as they were, despite an earlier closure order on the Mill House which was in danger of collapse. Large sections of the house had to be taken down and rebuilt after extensive underpinning, involving the bridging of the tunnels carrying water from the mill race. The almost heroic scale of this work made for a difficult choice for the main Award between the House and Manor Farm, Wyke. On balance, however, the Panel (of judges) decided a Certificate of Merit to be appropriate in this case.

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"A CASTERBRIDGE IRONMONGER 1863 - 1966"

This is the title of a book about the owners of Thurmans of Dorchester and their staff. Recorded by the proprietor, it has been edited by Liz Rowbotham, who of course lives in Sutton Poyntz and is a daughter of the family. The book will be published shortly, price £4.50, and can be ordered from Liz, on 833004, or on 775191.

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VILLAGE FAIR 1994

An ad hoc Committee has been set up within the village to arrange the fair next June. The S.P.S. Committee will be co-operating as appropriate, including the use of Newsletters for publicity, etc. Richard Backwell is acting as liaison between the two committees.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY & PEACEFUL NEW YEAR TO ALL

