

## Summary note of Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Minutes and Newsletters

### 19/2/1968 – Planning meeting

To plan Inaugural Meeting of Society

Attended by Mrs Macdonald, Mr Samphier, Mrs Sutton, Mr Preswell, Mrs Shires, Mr & Mrs Litschi

Committee – 6 plus officers, with 3 places allocated for “natives of the village”

Discussion of sub-committees and working parties

Discussion of structure of Inaugural Meeting

### 5/3/1968 – Inaugural Meeting – Mission Hall

Chaired by L Samphier

50-60 residents – 17 apologies

Guest speakers, Col Wordsworth of CPRE and Mr Ricketts of Civic Society

Society – Objectives to “preserve the natural beauty of the area and protect it from unnecessary development”

Unanimous vote to form Society

Name: Sutton Poyntz Society preferred to Sutton Poyntz Preservation Society

Offer by Mr Townsend of room at Springhead Hotel for meetings

Committee – L Samphier (Chairman), Mrs J Litschi (Secretary), E Saunders (Treasurer), G Shires (Public Relations Officer), Mrs Mary Macdonald, Mr Hunt, Mrs Shires, Mr Henshaw, Mr Fullford, Mr Stillwell, Mr Litschi, Mr Branton, Mr Reed

The pond – Agreed to request Borough Council to remove stone island, and use stones to strengthen perimeter. Also to request Borough to protect pond from rubbish, and agreed to reinstate ducks.

Overhead cables – Concern about pylons in countryside

Planning – Control of materials to be used in new buildings

Litter – Control of rubbish

Traffic – Siting of Sutton Poyntz road-sign

Subscription – 10/- per household

### 11/3/1968 – Committee meeting – Springhead Hotel

Newsletter – to be edited by Mr Samphier

Press Officer – Mrs Shires appointed

The pond – Further work done on island by Borough. Borough intention now to lower island and plant with water plants as cover for fish. Agreed to invite Council Officer to meeting.

Planning – Agreed to invite Chief Planning Officer to next meeting, also to invite Cllr Taylor to sit on Committee. Information sought on planning applications, on house in Mission Hall Lane, and rumoured widening of Mission Hall Lane

Subscription – Collectors appointed

### April 1968 – Newsletter #1

Society – Confirmation of number at General Meeting, subscription, officers, committee (Messrs F Branton, V Hunt, R Read, C Fullford, A Litschi, P Henshaw, E Stillwell and Mesdames J Shires and M McDonald). Cllr Taylor agreed to serve as coopted member

Aims “To make every effort to maintain and improve upon the natural beauty of the village and to liaise with the CPRE and Civic Society to protect the area from unsightly and unnecessary development”

Pond – Parks Superintendent (Mr Saville) met at site. Council view that island will prevent silting by speeding flow. Agreed to test for one year

Urged regular cleaning and bank maintenance. Asked for seepage to be attended to.

Promise of 3 teak litter bins. Suggested second seat on verge opposite Springhead

Planning – Met planning officers and councillors on Development Plan

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Open meeting 30/4 at Mission Hall, with Borough Engineer, Mr Houseago

### 5/4/1968 – Committee meeting – Springhead Hotel

Apologies from Cllr Taylor, who had accepted co-option onto Committee

The pond – Meeting held with Council officer, who explained that object of pond was to prevent silting. Letters had been sent by Society and CPRE to Town Clerk.

Mention of putting ducks on pond.

Seat by pond – Agreed that this should be under willows.

Planning – New house in Mission Hall Lane; Planning Committee had requested changes to harmonise better with village

Proposed development off Puddledock Lane “towards Plaisters”. Hope that trees would not be felled as a result

Trees – Discussion of possible additional tree planting (a) along northern side of Winslow Road (b) round disused catholic chapel

Litter – one bin by each seat, and one by bus stop

Common Land – Mr Litschi making enquiries, but without success

Overhead cables – Survey to be carried out

Notice board – Mr Hunt had offered to make. Messrs Blakelock had agreed to siting on Cart Shed wall. Planning permission needed.

Traffic – Borough Engineer to be requested to move village sign to by bungalow ‘Poyntz o View’, and to repair broken signpost to show “Dorchester & Culliford Tree” and “Springhead & Pond”

Society – Draft rules to be circulated again

Meeting with Borough Engineer – Mission Hall to be hired for public attendance. Plan to display photos of old Sutton Poyntz

### 26/4/1968 – Committee meeting – Springhead Hotel

Mr Brown added to Committee

Newsletter – distributed

The pond – No reply from Town Clerk

Seats – Siting of seats and litter bins agreed with Council

Common land – No common land in village. “Mr Harber’s grass patch” believed to belong to Weld Estate

Notice board – Planning permission applied for

Planning – “Cantref” development; safety of access into Plaisters Lane to be discussed with Borough Engineer (Mr Houseago) at forthcoming meeting, along with retention of trees

Open Meeting – 30<sup>th</sup> April, with Mr Houseago.

Bus service – Concern at limited Sunday service. Letter to Traffic Commissioner

Society – Affiliation enquiries to Civic Society and CPRE

Disused Chapel – meeting held with Miss Guppy. Possibility discussed of being rented and used by Society

### 24/5/1968 – Committee meeting – Springhead Hotel

Society – Disused Chapel – Miss Guppy’s Agents had reported she did not want to lease the building. Letter to be written.

Affiliations – Affiliation to CPRE (fee 1 guinea) approved. No response yet from Mr Walmsley Lewis of Civic Society

Letter Heading – Picture of pond and cottages prepared for Mr Litschi. Approved

Bus Service – Bus company contacted, but no information yet on new timetable, due in June.

Letter to be written asking for skeleton Sunday service to be retained in winter

Subscriptions – Distaste expressed at calling door to door

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Bank account – Agreement to open account at Lloyds

Social Programme – Social Evening in July, and History Evening in autumn, agreed.

Entertainments Committee formed (Messrs Stilwell, Shires, Litschi, Reed)

Planning – Letter to be written to County Council requesting alert if planning application submitted for power station at Portland

The pond – Council to be contacted to get island planted up. Ducks discussed

Footpaths – Member (Mr Birchenough) to be contacted to mark footpaths

### **28/6/1968 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

The pond – Letter sent to Borough Engineer had not been received. Agreed that tree on island would not be sensible.

Ducks obtained by Mr Litschi. Mr Walden agreed to care for them – budget agreed

Common Land – Mr Harber had requested no action be taken to register land in front of Myrtle Cottage

Society – Disused Chapel – No response to letter

Bus service – Response received from Bus Company, ignoring Society's request for some Sunday service

Social Programme – Social arranged for 6/7, at Scutt Hall, with dancing and refreshments.

Wine from Devenish, with first glass supplied free. Band hired. Ladies to be approached for refreshments. Raffle.

Hardy Festival – request for volunteers to help at Kingston Maurward

### **16/8/1968 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Litter – Letter of thanks to Parks Department for bins

The pond – Trouble with water quality – fish removed temporarily. No response yet from Borough Engineer re island.

More ducks (white) provided.

Letter of thanks to Mr Hunt for duck house and for noticeboard.

Bus service – Survey to be carried out to establish likely winter Sunday useage

Planning – Response from County Council re Portland power station. No proposal had been made; when one was, there would be a public enquiry.

Newsletter – Sub-Committee created

Social programme – Tickets for next Social Evening to be sold beforehand, and at a higher price

Agreed to hold Jumble Sale, and also communal bonfire on 8/11.

Mr Ricketts to be contacted to give talk on “the village in modern society”.

Society – Membership cards with Society logo to be printed

### **September 1968 – Newsletter #2**

Membership more than 50 households

Planning – Over 50 present to hear Mr Houseago on planning. Display of old photographs

Opposition to oil-fired power station on Portland

Pond – Open meeting 30/4 with Mr Saville had agreed to let island stay for a year to see its effect

Ducks in place on pond. Fish to be returned when danger of oil seepage has passed

Litter bins in place. Also new seat

Retaining wall built where bank has tended to erode

Social – Eve of Hardy Festival social evening, making small profit. Catering by Mrs Branton, Mrs Brown, Mrs Borbyn, Mrs Johnson. Mr Corbyn as MC

Plans for History Evening, with intention of collecting memories and legends into a written history

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Jumble Sale to be held

Request for views on holding village Guy Fawkes evening

Society – Noticeboard on Cart Shed wall – Planning permission obtained! – Made by Mr Hunt

Membership card designed by Mr Litschi

Village – Village sign at boundary

Thanks to Mr Harbour for copy of his “History of Sutton Poyntz”

### **27/9/1968 – Committee meeting – Springhead Hotel**

Bus service – Concluded that there was no demand

Planning – Portland Power Station – Discussion of appointing representative now in case of a future public enquiry

Newsletter – ready for distribution

Social programme – Jumble Sale arranged for 16/11 in Scutt Hall. Bonfire to be in field behind waterworks

The pond – Still no response from Mr Houseago.

Society – Discussion of honorary membership for Mr Ricketts

Traffic – Road safety discussed, but deferred

### **1/11/1968 – Committee meeting – Springhead Hotel**

The pond – Still no response from Borough Engineer. Duck house not large enough – ask Mr Diment if he has a larger chicken house

Planning – Portland Power Station – Mr Shires appointed as representative should there be a public enquiry

Social programme – Planning for Jumble Sale and for bonfire night. £2 approved for fireworks. Mr Ricketts agreed to give talk, but date not fixed.

Discussion on Christmas drinks event

Society – Affiliation to Civic Society agreed

Countryside Act – Consultation meeting attended

### **6/12/1968 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

The pond – further letter to be written to Borough Engineer

Duck house will be made from old crates

Social programme – Successful events. Christmas party planned for 10/1 at the Springhead

Planning – Hopes that hillsides will be kept intact. Discussion of what information available on planning applications. Discussion of what it means to be a Conservation Area – Mr Ricketts’ views to be sought.

Footpaths – poor state discussed. Osmington Society suggestion of cleaning White Horse, but no decision made

### **24/1/1969 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

The pond – problems with retaining wall, which was preventing the ducks from getting out of pond. Island would be improved by water plants and shrubs – proposed that Society offer to procure these

Social programme – Date not suitable for Christmas drinks party

Planning – Report on review of planning application documentation at Planning Office.

Proposed that the Planning Register be inspected every month or so.

Society – Rules redrafted – copies to be distributed with next Newsletter

### **February 1969 – Newsletter #3**

Social – Talk 28/2 at Mission Hall by E J Ricketts, Deputy County Architect, on Sutton Poyntz

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Over £14 raised at Jumble Sale

Village Guy Fawkes evening revived old village custom. Bonfire arranged by Mr Saunders

Planning – Subcommittee reviewing information on Portland power station

Mr Samphia attended County Hall meeting on Countryside Act 1968

Attended series of 10 lectures by County Planning Officers on planning

Footpaths – Now marked by local authority, as required by Countryside Act

Pond – Retaining wall complete, in harmonious materials and style

Second duck house obtained by Mr Litschi. Mrs Branton arranging feeding. Mr Saunders gets them into house each evening

Society – Society rules drawn up and distributed, for comment at AGM

### **7/3/1969 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

The pond – Response from Borough Engineer

New duck coop procured

Society – AGM arrangements – CPRE film “Who cares for England” to be shown, and refreshments served

### **18/3/1969 – AGM – Church Hall, Sutton Poyntz**

Chairman’s Report – Society represents 55 households, and can give them stronger voice.

Social events. Thanks to Committee

Committee – L Samphier (Chairman), Mr Shires (Vice Chairman), Mrs J Litschi (Secretary), E Saunders (Treasurer), Mrs Hunt, Mrs J Morris, Mrs Shires, Mr Litschi, Mr Brown, Mr Mullins, Mr Phillips, Mr Branton

Rules – Adopted, with two amendments (giving Committee power to co-opt, and requiring notice for Special General Meeting). Rule 3 had been drafted to ensure control remains with residents

The pond – Discussion of island; agreed to circulate all members for views.

Subscriptions – reduced to 7/6

Society – Proposal for group to compile village history

Planning – not against development in places allowed under county Plan, but should be in keeping with village

### **10/4/1969 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

The pond – Discussion of a referendum on the island. Agreed to poll the whole village, not just members. Referendum to be carried out by collectors when they collect subscriptions. Agreed that island, if retained, should be planted up by the Society. Advice to be sought about suitable types of plant, with wildlife in mind.

Subscriptions – Village divided between 7 collectors.

Social programme – Discussion of Barbecue, but thought to be too ambitious at present.

Agreed to run Social Event at Scutt Hall in June/July, similar to previous year but with higher charge. Sub-committee appointed, including Mrs Brown and Mr Reed who were to be co-opted onto the committee.

Footpaths – Footpath “in Plaisters Lane” had had barbed wire put across. Mr Saunders to investigate, with Mrs Kimber whose land it adjoined

Cart Shed – Present firm leaving. Thought essential to ensure, through Planning Office, that newcomers were not allowed too many evening & weekend working hours.

Planning – Mr Samphier agreed to monitor applications

AGM – Report had been mangled “with sensationally misleading headlines” by the Echo

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### 14/5/1969 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)

Residential caravan site – Meeting attended. Public enquiry scheduled, and would be attended. Agreed to alert CPRE and Civic Society.

The pond – Referendum concluded, in favour of island. Letter to be written to Borough Engineer informing him of result, thanking Parks Department for improvements to perimeter, requesting that no embellishments be added that would detract from natural appearance, and alerting of seepage by the seat.

£10 allocated for planting of island, using list of species obtained. Parks Department agreement had been obtained.

Social programme – Problems hiring Scutt Hall for social event, and obtaining music licence.

Cart Shed – Present occupants leaving in October, to be followed by a Printer. Agreed to wait before contacting Town Clerk nearer the time about working hours

Footpaths – Stile put up by Mr Saunders

Planning – Request submitted to Echo to print lists of applications

Sunnyfields – Request to be submitted for signposts directing to Sunnyfields

Overhead wires – Information being sought about how this dealt with in America

Traffic – Concern at location of de-restriction sign up Plaisters Lane. Enquiry would be submitted about moving this to top of Lane

Conservation Area – Information to be sought about whether Sutton Poyntz was a Conservation Area

Civic Society – Invitation to be sent for them to ‘walk the village’

### 9/7/1969 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)

Caravan in Puddledock Lane – Enquiry report awaited. Society thanked by Sunnyfield members for efforts

The pond – Duck feeding arrangements; £6 per year allocated for their food

Committee membership – Mr Branton resigning

Social programme – Had not been possible to run social in July, but alternate date proposed in September

Cart Shed – Request to be sent to Cllr Taylor, asking that working hours should not be allowed to increase, and asking for noise insulation of machines

Overhead wiring – Information received, but costs “fantastic”

Traffic – Highways authority survey of speeding; not enough speeding to justify further action.

Request to be submitted for extension of double yellow lines near Sutton Rd/Preston Rd junction

Conservation Area – Talk to be attended. Hillsides protected under Coastal Preservation Scheme, where only agricultural development permitted. Proposed that map showing areas of village worthy of conservation should be prepared.

Civic Society – Walk had been arranged, but poorly attended. Thanks to be sent to Mr Lamb and Mr Keegan for opening mill and waterworks.

Old Chapel – This had been let by Miss Guppy to Mrs Pitman for horses

Society – “Again stressed that the Society could not settle disputes between members”, citing boundary dispute between Kemp and Townshend.

### August 1969 – Newsletter #4

Society – AGM attended by 40 members – subscription reduced – Officers and Committee elected (L Samphier, L Shires [sic], Mrs J Litschi, E Saunders, F Branton, Mrs J Morris, N Brown, W R Mullins, Mrs Hunt, W Phillips, F Litschi, Mrs Shires)

Membership 65 households

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Pond – Not enough at AGM for vote on island. Committee collected views from almost all households – 80% voting in favour of island

Footpaths – Stile built by Mr Saunders at start of footpath up hill from Plaisters Lane, with Mrs Kimber's permission

Footpath map available

Planning – Represented at public enquiry, opposing residential caravan

Seeking to have village designated as Conservation Area

Social – Walk through village with Civic Society, earning a lot from Mr Wamsley Lewis. Mill opened and operated by Mr Lamb. Waterworks and museum opened by Mr Keegan

Second Social Evening 20/9 in Scutt Hall, organised by Mrs J Morris

### 10/9/1969 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)

Committee – Mr Pressly be approached to fill gap left by Mr Branton

Social programme – Arrangements for social event in progress, but problems with licensing of Scutt Hall. Tickets 4/6

Conservation Area – Subcommittee to ascertain which buildings listed

Caravan on Plaisters Lane – Enquiry had dismissed appeal to put permanent caravan on site adjoining farm

Trees – Tree Conference to be attended

### 8/10/1969 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)

Social Programme – Social event held successfully, apart from fact that Scutt Hall piano was unplayable – pianist had been cancelled at last moment. Request to Scutt Hall for reduction of fee had been refused.

Agreed to hold village bonfire night on 5/11, and Jumble Sale in January. County Archivist would be invited to give talk

Committee – Mr Pressly declined. Other people would be contacted

Cart Shed – Reply received from Cllr Taylor

### 11/11/1969 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)

Committee – No new members found

Sunnyfields signpost – ordered by Borough

Social programme – Bonfire night very successful – 50 people, and 12 boxes of fireworks donated

County archivist had accepted invitation. Date set for 20/2

Winfrith outing arranged for 17/1

Cart Shed – Assurances from Town Clerk as to working hours and noise

### February 1970 – Newsletter #5

Planning – Discussion with County Planning Office – County considering Sutton Poyntz as possible Conservation Area under 1967 Act, to help preserve whatever is special. Society suggesting having policy on minimum flow through pond

Pond – Borough Engineer investigating seepage from south-west corner of pond

Traffic – Local Authority have promised sign at Sutton Rd junction saying “Puddledock Lane leading to Sunnyfields”

Social – Successful social in September, paid for itself

Guy Fawkes night – safer than individual events – hot dogs

20 people visited Winfrith

Talk by Miss N Holmes, County Archivist 20/2 at Mission Hall

Society – Watch out for notices on noticeboard

Village – Tree conference organised by CPRE attended by Mr Litschi



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### **3/2/1970 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Social programme – Winfrith outing successful

Conservation – Meeting with County Preservation officer. No Conservation Areas proposed by Weymouth, but Civic Society had made submission. Full scale map would be provided to allow Society to make submission

AGM – Discussion of officers and committee

The pond – Ducks “placed on the pond including a drake who chased the Society ducks off the island”. Mr Saunders deputed “to deal with this tricky situation”.

Seepage still a problem – letter to be written to Borough Engineer

### **3/3/1970 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

The pond – Letter written

Traffic – Letter written on parking at Sutton Rd/Preston Rd junction

AGM – Film to be shown

Social programme – Interesting talk by County Archivist

Weymouth Town Plan – Welcomed; “time some plan was put into action”

### **24/4/1970 – AGM – Mission Hall**

Chairman’s Report – Membership risen to nearly 60. Regular Newsletters. Jumble Sale and Fireworks.

Treasurer’s Report – Balance £20-8-2 (up 7/11 on last year). 50 paid up members.

Conservation – Society aim to have village “designated area for conservation”.

Committee – Mr G Shires (Chairman), Mr N Brown (Vice-Chairman), Mrs J Litschi (Secretary), Mr E Saunders (Treasurer), Mrs J Shires (Press Agent), Mr W Mullins, Mr H Hacket-Jones, Mr Howells, Mr F Litschi, Mr C Cox, Mr G Pelley, Mr L Samphier, Mrs J Morris, Mrs M Hunt

Aims of Society – Listed as (i) village conservation (ii) improve and maintain village beauty (iii) entertaining education on village life, architecture, environment etc. (iv) collect village history (v) Social gatherings for village

State of village – Litter in Puddledock Lane and path to Bridge Inn

Footpaths – Field off Puddledock wired off for bulls – was this a right of way

Landscaping – Idea of trees to screen Winslow Road houses

Pond – More ducks proposed

### **18/5/1970 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Pond – further contact with Borough on seepage

Traffic – Another letter to be written asking for yellow lines from junction to Scutt Hall

Conservation – Good response from County re Sutton Poyntz Conservation Area proposal. Larger area suggested by Officers – Society thoughts sought. Proposal to form sub-committee.

Footpaths – Field with bulls was not a right of way

Social Programme – Proposals for Tea Party at Bramble Patch in June; Social Evening in September; Jumble Sale.

Traffic – Borough to be contacted re dangerous bend signs and 30 mph limit on Plaisters Lane

Landscaping – Offer of tree

### **June 1970 – Newsletter #6**

Social – Talk by County Archivist – evidence of present-day Sutton Poyntz families from 19<sup>th</sup> C records

Film “Environment in the Balance” and display on Conservation plans at AGM



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Tea on the Lawn 20/6 at Bramble Patch (Mr & Mrs J Morris)

Jumble Sale in July

Committee – As above

### **2/9/1970 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Traffic – Borough Watch Committee to consider yellow line proposal

Plaisters Lane signs will also be considered by Borough. Further information on accidents to be passed to Borough, with request for sign at top banning heavy traffic

Conservation – Further contacts to be initiated with County. Agreed to form Sub-Committee. Proposal to invite County Officer to speak to village meeting.

Social Programme – Tea Party successful – thanks to Mr & Mrs Morris.

Agreed to hold Skittles Evening at Springhead in November – Mr Townsend to be contacted.

Planning for Fireworks Evening on 5/11.

Osmington Society event calendar to be obtained. People urged to take part in Civic Society events.

Ideas for future talks.

Pond – No replanting thought necessary. Idea of weir discussed.

Noticeboard – Has fallen down and will be reinstalled.

Christmas Cards – To be designed.

### **14/10/1970 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Traffic – Yellow line proposal agreed by Watch Committee, and now to be laid before Town Council.

Noticeboard – Reinstalled

Social Programme – Social evening at Springhead on 14/11. Subsidy by Society agreed (cost 6/8 per person, charge 5/-)

Fireworks in Saunders field, with hot dogs for sale.

Talk by County Officer on Conservation in New Year.

Talk by Weymouth's Chief Librarian suggested.

Christmas Cards – deferred to early next year.

Footpaths – Concern about paths being ploughed and mis-signed

Concern about state of River Jordan bridge under Sutton Road

### **8/12/1970 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Social Programme – Social evening a success. Also fireworks night – sparklers particularly enjoyed.

Proposal for skittles evening against Osmington Society, provisionally 8/1.

Conservation – Mr Scutt had agreed to address village.

Fears that field between Waterworks and Plaisters Lane (owned by Miss Guppy and rented to Saunders') could "fall into hands of developers".

History – Chief Librarian (Mr West) will attend discussion group with committee members, perhaps also with Mr Ricketts.

Footpaths – Concern over ploughing by Mr Diment over right of way.

Weymouth Quatercentenary – Involvement discussed without conclusion.

Traffic – Request to be put for SLOW signs at Plaisters Lane bends.

### **28/1/1971 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Footpaths – Mr Brown will discuss footpath to Bincombe with Mr Diment when weather is better.

Weymouth Quatercentenary – Too late for village involvement.

Social Programme – Skittles against Osmington was success and should be repeated.

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History – Address planned on 19/2 by Mr Putnam on archaeological finds.

### February 1971 – Newsletter #7

Social – Mr W G Putnam, local archaeologist, with theories of origins of Sutton Poyntz, 19/2 Mission Hall

Tea on the Lawn at Bramble Patch (Mr & Mrs Morris) – hope for another this year with another glorious sunny day

Good profit from Jumble Sale

Bonfire night, coinciding with dustmans strike

Social Evening at Springhead Hotel, ending with all singing Nellie Dan around the piano  
Committee challenged to skittles match by Osmington Society, and lost

Planning – Mr Scutt, Deputy County Planning Officer, on 1967 Conservation Act – 19/3 Mission Hall

Traffic – Concern over safety of Preston/Sutton Rd junction, and Plaisters Lane. Luckily not many accidents

Pond – Not yet possible to say if measures taken by Council have sorted seepage

Cards – Osmington Society produce Christmas Cards. Ones for SP being investigated

Society – History Group research. Village cross? Old manor house? Where was the Chapel?  
How old is your house?

### 2/4/1971 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)

Footpaths – Reference to Mr Brown's proposed meeting with Mr Diment removed from minutes. Mr Diment's land had been restored after ploughing, but not Mr Pashen's.

Proposed to prepare map and leaflet showing footpaths.

Traffic – 3 SLOW signs have been defaced!

After objections from users of Scutt Hall, request for yellow lines will now extend only to start of Scutt Hall boundary.

Social Programme – Film "Between the Tides" to be shown after AGM

Pond – Seepage would be discussed with Borough Engineer again.

Verge had narrowed considerably, due to lorries.

Wire mesh needed cleaning.

### 16/4/1971 – AGM – Mission Hall

Society – Importance of Society stressed, as SP peripheral to Weymouth, with no Parish Council

Treasurer's Report – Balance of £36.54. Subscription set at 35 NP (new pence)

Committee – Mr H Hackett-Jones (Chairman), Mrs J Morris (Vice Chairman), Mrs J Litschi (Secretary), Mr E Saunders (Treasurer), Mr A Pelley (Press Agent), Cdr Fenton (Membership Secretary), Mr Shires, Mrs Shires, Mr N Brown, Mr F Litschi, Mr C Cox, Mr Pressly, Mr Presswell, Mr H Bullen, Mrs H Hunt

History – Help needed with correlation and typing

Village – Request for Silver Street to be tidied, and stream widened.

### 14/5/1971 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)

Conservation – Conservation Area designation likely later in the year. Letter of thanks to Mr Scutt for address on conservation, with agreement to the proposed Conservation Area.

Traffic – Yellow lines attend of Sutton Road agreed by Council.

Pond – Wire mesh has been cleaned

A hole has been found in the bridge.

Social Programme – "Tea on the Lawn" to be held on 19/6 at Staddles (Mr & Mrs Wright)

Return skittles match against Osmington arranged provisionally for 22/5

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Film show "Welcome to Weymouth" to be arranged. Other films for future events to be identified

Approach to Mr Jones of Dorset Agricultural College for talk in September.

Social event to be held at Scutt Hall, provisionally on 13/11

Society – Headed notepaper procured

### June 1971 – Newsletter #8

Planning – Mr Scutt talk in March; expecting designation as Conservation Area during 1971, after which Conservation Policy drawn up. Ideas sought

Committee – as above

Finance – Subscription reduced to 35p per household

Traffic – Slow signs in Plaisters Lane – some then painted out – sad case of non-cooperation between authorities

With help of Cllr Mrs Litschi, seeking extension of no parking at Preston Rd junction to reduce danger from cars parked by phone box

New signposts marking Puddledock and Plaisters

Village – Society presented with two aerial photos by HMS Osprey

Social – Talk by Mr Putnam crowded to the door. Members urged to join History Group

Film "Between the tides" shown after AGM

Tea on the Lawn 19/6 at Staddles (Mr & Mrs Wright)

Mr Jones of Agricultural College on Small Gardens, 24/9 Mission Hall

Social Evening 13/11

Boat trip on Weymouth Belle 17/7, joint with Osmington Society

### 16/7/1971 – Committee meeting – Amenbury (Mr & Mrs Hackett Jones)

Village – Found that the stream was the responsibility of the Mill owners. To be contacted.

Social Programme – "Tea of the Lawn" very successful. Thanks sent to Mr & Mrs Wright.

Skittles enjoyed, but SP lost.

Scutt Hall booked on 13/11 for Social

Mr Jones booked on 24/9 for talk "The small garden"

Planning – Confirmed that 6 or 7 houses to south and west of new road would be acceptable, but present plans too suburban in character. Planning Office to be contacted, and discussions with Mr Scutt, to get support for preserving rural character of village.

Society had been consulted about name. Old Bincombe Lane and Rimbury Way proposed by Mr Litschi – Old Bincombe Lane preferred.

Sub-committee formed to deal with planning matters – Chairman, Secretary, Mrs Hunt, Mr Shires, Mr Bullen, Mr Brown

Christmas Cards – Printing to be procured

### 27/7/1971, 10/8/1971, 31/8/1971 – Planning sub-committee

Development (Old Bincombe Lane) – Site visit by Planning Committee, who wish for "village type" development. Rough sketch by Planning Officer, showing road on north side of plot. Thought this might be acceptable.

Developer offered three ideas, of which Planning Office rejected two (F and G). Third (B) acceptable with modifications. Sub-committee agreed that F and G were unacceptable, but wanted more changes to B, with road on north side of plot, and more compact development to south and west of road.

Sub-committee commissioned architect (Mr Jeffcoate) to draw up rough lay-out of what village would accept. This was sent to Planning Officer and to County Council.

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### **17/8/1971 – Extra Committee Meeting – Amenbury (Mr & Mrs Hackett Jones)**

Planning – Agreement to commission Mr Jeffcoate to produce counter-proposal. Fee £50.

Donations of £5 offered by five Committee members.

Society – Finances discussed – fund-raising to restore finances will be required.

Newsletter – To be produced.

### **September 1971 – Newsletter #9**

Planning – Proposed development 1 $\frac{2}{3}$  acres behind Dolphins with access by farm barn roughly opposite end of Silver Street. Outline permission had been granted for 6 houses. Second application for 9. Opposed by Society as too suburban in layout, and with no room for landscaping. Society commissioned architect to provide alternative plan; cost £50 shared between Society and some members. Architect wrote “that the distinguishing feature of a village is its variety, that new inhabitants should come from a cross section of society and that the size and type of house should differ accordingly”. Developer has asked Society to propose name for development – “running as this does over part of the old route to Bincombe” [sic], Old Bincombe Lane was suggested

Footpaths – Complaints about blockages to rights of way off Puddledock, taken up by Borough Engineer’s Department

Pond – “Water Authority seem to be withholding every drip” – pond looking its very worst when summer visitors here to see it.. “Grateful to the pondsider who saved the life of the fish recently by turning a garden hose into the brackish slime”. Health issue as well as aesthetic. Written to Dorset Water Board, and negotiations continue

History – Wood for Church lych gate from Court House. Was there a set of stocks by the pond?

Social – “Small Gardens” talk by Mr Jones of Agricultural College 24/9 Mission Hall  
Social Evening 13/11

### **10/9/1971 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Village – Silver Street cleaned as far as Number 3. Mill has no rights of obtaining water.

Planning – Old Bincombe Lane adopted as name. Agreed to issue press release.

History – Letter from Ontario offering assistance

Pond – Letter from Water Board. Assistance to be sought from Corporation “in view of the dreadful state of the pond”.

Recent repair to pond wall done with sandbags rather than stone

Social Programme – Sub-committee of Mr & Mrs Brown, Mrs Hunt, Mr Presswell, Mrs Morris, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Metcalfe, to organise November social event. Possibility of a band to be investigated. Price to be set to make small profit.

Bonfire night to be held 5/11.

Jumble Sale in March for fund raising.

Christmas Cards – To be designed

### **19/11/1971 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Pond – Meeting held with Town Clerk. Water Board entitled to take water, but Town Clerk will consider idea of metered supply to boost flow in summer. Letter to be written to Town Clerk, raising again the question of seepage and asking him to consider issue of Compensation Flow.

Mr Shires will carry out study to work out the minimum volume and flow needed for the pond.

Social Programme – Social evening was enjoyable, and raised £12 for Society funds.

Bonfire night had slightly lower attendance than 1970.

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Jumble Sale to be in Preston Village Hall provisionally 18/3. Decided to have "Too good for Jumble" stall, perhaps at Cart Shed

Film on Conservation proposed for after AGM

Village skittles evening planned provisionally for 29/1 at Springhead

Christmas Cards – No progress. Defer to next year

Conservation – Mrs Shires appointed chairman of Conservation sub-committee, and asked to find members.

TV reception – Reception of BBC2 discussed. Will try to get free survey of reception in village

### 14/1/1972 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)

Christmas Cards – Samples being obtained from Jeffereys (printers)

TV reception – Appeared to be improved with use of available pylons

Conservation – Mr Pressley and Mrs Brown have joined sub-committee. Request for photographs

### 10/3/1972 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)

Pond – Correspondence with Avon & Dorset Water Board

Calculations of required flow completed. Needs 3000-5000 galls per day, if seepage is prevented. Calculations will be provided to Councillor for use at Parks Committee.

Conservation – Sub-committee completed with addition of Mr Saunders.

Conservation Area status had been confirmed.

Planning – Good progress reported on Old Bincombe Lane development

Beef unit in Puddledock Lane thought necessary, but hopes that materials would be controlled.

Social programme – 200 leaflets distributed advertising Jumble Sale. Excellent response to request for jumble items. Agreed to advertise in Echo. Entrance 2p.

Traffic – Discussions between Mrs Litschi and Cllr Hall on Puddledock Lane, which Cllr Hall believed was a Public Highway and should be made up. Sympathy over "dreadful condition of the lane", but Cllr Hall to be asked for evidence.

Request to County Council to be repeated for "Unsuitable for heavy traffic" sign at top of Plaisters Lane

### 21/4/1972 – AGM – Mission Hall

Conservation – Delight at designation as Conservation Area. Request for ideas for improvement under Conservation Act.

Treasurer's Report – Balance of £60.37, thanks to Jumble Sale and donations towards architect's fee. Importance stressed of need to maintain good balance as fighting fund.

Committee – George Shires (Chairman), Mrs Joan Morris (Vice Chairman), Mrs J Litschi (Secretary), Mr E Saunders (Treasurer), Mrs Hunt, Mrs Shires, Mr Litschi, Mr Cox, Mr Bullen, Mr Fenton, Mr Pressley, Mr Brown, Mr Hackett-Jones, Mrs Brown, Mr Hailes. Mr Presswell appointed as Auditor.

Short film "A future for the past", and talk on Conservation by Mr Wykes of the County Planning Office.

### May 1972 – Newsletter #10

Planning – Conservation Area status achieved. Conservation Policy being drafted  
Old Bincombe Lane developer accepted scheme more like Society's, with sympathetic materials, suitable site plan, and variety in size and type of house

Committee – As above

Traffic – Warnings at ends of Plaisters; improved Sutton Rd/Preston Rd junction

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Pond – Neither Water Authority nor Local Authority has any control over deprivation of water for pond. “Pond is the core of the Conservation Area, the key to the charm of the village”. Aim for minimum, quite modest, supply of water at all times except declared drought

Social – Small Gardens talk poorly attended

Successful bonfire night, organised by Mr Pressly

Outstanding social evening in November at Scutt Hall, organised by Mrs Brown

Bumper Jumble Sale in March, organised by Mr Litschi

### **19/5/1972 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Pond – Mr Shires paper on summer stagnation of pond. Society willing to pay for meter if Corporation able to pay for water needed. Agreed to send paper (slightly modified) to members of Parks Committee

Traffic – Heavy Traffic sign now placed at top of Plaisters Lane

Christmas Cards – The Constable picture had not proved satisfactory, and the block had been passed to the Church for their use. Sub-committee formed: Mrs Brown, Mr Cox, Mrs Morris, Mr Litschi

Committee – Mrs Litschi and Mrs Shires to act as Press Agent. Mr Fenton to continue as Membership Secretary. Services of Alison Brown and Mr Pressley offered in making posters

Social Programme – Visit proposed to Lulworth Castle, with tea at Woolbridge Manor.

Tea on the Lawn – Mrs Macdonald will be approached.

### **14/7/1972 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Pond – Corporation agreed to pay for water supply. Agreed to contribute £20 towards cost of meter. Write to Borough Engineer reminding him that pond is still leaking, recommending that the deep end of the pond be dug out to at least 1 foot, and asking that the meter should not be on Water Board land.

Social Programme – Still trying to arrange date for Lulworth Castle visit.

Tea on the Lawn plans abandoned; decided to hold evening Sizzle on 16/9 in Mrs Morris' garden.

Contact to be made on possible film shows

Autumn Social set provisionally for 18/11

Christmas Cards – Proposal to hold village competition for design

White Horse – Osmington Society to be contacted to see what plans for cleaning

### **18/8/1972 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Pond – Council thanks for contribution towards water meter

White Horse – Osmington Society have plans for cleaning

History – All Weld Estate records are in County Archive.

Proposal for short guide to Sutton Poyntz for visitors

Christmas Cards – Aerial views had been assessed, but not suitable. Artist being contacted.

Social Programme – Scutt Hall booked for 18/11 for annual Social

Visit to Lulworth Castle now arranged for 11/11

Plans for village Barbecue on 16/9. Offer of beer and home-made wine.

Suggestion of showing Mr Litschi's slides of village and Poyntz family after AGM

Village – Residents in Sutton Court Lawns wish to plant more trees. To be checked with Planning Authority



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### **27/10/1972 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Social Programme – Barbecue successful. Thanks to Mr & Mrs Morris for hospitality, and to Mesrs Litschi, Nicklen and Fenton for beer and wine. Offer from Mr & Mrs Loveland to host next year

Mr Litschi's slide show viewed

Lulworth Castle visit cancelled at request of Weld Estate. To be re-scheduled

Fireworks to be organised. £2 allocated for fireworks

Annual Social arrangements – tickets 40p

Christmas Cards – Proofs viewed. 1000 to be ordered at 3.3p, to be sold at 5p. £10 fee to Mr Jepson, the artist

History – Thanks to Rev Tanner for dedication in his booklet

Footpaths – Style next to Wyndings damaged during hedge-cutting

Gate put across footpath entrance at riding stables. Miss Pitman to be contacted.

### **19/1/1973 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Social Programme – Bonfire night and annual Social held successfully. Profit of £8.51 at Social

Lulworth Castle visit to be arranged

Christmas Cards – First 1000 sold. 400 more ordered.

Footpaths – Miss Pitman happy to remove gate. Discussion of footpath signage. Proposal to issue leaflet on footpaths, including distances

Pond – Water supply installed and to be checked before summer season. Other issues (seepage, untidy island) to be addressed when water supply checked

### **February 1973 – Newsletter #11**

Village – Ideas sought for locations in National Plant a Tree Year. Mr Saville has offered expert advice. Mr Saunders has offered site by Old Court House

Planning – “Instant village” was one comment on Society's ideas for Old Bincombe Lane, but we prefer that to “instant suburbia”

Pond – Local Authority agreed to provide metered supply to pond. Society voted £20 towards cost of installation

Social – Hope to have film “George's dilemma” after AGM 13/4 in Church Room

Visit to Lulworth Castle 14/4 (postponed from autumn)

Bonfire organised by Mr Fenton and Mr Pressly

Sausage Sizzle and Mr & Mrs Morris's, with home brewed liquid refreshment

Social Evening packed, organised by Mrs Brown and Mrs Loveland

Cards – Society Christmas Card (“The Old Mill”) sold over 1000 copies. Ideas being developed for next year

### **30/3/1973 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Footpaths – Map obtained from County Hall. Discussion of “footpaths required”. Wooden sign to be produced for White Horse Lane.

Pond – Water Board proving “uncooperative”. Proposal that Corporation foreman will inspect pond twice weekly and turn supply on when needed. Society would prefer checking to be done by village.

Social Programme – Amateur films to be shown after AGM, along with beer and curry

Sausage Sizzle to be held at Mrs Loveland's on 2/6

Walk planned for 29/4 to “trace” the footpath to Bincombe

Ladies' Walk (22/6 evening) to Sunray – gentlemen to meet the ladies at the Sunray

Talk planned in October by Mr Jeffcoate

Carol Singing Expedition planned for just before Christmas



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Christmas Card – 1973 card design approved

### **13/4/1973 – AGM – Church Hall, Sutton Poyntz**

Treasurer's Report – Balance of £68.05, including £20 to be paid to Corporation when pond supply working

Society – Delight that about 70 members were attending AGM

Committee – Mrs J Litschi (Chairman), Norman Brown (Vice Chairman), Mrs J Shires (Secretary), Mr E Saunders (Treasurer), Mr H Hackett Jones (Press Officer), Mr B Fenton (Membership Secretary), Mrs Hanson, Mrs Brown, Mrs Metcalfe, Mrs Morris, Mr Galpin, Mr Bullen, Mr Pressley, Mr Scott, Mr Wright

Social Programme – Slide show by Mr Litschi, along with jacket potatoes and curry sauce and home-made beer and wine

### **27/4/1973 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Pond – No progress

Social Programme – Bincombe walk postponed to 20/5. Peter Diment would be contacted about route

Numbers to be limited to 50 for Sausage Sizzle at Mrs Loveland's request. Discussion of how to restrict numbers. Agreed to have separate events for Committee and spouses (at Mrs Loveland's), and then for members (provisionally 7/7 at the Scutt Hall)

Two offers of location for Tea on the Lawn

Discussion of how to run events, given increasing membership

### **15/6/1973 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Pond – Further contact with Borough Engineer about keeping the pond area tidy, and the pond full

Social Programme – Tea on the Lawn to be held 4/8 at Mrs MacDonald's  
Cheese & Wine to be held 7/7 at Scutt Hall

### **12/9/1973 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

The Mill – Keep out signs had been erected. After discussion with Mr Meech and Town Clerk, they had been required by the Borough Engineer and Water Board. Agreed to accept this reluctantly, rather than the alternative of fencing

Pond – Weir had been raised by Local Authority, but they seemed to recognise this was an error. Local Authority may also be coming to view that island had been a mistake – unanimously welcomed by Committee (subject to consultation with Ernest Saunders).

Planning – Advertising signs had appeared by golf course, temporarily for an event. Golf course and County Council will be contacted.

Proposal to redesignate small parcel of land near Malt Cottages to be considered by Planners soon. Concern expressed – more details will be obtained

Question of seat for the green at Old Bincombe Lane – to be checked whether this is included in the developer's plans.

Village Concern expressed at Estate Agents mis-ascribing the name Sutton Poyntz to houses outside the village

Christmas Cards – Ordered

Social Programme – Annual Social being organised – date still to be decided  
Fireworks to be organised.

Idea of Victorian Music evening to be investigated

Carol singing in front of the Springhead to be organised 21/12

Committee – Mr Scott agreed to take over as Secretary, to allow Mrs Shires enough time for Conservation sub-committee.

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### October 1973 – Newsletter #12

Pond – This summer, Local Authority supply has prevented pond drying out. Proper attempt to be made soon to stop seepage at bottom end. Island is to be removed – Committee feel it was “misconceived, an untidy and unnatural eyesore, and that without it uninterrupted reflections can have full play”

Village – Keep Out notices at Mill, according to Mr Meech were at the instructions of Water Board concerned at danger to children. Accepted reluctantly

Society asked successfully for Came Down Golf Course to remove their large signs

Planning – Concern at redesignation of small parcel of white land behind Malt Cottages.

Understand this is in exchange for developer not developing on knoll within development site

Footpaths – Walk to establish route of footpath to Bincombe, with landowner’s cooperation.

Need to respect crops emphasised

Social – Ladies Walk to Osmington, with Mr Saunders – spouses awaiting them at Sunray!

Tea on the Lawn at Smithy Cottage (Mrs McDonald)

Bonfire Night, by permission of Mr Saunders. Being organised by Mr Pressly

Social Evening 17/11 Scutt Hall. Tickets from Mrs Brown, Cob Cottage

Plans for Victorian Music evening, and show of pre-war film of SP

Carol singing around village 21/12

Cards – Copies of last years card still available. This year’s card old print of pond and cottages

### 9/10/1973 – Committee meeting – 11 Old Bincombe Lane (Mr & Mrs Scott)

Planning – Agreement to white land proposal near Puddledock Lane, but hope that this does not establish precedent

Signs at golf course had gone

Social Programme – Annual Social being organised for 17/11. Tickets 50p.

Bonfire night being organised 3/11

Film of village by Mr Waite to be shown at future date

Christmas Cards – Initial order received, for sale at 5p

### 27/11/1973 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)

Planning – Covenant placed by Council on the reserved land near Puddledock Lane

Upwey Society being formed

Social Programme – Annual Social made a small profit. Discussion of whether to restrict attendance to members

Carol singing to be in aid of Mentally Handicapped Children

Pond – Council have agreed to dredge pond and remove island. Promised £20 will be paid to Council when this is complete

Society – Noticeboard to be repaired

### 14/1/1974 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)

Social Programme – Carol singing had raised £11.64, donated to Cheshire Homes

Showing of film on Sutton Poyntz arranged for 25/1

Proposal to do part performance of The Trumpet Major at the AGM. £5 allocated for costs

Society – New noticeboard built, and to be installed

Planning – Two more bulk tanks being fitted at Mr Diment’s farm. These are the last, and they will eventually be screened by trees.

Land belonging to Mrs MacDonald and Miss Harrison being sold to Dainton James, for development (8-10 houses)

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Village – Lime tree being planted, donated by County

### **25/3/1974 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Social Programme – Idea of Victorian Music evening abandoned

Tea on the Lawn to be organised

Society – Agreed to purchase Ordnance Survey map for Society

Discussion of Committee membership for year to come

Traffic – “No through road” signs had been removed

### **24/4/1974 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Society – Noticeboard now in place

New issue of Ordnance Survey not yet published

Pond – Cost of dredging in Council estimates, but no date set

Village – Miss Guppy had been approached about tree planting at riding school, but declined

Social Programme – Tea on the Lawn to be held at Greendown (Mrs Burroughs) on 6/7

Ladies walk being arranged 21/7

Christmas Cards – New design to be done

Traffic – Missing sign found, but needs repair

Another attempt to be made to get Plaisters Lane designated 30mph

### **May 1974 – Newsletter #13**

Pond – “Key to the charm of the village” – Supply arrangements less than smooth – in winter too-high weir sent flow down Sutton Rd and Silver Street. Local Authority promising to dredge and clean pond, and lower bed and weir so that surrounds are below water level.

Also promising to remove island. Society hoping seat will be taken off concrete stand

Village – Lime planted by old Court House (thanks to Ernest Saunders). Donated by County Council

Planning – Concern over bulk storage tanks at Puddledock Farm, but pleased with measures to minimise visual impact

Traffic – Continuing to press for 30mph limit on Plaisters

Society – Society Banner made by Mrs B Martyn, to be presented at AGM

Last Newsletter written by Joy Shires, retiring from the job

Social – Tea on the Lawn 6/7 Greendown (Mrs Burrough)

Ladies Walk on midsummer evening with Mr Saunders, to Sunray

Carol Singing raised almost £12, donated to Cheshire Home

Old films of village presented by Jack Waite

Players – Scenes from Trumpet Major to be presented after AGM, led by Mr Litschi

Cards – Still available

### **18/5/1974 – AGM – Scutt Hall**

Treasurer’s Report – Balance of £75.70

Committee – [not listed, except Mr Litschi as Chairman; from Newsletter, Committee was Mr F Litschi (Chairman), Mr B Fenton (Vice Chairman), Mrs M Hanson (Secretary), Mr E Saunders (Treasurer), Mrs A Medcalfe, Mrs J Morris, Mrs J Litschi, Mr & Mrs J Harrison, Mr C Cox, Mr C Galpin, Mr R L Scott, Mr F Wright, Mr G Shires, Mrs M Wherrett]

Society – Banner made by Mrs Martin presented to Society

### **31/5/1974 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Social Programme – Wide praise for the play. Expenses to be taken from raffle, which raised £12. Letter of thanks to Military Museum for loan of uniforms

Tea on the Lawn: Mission Hall will be booked in case of rain

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Traffic – Missing sign now reinstated

Speed limit for Plaisters Lane to be considered at next Council Environmental Committee meeting

Village – Agreed to ask for a second litter bin by the pond

Electricity Board and Post Office to be contacted about undergrounding cables

Pond – Offer by Mr Saunders to carry out repairs to wall to prevent seepage, should Council fail to do work

Proposal to provide hook and net for recovering surface litter from the pond

### **29/8/1974 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Village – There were already 2 bins by the pond. Will ask Council for 3<sup>rd</sup> if situation gets bad.

Responses from Electricity Board and Post Office handed to Conservation sub-committee.

Residents of Old Bincombe Lane had declined offer of seat on their land. Agreed to place seat on knoll behind Wyndings, with agreement of Mr Saunders, the owner of the land.

Decided to place two seats by pond, subject to Council permission – one provided by Society and other by Mrs Morris from her garden

Discussion of fight by Preston residents to keep their Playing Field. Society will not get directly involved

Social Programme – Script, programme and photos from play will be held by the County Library in their Hardy collection. Consideration under way of a new production by the History & Drama Group

Tea on the Lawn at Greendown successful, with about 40 attending. 84p raised from sale of surplus food

Successful ladies walk to Sunray – 12 ladies led by Mr Saunders

Idea of forming Archery Club to be considered

Annual Social event being planned, provisionally 16/11. Limit of 100 tickets agreed.

Bonfire night being arranged 5/11

Carol singing being arranged, provisionally 20/12

Agreed to have repeat showing of Mr Waite's film of Sutton Poyntz, provisionally 18/10

Skittles evening at Springhead to be arranged, provisionally 17/12, for Committee and their spouses

Pond – Despite work by Council in June, seepage is still a problem. Mr Saunders offered to organise working party. Agreed now to pay £20 promised to Council for meter.

Christmas Cards – Artist's drawing of Plaisters Lane considered but rejected

Society – Further order of headed notepaper

History – Pottery and a Roman grave found in garden of Cob Cottage. Artefacts sent to County Museum

Planning – Smithy Cottage purchased by Mr Dainton James. Decided to support planning application, if one is made, subject to an open space being made available for a childrens' play area. Views of local residents will be sought

### **October 1974 – Newsletter #14**

Committee – (see AGM for list)

Pond – Island removed (thanks to Mrs Shires, Mrs Wherrett and Mr Litschi). Action by Borough to ensure cleaner pond and better retention of water. £20 contribution for water meter now paid to Borough. Ducks and goldfish to be obtained

Village – Seeking to convince Planning Department to create a play area for the children of the village. Views sought

Society donating bench for suitable site in village, and investigating a bench on the knoll

Correspondence on overhead wires

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Social – Hoped to create film of Players in “6 men of Dorset” (Tolpuddle Martyrs), but not granted royalty permit

Tea on the Lawn attended by over 50

Ladies walk on Midsummer night, led by Mr Saunders, to Osmington

Repeat of Mr Waite’s film and slide show 18/10 Mission Hall

Bonfire 5/11, organised by Mr Fenton & Mr Pressly

Social 9/11 at Scutt Hall – bar, buffet, band

Carol Singing 20/12 outside Springhead

### **22/10/1974 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Village – Seat purchased at cost of £28, but Council thought proposed site by pond was dangerous. Further meeting with Council to be arranged

Approach by several members on Preston Playing Field. Decided that Society will support petition to keep field

Social Programme – Film show by Mr Ron Waite attended by 42 people

Next play will be The Three Wayfarers

Social evening arrangements finalised for 9/11. Ticket 60p, with bar, food and raffle or tombola

Bonfire night arranged for 5/11. £2 allocated for fireworks

Jumble Sale to be held 7/12 at Preston Village Hall. To be advertised in Echo

Carol Singing arrangements finalised 20/12

Christmas Cards – New illustration of Plaisters Lane approved

Planning – Application by Miss Pitman for battery hen unit on Puddledock Lane. Refused by Council

Society – Request that copy of Society Constitution be found and returned

### **13/1/1975 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Village – Agreed to place seat donated by Mrs Morris on knoll behind Wyndings

No solution yet to site for seat by pond

Letter from Council, saying they had offered to buy Chalbury Playing Field from County, to maintain as playing field

Social Programme – Social Evening (finally held on 16/11) made profit of £2.69

Jumble Sale at Scutt Hall made profit of £17.

Successful fireworks night

Carol Service made £18.80, donated to Dorset Group Home Amenity Fund

Lecture “The life of a village” by Mr Barry Poole - £3 expenses agreed

Arrangements for another Social Evening, to be held at Scutt Hall in March, with bar, chicken & chips, raffle

Agreed that Society would not make a charge for refreshments at AGM, lectures etc.

3 Wayfarers to be presented at AGM. Raffle agreed towards expenses

### **4/2/1975 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Village – Now agreed to place Mrs Morris’s seat by the pond, for a trial period.

Social Programme – Social Evening arranged 22/2 at Scutt Hall, with fish & chips. Tickets 70p, plus 33p for food.

Lecturer from Portland to be invited March

Planning – Planning application by Mr Dainton James for two houses in amenity area behind Smithy Cottage. Agreed to support application

### **1/4/1975 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Social Programme – Social Evening raised £6.40. Agreed to donate £10 to Drama Group

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Lecture 21/3 in Mission Hall, on history of Portland, attended by 60. £3 expenses agreed. Two plays to be performed after AGM, The Second Best Man, and The Three Wayfarers. Raffle to be organised.

Planning – New owner of Smithy Cottage, Mr R Reid, had applied to extend the cottage. No objections

Mr Birch at Little Acorns had applied for double garage. No objections, but application will be advertised.

Note taken of provisions relating to Conservation Areas in Town & Country Amenities Act 1974

Village – Report by Mrs Shires read, on tidying telephone wires around the pond

Agreed to put up posters asking people not to pick wild flowers, whose numbers are diminishing

Pond – Council to be asked about when fish could be returned to the pond

### 19/4/1975 – AGM – Scutt Hall

Treasurer's Report - Balance of £61.41

Committee – Mr B Fenton (Chairman), Mrs J Litchi (Vice Chairman), Mrs M F Hanson (Secretary), Mr E Saunders (Treasurer), Mr F Litschi, Mr G Shires, Mrs M Wherrett, Mrs A Medcalf, Mrs B Harrison, Mrs Hunt, Mrs G Loveland, Capt E Martyn, Mrs J Shires, Mrs V Morris, Mrs M Brown

### 6/5/1975 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)

Pond Advice from Parks Department was not to have fish as well as ducks, as the ducks muddied the water, spoiling it for the fish. Agreed not to stock with fish

Treasurer's Report – Auditor had criticised practice of paying bills with cash, and advised keeping a balance of £100 in the bank. Agreed that payment by cash continued to be convenient on occasion.

Social Programme – Discussion again of whether to charge for refreshments at lectures. Agreed to try a raffle next time, with prizes not costing more than £2, to try to cover cost of refreshments

Mrs Brown to be contacted about holding Tea on the Lawn in July at Cob Cottage. As a fallback, Mrs Harper of Birchwarren

Ladies Walk arranged 20/6

Social Evening being considered, November or February

Ideas discussed for village outing; destination within 35 miles, and with tea provisions

Scouts had asked about holding a Barbecue jointly with Society. Deferred to next meeting

Drama Group considering becoming independent body

Civic Society had asked about a visit to the village and to the Waterworks, provisionally 27/6

Society – Membership lists to be updated, and collection rounds to be reviewed

Newsletter to be produced. Village duplicator will be costed

Christmas Cards – Agreed not to find new illustration, but to re-order 500 cards of Mill and 500 of pond.

Village – Seat donated by Mrs Morris not in good enough condition to go by pond. Drawing and site of new seat to be agreed with Council. Council insisted concrete base of existing seat must remain

Enquiries from Post Office showed that cost of providing underground telephone cables to new houses was £15

Planning – “Strategies for Weymouth” document to be circulated. Does not call for additional development in Sutton Poyntz

Explanation by Mr Saunders of project to improve 107/109 Sutton Road. Welcomed by Committee.



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### June 1975 - Newsletter #15

Planning – “Development Strategies for Weymouth” points to 80 acres west of Sutton Road as attractive residential area, but says this would overwhelm intimate, semi-rural character of Conservation Area and concludes balance is currently in favour of conservation. Society view that any large development would destroy character of village, producing not an enlarged Sutton Poyntz but an entirely different area, changed in essential characteristics.

Village – GPO representative visited to view overhead wires, but said no funding available.

Offer of help from villagers to remove redundant TV aerials

Notice to be put up asking visitors not to pick wild flowers

Pond – Beginning to achieve aim of clean pond, reasonable head of water, no island, and some nice ducks

Committee – as above

Players – Second AGM with Hardy play. Also performed at variety of other venues. Now establishing permanent Drama Group, separate from Society. First meeting 4/7 at Mission Hall Lane church room [sic]

Social – Carol Singing raised £18.80, donated to Herrison Hospital

Jumble Sale raised £17

Talks by Barry Poole, rural anecdotes, and by Mr Durston on history of Portland

Ladies walk 20/6 again to Sunray

Waterworks visit 27/6, with Civic Society

Tea on the Lawn 12/7 Springfield Cottage (Mrs Anne Medcalf)

Plans for visit to Wilton House

### 6/6/1975 - Committee meeting - 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)

Society – New duplicator would cost £58. Members urged to look for second hand model  
New collection lists distributed

Village – Drawing done of proposed seat; will be submitted to Council

Social Programme – Idea of Barbecue held jointly with Scouts rejected, but members will be happy to assist with Scout Barbecue

Ladies Walk arrangements finalised for 20/6

Tea on the Lawn to be held on 12/7 at Springfield Cottage (Mrs Ann Metcalf). Mission Hall booked in case of rain

Arrangements finalised for village outing to Wilton House on 6/9, with lunch at Wilton House

Mission Hall booked, and refreshments planned, for Civic Society visit on 27/6

Christmas Cards Now proposed to buy 500 of Mill, and 250 of pond

Pond – Recent work by Mr Saunders clearing weed. Council will be approached on weed clearance

### 18/7/1975 - Committee meeting - 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)

Village – Approval from Council for seat by pond, as in sketch. Seat to be priced

County Council grant available for control of Dutch Elm Disease, but not sufficient. Society might consider supplementing grant for specific cases.

Discussion of two derelict properties – garage owned by Mr Parkhouse at entrance to village, and Old Catholic Church owned by Mrs Guppy and used by Miss Pitman for storage of hay. Will be discussed as eyesores with Council Officers

Pond – More work done to remove pond weed, but it had regrown quickly. Advice sought from Borough Engineer

Social Programme – Coach and lunches booked for Wilton House outing. Costs £1.93 per head



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Tea on the Lawn held in Mission Hall, due to wet weather

Ladies walk held. Suggestion of holding another village walk in August. Route to be investigated

Mr Roland Tarr, Coastal Conservation Officer, to be approached for talk in October on Heritage Coastal Exercise

Society – Possible duplicator identified

Noticeboard in need of repair. John Harrison to be asked for advice

Planning – Meeting of local Associations being arranged on “Strategies for Weymouth”

Drawings for 107/109 Sutton Road reviewed

### **3/9/1975 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Planning – Deputation from Old Bincombe Lane residents, seeking help in getting landscaping and completion of the site. Committee view was that this was being handled adequately by the Planning Officer

Village – Possible source of seat identified – will be pursued

Council has no powers over derelict buildings

Proposal to obtain and place plaques on buildings of interest

Pond – Borough Engineer suggested pond weed will disappear when Water Authority flush the pond. Water Authority say this cannot be done during present exceptionally dry weather

Social Programme – Trip to Wilton House cancelled due to lack of interest

Social Evening arranged for 22/11, with band, bar, refreshments and raffle. 100 tickets at 75p

Lecture by Mr Roland Tarr arranged at Mission Hall 17/10. Charge agreed of 5p for coffee & biscuits

Society – Mr Loveland’s firm has duplicator they are willing to sell for £40. Details to be obtained

Noticeboard inspected, and just needs rubbing down and coat of varnish. To be done

### **October 1975 – Newsletter (unnumbered)**

Social – Talk on Coastal Conservation by Mr Roland Tarr, Coastal Conservation Officer, 17/10 at Mission Hall

Bonfire 5/11, by permission of E Saunders, organised by Bob Fenton

Autumn Supper Dance 22/11 – bar, supper, band – tickets 75p

Carol Singing 19/12 outside Springhead

Cards – 3 cards available from Mrs J Litschi: Plaisters Lane, Old Mill, and Pond

### **14/10/1975 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Village – East Coker Saw Mills to be visited to discuss supply of seat

Investigation of plaques. Sub-committee formed with Mr Litschi, Mrs Shires and Mrs Morris

Pond – Weeds cleared again

Society – Programme of Events had been duplicated by Adult Training Centre at cost of £1.89. Discussions to be held with Mr Loveland on his firm’s duplicator

Noticeboard revarnishing done

Social Programme – Carol Singing 19/12. Proceeds to be donated to Adult Training Centre Amenities Fund

Fireworks on 5/11. £5 approved for sparklers

Plans progressing for Social Evening

Planning – Discussion again of completion of Old Bincombe Lane development. Previous decision confirmed

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### **18/11/1975 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Village – Arranged that carpentry students at Wyke School will build the seat for the pond  
Social Programme – Final arrangements for Social Evening and Carol Service  
Lecturer to be found for lecture in February  
Planning – Plans viewed of proposed building between Wyndings and Dell Cottage.  
Approved of apart from the driveway  
Revised plans for 107/109 Sutton Road viewed. No objections

### **14/1/1976 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Village – Materials obtained by school. Cost will be £30 to £35  
No progress on plaques for significant buildings. Sub-committee advised to contact Mr Mike Chapman at Wyke School  
Suitable film to be found for after AGM, as Drama Group's production this year is too long  
Suggestion of entering a float for the Weymouth Carnival, perhaps based on Drama Group's production  
A number of trees around the village currently being felled. Owners to be urged to replace them where possible. Offer to be made to Mr Henry Diment to plant tree on his land  
Social Programme – Carol Singing raised £14 for Adult Training Centre Amenities Fund  
Social Evening planned for 10/4, with band and refreshments  
Plans for lecture in February – no reply from Geoffrey Pool, lecturer at Weymouth College of Education, so Mr Jack West, Curator of the Weymouth Museum, will be contacted.  
Planning – Letter to be written to Planning Office setting out Society's ideas for driveway to new house beside Wyndings  
Application submitted for development of 6.4 acres between Verlands Road and Preston Road, at a suggested 6 houses per acre. Believed that this was designated White Land, and also concern at possible impact on skyline  
Society – Reported that Osmington planning to form Society. Advice to be offered

### **16/2/1976 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Planning – Our idea for driveway will be adopted  
Letter written on land between Verlands and Preston Road  
Plans seen of new house proposed for next to The Warren. Site thought rather small, but will be supported as a new house will close possible access for houses in the fields behind  
Report of planning application by Miss Pitman for Equidrome and bungalow on the White Land she owns between Sutton Road and Puddledock Lane, with access from Puddledock Lane. Bungalow opposed, although Equidrome would be an amenity for the area  
Agreed that all letters written on planning matters should go from the Secretary, rather than from Mrs Litschi as in the past, allowing Mrs Litschi to present her views at Planning Committee meetings  
Village – Agreed to ask Drama Group to enter a float at the Weymouth Carnival  
Agreement from Henry Diment for tree to be planted on his land. Mr Presswell had offered a Red May tree that is now too big for his garden  
Plaque for the old mill almost ready  
Social Programme – Arrangements for "Social Evening with a Country Flavour" on 10/4.  
Tickets 75p. Bar and refreshments  
Committee – Mr E Saunders wished to step down as Treasurer. Agreed that he should be appointed Life President of the Society  
Christmas Cards – Drawing of the pond by Mrs Martyn approved. Echo to be asked if they could create a block

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### March 1976 – Newsletter #16

Planning – Need for continued vigilance. Fortunately local Planning Authorities consult local amenity groups about proposals within conservation areas. Society responds in accordance with principles of our conservation policy, including:

- That the village should remain compact and well-defined, and that extension into “white” land should be resisted;
- That infilling should relate to the individual site and to linked buildings;
- That design, scale and materials should be complimentary to the unique character of the village

Pond – Nasty weed over summer, cleared by villagers

Village – New bench being made by a Weymouth school, for spot under the willows

Second Society tree donated by Mr Presswell, to be planted on bank alongside Puddledock Lane by permission of Mr Dimen

Social – “The Mellstock Quire” by Players 6/3 Scutt Hall, tickets 20p. Adapted by KenNicklen

Tea on the Lawn became Tea in the Mission Hall due to wether, to sorrow of Anne Medcalf

Carol Singing raised £14 for Weymouth Handicapped Training Centre

Social 10/4 Scutt Hall, tickets 75p

### 22/3/1976 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)

Planning – Building next to Wyndings: Mr Emblen has agreed that the bank would be removed

Land by Verlands Road – Referred to Council Planning Committee

House next to The Warren – Deferred by Planning Committee to obtain further information

Equidrome and Bungalow – Site meeting attended by Chairman and Secretary. Application had been refused

Village Sample plaque had been made by students of All Saints Evening School. Not regarded as sufficiently weather-proof

Red May tree has been taken up and replanted on Mr Diment’s land

Social Programme – Discussion of how to provide bar at Social Evening

Committee – Offer of Presidency declined by Mr Saunders, who wished to remain as an ordinary Committee member

Traffic – Highways Authority to be asked if the 30mph boundary can be moved, now there is street lighting on Plaisters Lane, and also whether the Give Way lines at the fork could be moved across onto Plaisters Lane

Christmas Cards – Block obtained from Echo, and will be tested

### 2/4/1976 – AGM – Mission Hall

Treasurer’s Report – Balance of £58.20

Planning – Paper read on proposed sewage plans for Weymouth

Committee – Mr Bob Fenton (Chairman), Mrs J Litschi (Vice Chairman), Mrs Molly Hanson (Secretary), Mr E Martyn (Treasurer), Mr E Saunders, Mrs M Wherrett, Mrs J Shires, Mrs A Metcalf, Mrs B Harrison, Mrs M Hunt, Mrs O Morris, Mrs M Brown, Mr J Allen

Social Programme – Two films shown: Coastal Erosion, and A Future for the Past

### 26/4/1976 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)

Planning – Permission granted for site next to The Warren

Mr Dainton James appealing against refusal for two houses on vacant site. Chairman to speak at enquiry hearing

Social Programme – Social Evening successful, with profit of around £9

Ladies Walk arranged for 25/6, probably to Broadmayne

Tea on the Lawn 17/7 at Springside (Mrs Harrison), with Mission Hall booked in case of rain

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Coffee evening with Casterbridge Singers proposed for September  
Social Evening provisionally set for 13/11. Charge to be increased to £1  
Traffic – Correspondence with County Surveyor and Borough Engineer on extending 30mph area. Mrs Litschi to speak to Borough Engineer to bring this forward  
Christmas Cards – Test block made from Mrs Martyn's sketch. Mrs Martyn to be asked for adaptation that will convert to block form better  
Village – Concern about damage being done to White Horse by hang gliders. Osmington Society to be contacted

### **7/6/1976 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Christmas Cards – 3 new drawings by Mrs Martyn viewed. Approval to print 500 copies of selected one  
Social Programme – Ladies Walk confirmed to Black Dog at Broadmayne  
Tea on the Lawn now to be hosted by Mrs Brown  
Coffee evening set for 8/9  
Planning – Correspondence with Mr L Ingham on Old Bincombe Lane  
Village – Osmington Society will watch for damage to White Horse  
Seat almost ready  
Mr Litschi invited to explain why plaque had been placed on Mill without agreement of subcommittee. Long discussion of suitability, accuracy and durability. Agreement to reimburse Mr Litschi the £10 cost, but Chairman will sound out committee views about whether plaque should be removed or left for the season, Subcommittee will investigate Abbotsbury Pottery as possible source  
Concern from villagers about wastage of water at Pumping Station. New pump being tested – tests will take five weeks

### **12/7/1976 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Christmas Cards – Two samples of the selected card to be printed.  
Social Programme – Ladies Walk attended by 17 ladies. Men's walk proposed for next year  
Coffee Evening now set for 15/9, with the Casterbridge Singers. Pianos at Mission Hall and Scutt Hall not suitable, so other venues being investigated  
Planning – Result awaited of enquiry on Old Bincombe Lane  
Response from West Dorset, saying that information cannot be supplied about planning applications  
Village – Three trees now planted, including Red May. Additional saplings promised by Mr Diment  
Seat almost ready, stone donated by Grammar School, and site prepared. Payment of £14.80 approved for timber  
5 week testing period for new pump now ended  
Letter from Mr Litschi about enquiries from Hardy Society concerning plaques. Proposal from sub-committee reviewed, and revision requested  
Competition (various minutes about a Competition, but no information about what) – suggestion sheet being passed around Committee  
Pond – Concern about cars parked on grass verge. Plan to retrieve boulders from pond, and reinstate. Advice to be sought from Mr Harrison, and Borough Engineer permission to be sought  
Request to be made to Parks Dept to have litter bins emptied more often. Enquiries to Springhead to see if they could put litter bins on their grounds  
Committee – Mrs Litschi now Chairman of Planning Committee, so has to step down as Vice Chairman. Proposal to invite Mr J Joy

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### **8/9/1976 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Christmas Cards – 500 cards to be printed at 5p per card. To be sold at 6p

Social Programme – Suggestion of Family Walk for next year, in addition to Ladies Walk  
Two offers of hospitality for Tea on the Lawn next year; Bellamy Cottage (Mrs Mercer) and Staddles (Mr Waight)

Preston Village Hall booked for Coffee Evening. 10p for coffee/biscuits. Midhills Caravan Park to be contacted for car parking

Hall and band booked for Social Evening on 13/11. Tickets £1

Programme of winter events to be compiled and distributed

Treasurer's Report – Balance of £31.10. Consideration to be given to increase of subscription

Village – Bench now installed by pond. Balance of £3.56 paid. Letters of thanks to be sent to Westham School and South Dorset Training College

Discussion of untidy state of Sutton Road by Mill, due to horses from Riding Stables. Working party arranged for 18/9, after which Miss Pitman will be asked to keep the road clean

Possible threat to bus service due to difficulty of turning at Springhead. Transport Manager to be contacted

Pond – Council permission to reinstall boulders; they would provide cement

Council to be contacted re broken retaining wall, and to ask about safety of will opposite 105 Sutton Road (Mrs Connick)

Response from Council about litter bins

Traffic – Concern about volume of traffic on Plaisters Lane, and damage to walls etc. Letter to be sent to County

### **7/10/1976 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Christmas Cards – 1221 cards in hand; value of stock £73.26.

Treasurer's Report – Decision to increase subscription to 50p. Donation box to be at social events

Proposal that balance of £100 be held, as fighting fund. Ways of raising money to be considered

Social Programme – Donation of £5 approved for Casterbridge Singers after Coffee Evening. Money raised “almost covered” costs

Arrangements finalised for Social Evening

Winter programme compiled.

Mr R Waite will be asked to re-show his film in February

Bonfire night 5/11 - £3 approved for fireworks

Pond – Volunteers sought to reinstall boulders

Council declared willow safe, but agreed to be responsible for maintaining all the trees round the pond. Agreed to repair retaining wall

Village – Decision not to enter “the Competition”. Suggestion sheet will be retained.

Road by Mill now cleaned; Miss Pitman will keep it so

No threat to bus service at present

Traffic – Letter sent to County Surveyor re Plaisters Lane traffic.

Borough Council had agreed re-siting of 30mph sign, to be done this financial year

Committee – Chairman wishing to stand down. New committee members to be sought – men if possible!

### **3/11/1976 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Christmas Cards – Total cost to date £180.51. Total income £177.36. Stock around £50.

Treasurer's Report – Concern that 22 members had not yet paid

Pond – Request by some villagers for stones on west bank. Felt this would be intrusive visually. One recently laid stone already broken, but will be mended.

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Pond recently drained to allow repair to wall. Last goldfish lost. Thanks to be sent to Council  
Social Programme – Final arrangements for bonfire night and Social Evening  
Nature of social programme discussed. Agreement about importance. Children's Christmas Party proposed, probably at Mission Hall  
Committee – Discussion of whether committee membership should be restricted to village residents  
Planning – Likelihood of planning applications on land owned by late Miss Guppy. Agreed to oppose changes of land designation. Agreed to "make full use of opportunity to influence development which is infilling". Agreed to employ expert help where necessary

### 9/12/1976 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)

Christmas Cards Recent sales of £7.02  
Pond – Broken stone will be repaired. Letter of thanks to Council sent  
Social Programme – Fireworks attended by 60-80 people  
Sub-committee created to run Children's Party on 8/1  
Carol Singing on 17/12; proceeds for Early Birds local charity  
Mission Hall to be booked for Coffee Morning on 15/2. Admission 10p. No 'bring & buy'  
Film evening 'A Dorset Journey' on 8/1  
Committee – Agreed to propose change of Constitution to restrict Committee members to villagers  
Village – Volunteers sought to help plant saplings donated by Mr Diment  
Planning – Plans received for Equestrian Centre on Puddledock Lane. Objection to be submitted on grounds of size, unsuitability, car parking and change of use

### 13/1/1977 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)

Christmas Cards – Further sales of £8.98. New printing to be considered at next meeting  
Social Programme – Successful Children's Party  
Carol Singing raised £13 for Early Birds  
Hall booked and cakes planned for Coffee Morning  
Arrangements for film evening on 28/1. Charge 10p  
Village – 14 saplings planted on 11/12  
Dorset Countryside Treasures suggestion sheet to be circulated for ideas  
Planning – Council had approved 2 houses on vacant plot in Old Bincombe Lane, reversing Planning Committee decision. Letter of concern to be sent to Chief Executive  
Application for plot on Mission Hall Lane (ex Miss Guppy, and possibly some Church land). Objections on basis of narrowness of lane, and wish for cottage style or bungalow  
Applications for Old Catholic Church and Riding School (ex Miss Guppy). Objection on basis that these are both White Land  
Treasurer's Report – Balance £72.33  
Traffic – Telephone conversation with County Surveyor's Department. Await written confirmation before taking further action  
Society – Conservation Policy reviewed. Agreed to send to Borough and County

### 16/2/1977 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Social Programme – 47 people attended Coffee Morning, making £4  
Another Coffee Morning arranged for 26/4 and Mission Hall. 15p entrance, including 'bring & buy'  
Ideas sought for Jubilee celebration  
Lecture by Mr G Poole 8/3  
Film 'The British Isles' to be shown after AGM



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Traffic – County offering to put ‘Unsuitable for Caravans’ site at ‘junction of Plaisters Lane & Culliford Tree’ [sic]

Treasurer’s Report – Balance of £72.33

Christmas Cards – Ideas sought for a new card

Planning – Applications from executors of Miss Guppy for Waterworks Field, including land by Plaisters Lane, site between Morelands and Littlecot, and site between Longmead and Wyndings. Also application from Church Commissioners for Glebe Field. Agreed to send letters to Planning Officer, after Mrs Litschi has spoken to him

### 22/3/1977 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)

Treasurer’s Report – Balance of £65.41

Social Programme – Successful lecture on Conservation by Mr Poole. To be booked again next year for talk on ‘The Dorset Coast’

Two walks to be arranged this year – Ladies Walk and Family Walk

Tea on the Lawn to be hosted by Mrs Mercer (Bellamy Cottage)

Jubilee Supper Dance planned for 14/5. 100 tickets

Jubilee Celebration 7/6 in field next to Northdown Farm. Sub-committee appointed

Planning – Applications for Old Catholic Chapel, Riding School, Waterworks Field and site between Longmead and Wyndings all refused

Mission Hall Lane application approved, subject to agreement on size, materials etc.

Applications for Glebe Field and site between Littlecot and Morelands to be considered by Planning Committee

Letters of thanks to be sent to Civic Society and CPRE once all applications considered

Christmas Cards – Stock of 532 cards held, worth £31.92

Society – Purchase approved of book “Your House – the outside view” by John Prizeman

### April 1977 – Newsletter #17

Social – Events over last year: Ladies walk, Tea on the Lawn, Casterbridge Singers, Bonfire night, Carol Singing, Childrens Party, Coffee morning with talk on Conservation

Coffee morning with Bring & Buy 26/4 Mission Hall

Jubilee supper dance 14/5 Scutt Hall

Other Jubilee celebrations to be defined

Pond – Stones installed on verge. New bench seat. Astonishing flow of water during historic drought – caused by machinery testing which meant water had to be taken from another source

Village – Grove of saplings planted on Mr Diment’s bank

Planning – Full Council reversed the Planning Committee’s decision on Old Bincombe Lane

Rash of new planning applications to be considered

Suggestions submitted for Conservation Policy

Traffic – Request for warning sign against heavy traffic at top of Plaisters, rather than at the Borough boundary

30mph limit has been extended up Plaisters

Bus service – Temporary loss of service due to summer car parking. Suggestion of turning at Cart Shed

### 29/4/1977 – AGM – Mission Hall

Society – Consideration of proposal to restrict Committee membership to villagers. Agreed to amend Constitution to restrict non-residents to no more than one third of the Committee.

Treasurer’s Report – Balance of £63.21



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Committee – Mrs Hanson (Chairman), J Joy (Treasurer), Mr Handscombe, Dr Crisp, Mr Allen, Mrs Harrison, Mr Saunders, Mrs Loveland, Mrs Morris, Mr & Mrs Litschi, Mr Smith. Vice Chairman and Secretary to be elected by Committee  
Surprise expressed from floor that Chairman was elected at AGM rather than chosen by Committee

### **10/5/1977 – Committee meeting – Northdown Farm (Mr Saunders & Elizabeth)**

Committee – Mr Litschi appointed Vice Chairman. Mrs Litschi agreed to act as Minutes Secretary

Social Programme – Agreed to hold Family Walk in place of Ladies Walk, to Sunray and back, 24/6

Tea on the Lawn 16/7 at Bellamy Cottage (Mr & Mrs Mercer)

Jubilee Dance – bar from Dorchester arranged. Chicken & chips at 60p less 5%. Agreed not to serve ice cream. 54 tickets sold

Jubilee Celebrations – children's party and evening barn dance being arranged on 7/6.

Insurance cover to be obtained for children's party

Profit of £13 from Coffee Morning to be allocated for Jubilee celebrations

Agreed to book Denis Godsell's Band for May & November 1978. Caller booked for November 1977 dance, but not yet band

Society Decided against purchase of book

Mr Litschi to be responsible for Noticeboard

Treasurer's Report – Balance of £60

Collection rounds to be reallocated. Circular to be printed for distribution to newcomers, to ensure everyone is contacted

Planning – Letter to be sent to Local Authority re application to build on White Land next to Prebendal Farm, Preston

### **29/6/1977 – Committee meeting – Camelot (Mr & Mrs Litschi)**

Social Programme – Family Walk much enjoyed

Final arrangement for Tea on the Lawn

Loss of £18.41 on Jubilee Supper Dance, as only 60 tickets sold. £8.40 made on raffle.

Discussion of how to avoid loss in future. Proposal that events be advertised at least 3 weeks before

Autumn Social on 12/11. Usual Band not available for that date. Suggestion of music provided by Mr Loveland

Profit of £23.58 from Jubilee Celebrations; agreed to donate £10 to Silver Jubilee Fund

Date to be set in Autumn for Casterbridge Singers

Dorset Coast lecture by Geoffrey Poole 21/2

Planning – Council policy to refuse applications on White Land

Springhead changed hands. Fear of Devenish wanting to install green lighting. Chairman to speak to Mr Jay of Plaisters Lane (a Devenish Director)

Treasurer's Report – Balance £32.72. Discussion of how to increase balance. Proposal for Barbecue in summer 1978, jointly run with Players.

Village – Discussion of bringing gas into village. Support

Pond – Hoped that grass verges would be cut soon. Plans to reset some stones that had been moved

### **31/8/1977 – Committee meeting – Keston (Mr & Mrs Hanson)**

Social Programme – Casterbridge Singers scheduled for 28/9, at Preston Village Hall. Echo advertisement thought too expensive. Coffee to be provided, with silver collection

Tea on the Lawn – chilly but rain held off

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Costs for barbecue obtained. Players to be invited to help on 50-50 basis

Discussion of reusable posters – cost to be obtained

Mr Loveland to provide music for November Social. Sub-committee formed to organise event

Planning – No plans for changes at Springhead, as kitchen modernisation seen as priority

Treasurer's Report – Balance of £90.14. Reduction obtained on Jubilee insurance premium

Village – Discussion of Dutch Elm Disease, resulting from letter from Mr Emblen. Majority of trees affected. Mr Emblen to be invited to next meeting

Christmas Cards – 5 sketches submitted by Mrs Marytn

### October 1977 – Newsletter #18

Social – Family walk to Osmington, attended by 50, led by E Saunders

Tea on the Lawn Bellamy Cottage (Mr & Mrs Mercer)

Silver Jubilee children's party in Waterworks field, followed by Square Dance at Springhead 7/6. Donation of £10 to Silver Jubilee Fund

Casterbridge Singers

Planning barbecue at Springhead Hotel 12/7 to raise money for trees to replace dead elms

Appeal for new members for Players – contact their Chairman, John Joy

Bonfire planned again in Waterworks field (by permission of Mr Saunders) organised by John Joy

French Style Supper Dance planned 12/11 at Scutt Hall – tickets £1.25 – music being organised by Mike Loveland and food by Mrs Loveland and subcommittee

Carol singing 21/12 outside Springhead

Talk by G Poole on Dorset Coast 21/2 at Mission Hall

Jumble sale being planned – items to F Litschi

Village – New proprietor at Springhead – Mr & Mrs Crossen

Dutch Elm Disease – Society has list of suitable trees for replanting

Cards – New design drawing of Silver Street by Mrs Betsy Martyn

### 4/10/1977 – Committee meeting – Terramia (Mr & Mrs Loveland)

Village – Report on Dutch Elm Disease by Simon Emblen. At least 200 trees affected. WI reported to be proposing donation to Society of £25 for this purpose, but will be advised to send it to National Trust as Society has no plan. Thought that Society's best contribution would be via information – Newsletter and/or invited speaker. Society might be able to assist with replanting, perhaps using profit from Barbecue

Possibility of telephone lines being laid underground, starting at Cart Shed

Social Programme – Profit of £6.45 on Casterbridge Singers evening. £5 donation to Singers agreed

Players agreed to cooperate on Barbecue. Springhead booked for 12/7

Posters printed by Mr Hoath; thought to be a gift

Tickets for November Social also donated by Mr Hoath, and distributed. French theme

Fireworks – thought better if parents made donation towards centrally bought fireworks

Carol Evening 21/12, with refreshments at Springhead

Jumble sale to be held in February or March

Christmas Cards – Printing would be £14.85 per 1000. Gift of bottle of sherry to be given to Mr Hoath. Gift also to be chosen for Mrs Martyn

### 1/11/1977 – Committee meeting – Springhead

Christmas Cards – Block sent to Mr Hoath. Springhead had agreed to display old cards for sale.

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Animal ornament requested by Mrs Martyn as gift. £3-£4 agreed. Agreed to donate 20 cards to Mr Wherrett who had supplied block

Social Programme – Agreed hog roast not possible

Bonfire arrangements finalised

Social Evening – proposed to hire washer upper

Coffee Morning to be arranged in January

Location for Jumble Sale debated. St Augustine's Hall on Dorchester Road to be investigated

Treasurer's Report – Balance of £87.06

### 10/1/1978 – Committee meeting – Rose Cottage (Mr & Mrs Joy)

Christmas Cards – 250 bought for £10 – original estimate had been based on use of offcuts, but decided to use best card. New embossing process used, but this was not liked; flat printing to be used in future. All the new cards sold

Social Programme – Bonfire postponed due to weather; poor attendance as a result

Social Evening profit of £41.53. Sale of tickets £105, and raffle £12.46. Food costs £63.11

Carol Evening takings £17.85, to be donated to Early Birds at Portwey

Jumble Sale cancelled as other organisations locally were holding them

Barbecue subcommittee formed. Casterbridge Singers to be approached. Peakes brochure to be obtained

£7 donated to Children's Party

Mr Poole's lecture on 21/2 to be preceded by AGM

Society – 18 subscriptions outstanding. 63 paid

Planning – Plans viewed of 3 new houses on Puddledock Lane, on land zoned for development. Concern that they would close the gap between Sutton and Preston, but reassurance from Joyce Litschi

### 4/4/1978 – AGM – Mission Hall

"Good attendance" (about 40 according to Newsletter)

Society – Constitution amended so that non-residents restricted to no more than one third of Committee

Treasurer's Report – Balance of £102.20. £10 donated to Silver Jubilee Fund and £18 to Early Birds

Thanks to Arthur Cole, Auditor

Committee – John Allen (Chairman), John Joy (Treasurer), Mrs Shirley Bowden, Mrs Valerie Freegarde, Mr Richard Backwell, Mr Peter Diment, Dr John Crisp (Vice Chairman), Mr E Saunders, Mrs Gwen Loveland, Mr Michael Smith and Mrs Joyce Litschi

Village – Assistance sought to plant saplings to replace diseased elms. Mr Diment would receive a 50% grant, but the whole exercise would cost around £1300

Social Programme – Reminder of Sutton Poyntz Players production, 3 one act plays set in different centuries, on 13-15/4

Evening ended with Dorchester Camera Club presentation, based around life and works of Thomas Hardy

Village Fair – Arranged with Players for 12/7

### 11/4/1978 – Committee meeting – (Mr & Mrs Allen)

Committee – No volunteer for Secretary. Mrs Litschi to continue as Minutes Secretary

Social Programme – Final arrangements for Dance on 13/5. Fish & chips, ice cream, coffee, bar by Springhead, raffle. Ticket cost to be set so as not to make loss (based on 70-80 people), no more than £1.50

Walk to Black Dog, Broadmayne 30/6

No Tea on the Lawn this year

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Proposal to hold Skittles Evening against another Society later in the year

Village Fair – 20 stalls so far

Village – Peter Diment and John Allen to visit Water Board to discuss tree planting on their land. Proposal to invite speaker on trees.

### June 1978 – Newsletter #19

Committee – As AGM

Social – Dorchester Camera Club gave “diaparamic” show at AGM on Thomas Hardy and Dorset. Another “diaparama” at this year’s AGM (3/4 Mission Hall) by Brian Churchill of Dorchester Camera Club

Spring supper dance at Scutt Hall attended by over 80. Food from Marlborough Restaurant – music by Denys Goodsell and his band (for last time as he is moving away)

Walk this year to Broadmayne 30/6 led by Mr Sauners

Village Fayre 12/7 in Springhead gardens, with Barn Dance, for trees fund

Outing to Salisbury Playhouse 14/9 to see Under the Greenwood Tree - £2 – contact Mr Joy

Talk on tree planting by Mr Saville, former Parks Superintendent, 26/9 Mission Hall

Halloween Dance 28/10 Scutt Hall with Pete-Howell Duo

Appeal for donations for large firework display for village Bonfire Night in field by Waterworks (permission Mr Saunders)

Carol singing raised £12 last year. This year 22/12 outside Springhead

Mr Poole of Dorset College of Higher Education on Dorset Coast 20/2 Mission Hall (postponed from March because of heavy snow)

Skittles vs Osmington 6/3 Springhead

Village – Money being raised for tree planting, and advice sought

Finance – Aim is to hold reserve for consultancy/solicitor’s fees

### 6/6/1978 – Committee meeting – Pilgrim Cottage (Mr & Mrs Bowden)

Social Programme – 82 at May Dance. Small loss of £2.50, caused by unexpected charge of £7 for alcohol licence. To be investigated.

Autumn Dance provisionally 28/10 with Halloween flavour. Hall and Band to be booked

Coffee Morning to be run in September

Dorset Coast lecture by Mr Poole in October (previously cancelled due to snow)

Dorset Camera Club to be invited January

Talk on trees in February

Skittles in March

Village Fair – £80 allocated for prizes and float for Village Fayre

Society – Collection/distribution rounds to be reallocated

Christmas Cards – 200 of Mill, Pond and Silver Street to be ordered, making 600 in all

### 12/9/1978 – Committee meeting – 21 Old Bincombe Lane (Dr & Mrs Crisp)

Social Programme – Springhead to be asked if they would absorb licence charge, as Mobile Bar had never charged

Salisbury Playhouse visit arranged by Players

Tree planting lecture arranged. Entrance free but coffee at 5p

Discussion of bar for Halloween Dance. Devenish to be contacted, then Springhead then Mobile Bar

Arrangements for fireworks night – Proposed to sell tickets at 50p per family and use this to buy good set of fireworks. Soup and sausages to be provided

Decided not to hold May Dance

Discussion on making donation to Children’s Christmas Party, but decided against

Village Fair – Profit of £284.14 from Village Fayre – Society’s share £142.07.

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Treasurer's Report – Balance now £264.16. Proposed to set aside £100 as fighting fund. Two Building Society accounts to be created, each with £100.

Society – 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary article in Echo had contained error about tree planting plans, leading to letter from County advising against planting of elms

Planning – Letter from CPRE on County Structure Plan

Plans reviewed for house in Mission Hall Lane

Social Programme – Skittles Match to be arranged against Osmington

Pond – New water main to be installed. Water Board had been requested to let overflow go into the pond

Bridge damaged. To be repaired by working party

### 25/10/1978 – Committee meeting – Rose Cottage (Mr & Mrs Joy)

Pond – Wall repaired

Social Programme – For the Halloween Dance, Devenish could not meet the date, and the Springhead could not absorb the licence cost, so the Mobile Bar would be booked. 79 tickets sold

It was reported that the Players had agreed to donate £15 to the Children's Christmas Party.

Agreed after discussion to make a similar donation

Agreed to take insurance cover for bonfire night

Traffic – County were looking at two improvement schemes for Puddledock Lane, to make up the whole lane or just the two ends with pedestrian access only through the farmyard.

The former was thought would be bad for Mr Diment and for the rural nature – County to be informed

Committee – Mrs Fregarde agreed to be Membership Secretary

Planning – Forward Planning Officer suggesting an extension of the Conservation Area, to include Glebe Land and land east of Puddledock Lane. Proposed that Old Orchard should also be included

### January 1979 – Newsletter #20

Social – Walk to Broadmayne attended by about 35 with Mr Sanders

Village Fayre 12/7 organised by Society and Players in Springhead gardens (thanks to Brian & Elsie Crossen) raised £284

Full coach load to Salisbury Playhouse 14/9 for Under the Greenwood Tree

40 people attended Tree planting talk 26/9 by Mr D Saville

Halloween Dance 28/10 attended by about 90

Hundreds at Bonfire Night, with professional firework display, soup and hot dogs from Mr Caddy's caravan. Charge 50p per family

Carol singing attended by 20, and raised £10.65 for charity

Children's party 6/1 at Scutt Hall

Talk "Dorset Coast" by Mr Poole of Dorset College of Higher Education 20/2 Mission Hall

Skittles v Osmington Society 6/3 Springhead

Diaparama by Brian Churchill of Dorchester Camera Club after AGM 3/4 Mission Hall

Theatre trip to Salisbury 12/4 to see Bedroom Farce by Alan Ayckbourn

Players "Ladies in Distress" 5-7/4 Scutt Hall

Village – Questionnaire distributed by Southern Gas over proposal to extend supply into the village

Request for ideas of where to plant trees

Cards – Pen & ink drawings of village 8p

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### **23/1/1979 – Committee meeting – Terramia (Mr & Mrs Loveland)**

Social Programme – 20 at Carol Evening – collection of £20.65 to be donated towards a kidney machine

Volunteers for Skittles evening to be sought via Newsletter

Village – Reported that Mr Diment to do tree planting along the stream at the start of Puddledock Lane, and Mr Pressly in Silver Street. Newsletter will ask for ideas of other places to do planting

Gas Board reported to have concluded supply beyond Winslow Road would not be economic, but may carry out another survey

Mrs Litschi to ask for supply of grit for roads in cold weather

Society Quote for £20 for 400 membership cards. Agreed to continue with present subscription receipts for this year, but to investigate other suppliers for next year

Mr Litschi to look after Society Noticeboard. Suggested it should be moved to front of Cart Shed to be more visible

Planning – Plans reviewed for two plots next to Beggars Roost. Comments to be submitted that view to the sea must not be blocked, and houses be built of suitable materials

Christmas Cards – Thanks to Mrs Crisp for selling a number over Christmas

Traffic – Traffic Subcommittee had visited junction of Sutton/Preston Roads, and decided not to extend yellow lines. Councillors to be contacted

### **19/3/1979 – Committee meeting – Springbank (Mr & Mrs Allen)**

Social Programme – No local collections for kidney machine, so Carol Evening money donated to Hospital League of Friends

Skittles evening loss of £8.50. And Society had lost.

Society – Agreed to continue using Subscription Cards

Civic Society coffee morning being held, with opportunity for affiliated societies to have stalls. Insufficient time to do anything

Village – Reported that another gas survey has been carried out

Pylons – Reported that distribution line being extended at top of hill. Letter to be sent to SEB, with copy to Planning Office, expressing our objection. Letters to CPRE and Civic Society

Trees – Mrs Kemp had proposed site for tree planting; agreed to plant ornamental maple.

Proposal that *betula pendulata* would look good at entrance of Old Bincombe Lane. Proposal to plant trees where water pipe laying had cut down hedges – chestnut, hornbeam and ash thought suitable

Wall in front of Springhead in disrepair – further information to be got

Planning – House building in Mission Hall Lane – Mrs Litschi to find out who was responsible for lane reinstatement

Committee – Several members wishing to resign. Several potential new members identified and will be contacted

### **3/4/1979 – AGM – Mission Hall**

Village – Still funds available for tree planting. Thanks to Mr Diment and Mr Saunders

Committee – Mr Saunders, Mr & Mrs Litschi, Mrs Fregarde, Mr Loveland, Mr Ingham, Mrs Robinson, Mr Wanklin. Committee to coopt 4 more members. In view of last-minute resignation of Chairman, Committee to appoint post-holders

Social Programme – Dorset Camera Club showed slides of Dorset

### **22/5/1979 – Committee meeting – Camelot (Mr & Mrs Litschi)**

Village – Mr Beale of Water Board explained that after storm damage the Waterworks Chimney needed to be demolished. Visit by Committee arranged



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Letter from Electricity Board. Concern by Committee that cables could not all go underground. Mr Saunders said one cable was being put underground, but not a high voltage one. Meeting to be arranged with Board member  
Committee – Election of Officers: Fredy Litschi (Chairman), Gwen Loveland (Vice Chairman), Valerie Fregarde (Secretary), Ernest Saunders (Treasurer)  
Finance – Discussion of lowering subscription, but not thought excessive at 50p  
Social – Concern at deficit on skittles evening, which was not thought a success. Important in future to ascertain how many wanted refreshments. Also not liked that bar had not been opened in skittle alley  
Agreed to hold Autumn Dance in November (provisionally 17<sup>th</sup>). Hall and band to be booked  
Midsummer walk to Osmington 22/6, for families  
Arrangements to be made for outing to Stourhead in September  
Planning – Owner of derelict garage in Sutton Road to be contacted, to see if he would demolish it  
Postcard – The artist to be contacted

### 3/7/1979 – Committee meeting – 4 Sutton Court Lawns (Mrs Fregarde)

Social – After costing proposed coach outing to Stourhead, decided not to proceed this year  
Band booked for Dance on 17/11  
Possible talk by coastguards, perhaps on 16/10  
Suggestion of cheese & wine party at Springhead  
Postcard – Response from Mr Shield. Minimum purchase of 1000 at 6½p each, if card is sold only through Society. If artist can sell through other outlets, minimum of 500. Decided to investigate card suitable for birthday or Christmas use rather than postcard  
Village – Messrs Ingham, Eachan and Wanklin to make appointment to visit Electricity Board to discuss undergrounding of cables  
Visit to Waterworks arranged for 11/7. Civic Society to be invited  
Tree planted at Old Bincombe Lane had died  
Finance – Current account balance of £5.81, plus two Building Society accounts  
Planning – Consideration of application for house in Preston behind ?Mill Springs? After discussion, decided to oppose as could become precedent for more along Puddledock Lane  
Application for new house(s) at 66 Sutton Road, but no information at present

### Autumn 1979 – Newsletter #21

Committee – Freddie Litschi (Chairman), Gwen Loveland (Vice Chairman), Valerie Fregarde (Secretary), Ernest Saunders (Treasurer), Joyce Litschi, Lawrence Ingham, Gladys Robinson, Lisle McEachern, Graham Wanklin  
Village – Mrs Bailey had successful operation  
Social – Film and talk on Coastguards, by Norman Shouls, Station Officer Portland  
Coastguard, ex instructor at Dartmouth – 16/10 Mission Hall  
Pirates Night social 17/11 Scutt Hall – The Markward Trio, bar, refreshments, £1.30 – “come in your most fiendish pirate rig, or suitably garbed as frightened female – thos not in the rig will walk the plank”  
Monthly trips to Salisbury Theatre – contact John Joy  
No bonfire this year – last year made loss of £13  
Enjoyable walk to Sunray with Mr Saunders  
Interesting waterworks visit  
Cards – Being printed, sketches of village  
Planning – Proposal for overhead cable up to Northdown Reservoir, but withdrawn  
Waterworks chimney must come down – unfortunately brick by brick. “We shall miss the dear old monstrosity”



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### **4/9/1979 – Committee meeting – Northdown Farm (Mr & Miss Saunders)**

Finance – Balance £54.43. Agreed to change signatory to Secretary

Postcard – Greetings cards can be supplied, with envelope, for 13½p. Agreed to order 500, with Mr Shield authorised to sell others

Village – Visit to Electricity Board had shown that there was no chance of getting wires in village centre put underground. Agreed to have similar discussion with Post Office

Letter of thanks to Water Board for visit to Waterworks

Tree in Old Bincombe Lane now reported to be alive

Enquiry to be made about continuation of bus service

Social – Film and talk “The Work of the Coastguard” set or 16/10 at Mission Hall

Scutt Hall booked 17/11 for Dance. Mobile Bar to be booked. Tickets £1.30

No bonfire this year, as last year lost money

Suggestion of Flower, Vegetable & Craft Exhibition

Planning – Plans for new house between Timberline and Staddles. Plans to be reviewed

Application for Craft Centre on Sutton Road refused

Traffic – Letter to be written again seeking extension of double yellow lines west from Sutton Road junction to bus stop

Society – Discussion of changes to rules (a) limiting length of Committee meetings (b) allowing honorary membership

### **6/11/1979 – Committee meeting – 38 Preston Road (Mrs Robinson)**

Planning – 66 Sutton Road plans approved. Society’s observations that roof material should be in keeping with neighbouring properties, and trees should be preserved as much as possible

Outline planning permission granted for site between Timberline and Staddles

Village – Tree in Old Bincombe Lane definitely dead and will be replaced by Society

Social – Slow ticket sales for Dance, but decided to go ahead, catering for 75

Carol singing planned for 21/12. Soup to be provided at Springhead

Mr Bert ngram to be asked to give slide show on Vancouver (or topic of his choice), in February. To be combined with slide competition

Christmas Cards – 300 Christmas cards and 200 “Best Wishes” cards ordered

### **22/1/1980 – Committee meeting- 2 Sutton Court Lawns (Mr McEachan)**

Social – 55 tickets sold for Dance, which made loss of £35.15

Slide show arranged for 11/3 at Mission Hall, to be combined with AGM

Carol singing raised £13.53, to be donated to Mentally Handicapped Centre at Weymouth

Christmas Cards – 350 Christmas cards and 650 Best wishes cards sold, making profit of £15

Traffic – Letter sent on extending double yellow lines at Sutton Rd/Preston Rd junction

Pond – Trees by pond being cut down. As land belongs to Borough, they have right to cut trees down. They considered the trees to be unsafe. Strong letter to be sent, saying they should have informed village first

### **19/2/1980 – Committee meeting – 8 Old Bincombe Lane (Mr & Mrs Ingham)**

Pond – Holding reply received from Borough Chief Executive on trees by pond. New trees planted by Dorset Community Council [sic] “from the pond to and along Silver Street”, and by the Water Board along the stream

Village – 10 trees available, donated by Mr Cox. Ideas for locations sought

Discussion of possible local responses to national energy crisis

Noticeboard and seats need revarnishing

Traffic – Response from Borough Engineer saying they do not intend to extend yellow lines.

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Finance – Bank balance £46.84

Social – Discussion of number of social events – fewer in last year because of poor attendance previously. Idea of holding events jointly with Players, or with Osmington

### 11/3/1980 – AGM – Mission Hall

Social – Poor attendance at some events, and loss made by Dance. Midsummer walk and carol singing popular. Coastguard lecture well attended

Christmas Cards – 1000 sold, and could have sold more

Traffic – Will continue to get changes at Sutton Rd/Preston Rd junction

Pond – Regret at lack of communication from Borough about tree felling

Finance – 105 members. Bank balance £37.51, plus £105.59 Building Society and £109.18 in Building Society legal fund

Committee – Mr L Ingham (Chairman), Mrs G Loveland (Vice Chairman), Mr E Saunders (Treasurer), Mrs V Freegarde (Secretary), Mr L McEachan, Mrs G Robinson, Mrs E Wilkinson, Mr K Knight, Mrs M Knight

Social – Evening ended with showing of slides of Vancouver and Tenerife by members of Dorset Camera Club

### 18/3/1980 – Committee meeting – Terremia (Mrs Loveland)

Society – Allocation of collection areas to Committee members

Proposal to start a village scrapbook

Rules to be reviewed and redrafted, for ratification at next AGM

Village – If no more suggestions for tree planting locations, spare trees would be given to Mr Saunders to plant in hedges. Trees had been provided by “Men of the Trees” at £1 each  
Letter of thanks to Council for planting trees along river “behind Miss Pitman’s new bungalow”

Traffic – Borough Council subcommittee has reconsidered on yellow lines, and will visit the site in the summer

Social – Midsummer walk 27/6. Intended to organise an additional longer walk

Summer Dance to be considered at next meeting, with taped music, Mobile Bar, and ploughman supper

Coffee morning 16/4 in Mission Hall, with Bring & Buy

Tea on the Lawn will be held if there is a volunteer to host it

School to be invited to maypole dance in village next year

No interest in providing Carnival float

Idea of slide competition next year

Agreed to offer gift e.g. bottle of sherry to guest speakers

Christmas Cards – To be considered at next meeting

Planning – Paper on Conservation Areas to be considered at next meeting

### Spring 1980 – Newsletter #22

Committee – Lawrence Ingham (Chairman), Gwen Loveland (Vice Chairman), Ernest Saunders (Treasurer), Valerie Freegarde (Secretary), Lisle McEachern, Gladys Robinson, Eve Wilkinson, Ken Knight, Marion Knight

Congratulations to Joyce Litschi, Mayor elect – She and Freddie have stood down from Committee

Society – Suggestion of scrap-book of village events – starting with newspaper cuttings accumulated by Litschi’s (listed)

Social – Coffee morning and Bring & buy 16/4 Mission Hall, 20p

Walk 27/6 with Mr Saunders

Suggestion of all day walk towards Lulworth

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Pirate Night poorly supported by village people, made up for by members of International Friendship League invited by Gwen Loveland. Loss of £35

Carol singing, on night of Force 9 gale, made £13.35 for local mentally handicapped

Poor attendance at AGM – are we running the wrong sort of events? But enjoyable

Dorchester Camera Club slides, plus photos by Freddie Litschi

Cards – Sold out

Pond – Council cut down willows without consultation – they apologised afterwards. The Council have planted numerous trees “down near the bridge” for which they have been thanked

Traffic – Council will reconsider double yellow lines opposite Ship

### **18/4/1980 – Committee meeting – Millstream (Mr & Mrs Knight)**

Pond – New tree planted by bridge leaning towards road, needing attention

Bank has been repaired

Social – Walk to Broadmayne 27/6. Longer walk to be planned along cliffs in July

Villagers to be polled with regard to summer dance

Profit of over £30 from coffee morning. Intention to hold similar event, with

cake/vegetable/fruit etc stalls, perhaps 16/9

Flower arranging talk and demonstration around Christmas

Christmas card – Different view to be sought. Intend to use colour other than brown for backing card

Planning – Meeting attended on Dorset Structural Plan

Meeting to be arranged with Chief Planning Officer to discuss Conservation Area boundaries and significance

Plan to build house by 83 Sutton Road. Also plan to extend front of 83

Alteration to windows of 66 Sutton Road

Plan to build double garage to Purbeck Lodge – no objection

Planning subcommittee created to deal with planning applications; Messrs Ingham, Saunders, McEachan, Knight

Society – Bottle of sherry donated to Mr Cole for auditing accounts

Two estimates obtained for printing headed paper and membership cards. Another to be obtained

Traffic – Bus company wishes conifer to be lopped at “this house” [minute appears to refer to Purbeck Lodge]

Finance – Subscriptions paid to Civic Society (£1) and CPRE (£4)

### **10/6/1980 – Committee meeting – 1 Old Bincombe Lane (Mrs Wilkinson)**

Planning – Apologies from Langton Herring Action Group against Nuclear Power Station, whose representative was not able to be present

No objection over extension at Purbeck Lodge

Preference expressed for bungalow rather than house on site west of Beggars Roost, but planning permission granted

Building of house at 66 Sutton Road under way

New shed at indoor riding school rejected by Council, due to size of building and obstruction of views. Society sympathetic with need, supportive of countryside business. Will meet Miss Pitman again

Permission granted for extension at 83 Sutton Road

Pond – Council informed of leaning tree

Complaints received about state of pond – to be investigated

Social – Long walk arranged for 27/7

No summer dance this year

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Coffee morning 16/9 at Mission Hall

Society – Noticeboard to be refurbished during winter

Telegram sent to Mrs Litschi congratulating her on becoming Mayor

Samples to be obtained of membership cards and headed writing paper

Traffic – Potholes filled in in Sutton Road but not other roads

Village – Conifer at Mill House lopped

Complaints about some footpaths being blocked – decided not to get involved

### **22/7/1980 – Committee meeting – 8 Old Bincombe Lane (Mr & Mrs Ingham)**

Planning – Briefing by Langton Herring Action Group against Nuclear Power Station.

Objections on grounds of siting in AONB, and danger to environment. Society response to be discussed at next meeting

Revised plan submitted for smaller shed for indoor riding school. Supported by Society provided better materials used. Need to make sure building adheres to plans. Council intending to stipulate against any change of use without Council permission

Boundaries of Conservation Area verified – includes Church, Fisherbridge and parts of Old Preston

Traffic – Potholes treated in Mission Hall Lane

Pond – Council will carry out cleaning.

Type of trees planted being checked – if wrong type, correct type will be planted in between

Society – Agreed to send card on Queen Mother's birthday, on behalf of villagers. Proposal to plant tree in village to commemorate event

Finance - £127.48½ in current account

Christmas Cards – Mr Shield unable to supply. Other source to be investigated

### **9/9/1980 – Committee meeting – 4 Sutton Court Lawns (Mrs Freegarde)**

Pond – Checks to be done by Council for leaks. Council also to ask Water Council about dredging

Council had planted the wrong sort of willows. Pendant willows to be planted between the existing ones

Village – Proposal to plant small flowering tree on 'Village Green'; neighbours to be asked

Planning – Agreed to support Langton Herring Action Group by advertising within village for 'Picnic on Site'

Plans for Linden Lea rejected by Council for second time

Representation that driveway to new house by Staddles should be shared with Staddles

Society – Headed writing paper obtained. Cost of membership cards being checked

Agreed that Sunnyfields be regarded as part of village

Finance – Bank balance £127.80½

Traffic – Subject to full Council agreement, double yellow lines will be extended down to the bus stop on Preston Road

Concern about speed and volume of traffic along Plaisters Lane. Signage discussed

Social – Coffee morning 16/9 in Mission Hall, with stalls and raffle

If school are holding firework display, village will not. Otherwise ask Saunders' sons for permission in Waterworks field

Dance 31/1 in Scutt Hall, using recorded music

Christmas Cards – 100 cards to be ordered, of 'old' Silver Street

### **7/10/1980 – Committee meeting – Terremia (Mrs Loveland)**

Pond – Waiting for Council to start work on pond, and also cleaning ditches in village

Village – Idea of planting tree to commemorate Queen Mother's birthday dropped

Planning – Plans for house next to Staddles approved by Council

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Riding School plans approved after modification

Plans for new cottage in Puddledock Lane. Agreed to support whatever view expressed by Sunnyfields residents

Happy with plans for Chipps Cottage, but concern about site traffic harming the road

Plans for conversion of Sutton Mill to 4 flats. Open meeting held 3/10, as a result of which Society opposed plans

Social – Coffee morning profit £15.44. Cakes successful but not fruit and vegetables

Agreed not to hold winter dance

Mr West of Weymouth Museum to be invited to give talk on Sutton Poyntz in November

Weymouth Camera Club to be invited after Christmas

Agreed to hold bonfire. Saunders happy for Waterworks field to be used so long as people keep to track. Villagers to be asked to contribute fireworks

Finance – Current account balance £141.24

Christmas Cards – 1000 cards ordered

### Autumn 1980 – Newsletter #23

Social – Decided to drop winter dance

Society bonfire dropped because Springhead are running one

Coach parties to Salisbury Theatre at intervals through winter – contact John Joy

Pond – Cleaned by Society. Council have agreed to dredge and stop leaks, and to plant pendant willows, to replace the wrong sort that have been planted

Traffic – Extension of double yellow lines agreed opposite Ship

Cards – Picture of Silver Street as it was many years ago, Available from Eve Wilkinson

Society – Membership 99

### 11/11/1980 – Committee meeting – 38 Preston Road (Mrs Robinson)

Pond – Council will dredge pond in winter, and fix leakages. Also plant new trees

Social – Mr Jack West and Miss Maureen Boddy of Weymouth Museum will talk on Old Weymouth on 25/11 in Mission Hall. 20p charge for refreshments. M&S to be asked for donation of biscuits for Society functions

Springhead running firework event, so Society event not going ahead

Carols to be sung around the village, to be arranged not to clash with Vicarage carols. Soup to be provided afterwards at Mission Hall. Subsequently set for 16/12

Village – CPRE paper on nuclear power sites (Langton Herring and Winfrith)

Traffic – Enquiry to be made on double yellow line progress

Planning – Meeting with Mayor on Sutton Mill plans. View that 4 flats was overdevelopment, and that one flat, studio accommodation, plus a small museum and/or working mill would be preferable. Weymouth Museum interested in the building as an extension to their Museum. CPRE also felt the proposal was overdevelopment

Plans approved for 13 new houses in Puddledock Lane. Residents of Sunnyfields had laid hardcore at their own expense, and this was now being churned up by site traffic. Meeting held with Council officers, and hoped the Council would give priority to making up that end of Puddledock

Concern that there had been no consultation with local amenity societies on the DoE Planning document

Christmas Cards – Some concern that the drawing of Silver Street in 1890 had not come out better

### 13/1/1981 – Committee meeting – Mr Saunders' house

Pond – New weeping willows planted, and older ones removed

Pond bench to be refurbished, using cuprinol which is much cheaper than linseed oil

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Council to be asked to refurbish pond seat

Traffic – Informal poll to be done of people living in Plaisters Lane, to get reaction to various ideas: changing signs at one or both ends, widening bend, building passing places, chaining off driveways

Council will extend double yellow lines when finances permit

Social – Successful presentation “Old Weymouth, Romans to Railways”. Mission Hall booked 10/2 for sequel “Railways to Present Day”

Springhead fireworks successful

Carols successful, raising £24.50 for Weymouth Mentally Handicapped

Finance – CPRE membership fee increased from £4 to £8

Bank balance of £37.01

Planning – Minutes of Open Meeting on Mill sent to Mr Meech. Planning Department will be conducting site meeting

Letter received from Chief Executive saying a new road (Sunnyfields) does not have to be connected to the existing road system, provided necessary services [presumably electricity water etc.] provided. Reply to be drafted expressing incredulity. Sunnyfields residents had been assured that Puddledock would be developed within 5 years – this had not happened. Council reported to say Sunnyfields should not have been built without access, and other new building should not be allowed. However, plans for 7 houses and for 6 houses recently approved on Puddledock

Appeal lodged against refusal to permit new bungalow next to 83 Sutton Road (Linden Lea). Previous response to be confirmed

Christmas Cards – Sales low, due to design not thought bright enough. Loss of £59.93.

### **17/2/1981 – Committee meeting – 1 Old Bincombe Lane (Mrs Wilkinson)**

Pond – Now dredged. Streams partly cleared by Mr Meech

Social – Good presentation by Jack West

Planning – No response yet from Chief Executive on Puddledock Lane. Subject to agreement of Sunnyfield residents, our letter to be copied to local Councillors. Suggestion that we should oppose any development without roads being made up before. Written declaration should have been got from builder of Sunnyfields

Owner had written to SPS; reply to express concern about additional driveway at Linden Lea. Second letter from owner, suggesting road widening and pavement. Highways Department to be contacted to see if there are any plans

Meeting attended on Dorset Structural Plan. Very little of relevance to Sutton Poyntz

Finance – Balance of £62.73

Society – Chairman’s Report to be distributed to whole village before AGM.

### **19/3/1981 – Committee meeting – 2 Sutton Court Lawns (Mr & Mrs McEachan)**

Pond – Leaks being attended to

Planning – Holding reply received from Chief Executive on Puddledock Lane. View expressed that providing Sunnyfields residents with safe access during building work was a Borough responsibility

Response from Highways saying no chance of improvements to road near 83 Sutton Road.

Site meeting to be sought with Borough Engineer. Suggestion of “Pedestrians on road” sign

Finance – Bank balance of £60.61, plus £235.10 in building society accounts

Social Weymouth Camera Club member invited to give film show at AGM – requested collection for Muscular Dystrophy

Society – New membership cards not available until end of year. Existing ones to be used



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### Spring 1981 – Chairman’s Report & Newsletter #24

Social – European travelogue films by Paddy Coulter after AGM. Collection in aid of spina bifida

No winter dance last year because previous one made a loss – hard to break even with capacity of 90 people

Bonfire run by Springhead.

Pantomime run by Preston Pantomime Group

Coffee mornings and talks popular

Carols went well, raising £24.53 for mentally handicapped

Enjoyable summer evening walk with Ernest Saunders

Society – Membership history: 1968 to 1980 52, 50, 56, 58, 63, 83, 85, 92, 95, 98, 96, 105, 115 members

Rules appear to be in draft form – should they be updated?

Other work ‘with the Council’ including tree planting, stream clearance, pond dredging, road cleaning, road repairs, traffic control

Finance – AGM to consider what level of ‘emergency’ fund needed and whether to increase subscription to allow this to be grown

Planning – Don’t want a reputation of being a “NO” Society, but have duty to protect picturesque village and lovely countryside

Cards – Heavy loss made (£59.93) – latest card (sepia sketch of Silver Street as in 1890) not popular. Thanks to Eve Wilkinson for selling

### 24/4/1981 – AGM – Mission Hall

Finance – Balance of £42.52, plus £235.10 in two building society accounts

Discussion of whether to retain and/or build up legal fund. Agreed that subscriptions be increased to £1 or 50p for sole residents

Village – Discussion of village response to nuclear power proposals. Concluded that SPS should not become involved, as not within Society’s remit, but individual villagers could

Society – Question of whether rules had ever been ratified by an AGM, but believed they had

Committee – Messrs Ingham, Saunders, Knight, Mercer, King, Campbell, Mesdames Loveland, Robinson, Wilkinson, Litschi, Brown, Dodge. Officers and auditor to be appointed by Committee

### 26/5/1981 – Committee meeting – 8 Old Bincombe Lane (Mr & Mrs Ingham)

Committee – L Ingham (Chairman), Mrs G Loveland (Vice Chairman), E Saunders (Treasurer), K Knight (Secretary)

Planning subcommittee members L Ingham, Mr King, Mr Mercer, Mr Saunders, Mr Knight with Mrs Wilkinson “when necessary”

Planning – Not expected that any work to road or pavement at 83 Sutton Road will be affordable by Council. Agreed to leave to Mrs Litschi

Copies of correspondence on Puddledock Lane sent to Councillors. Decided nothing further the Society could do; ask developer to make use of large quantity of rubble by reservoir development

Appeal by Mr Townsend re land in Mission Hall Lane – no action by Society

Application submitted by Mr Meech to convert Mill to three flats and ground floor “shop”. Local residents had submitted comments: (a) accept subject to change in main entrance to flats and reduced overlooking of neighbouring properties (b) need to preserve open land between Mill and pond, and (c) need for parking provision. Mr Meech said to be willing to dedicate land between Mill and pond to Council. Society’s response to be (a) welcome for cooperation between parties (b) endorse comments by local residents (c) request that

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Council accept dedication of land – Society willing to assist with landscaping and maintenance

Pond – Borough Engineers to be carrying out tests shortly

Traffic – Still waiting

Society – Reallocation of distribution areas. Agreed to delay collection of subscriptions until next newsletter

Copies of Aims and Rules to be distributed to Committee

Social – Summer walk set provisionally for 26/6

### **22/6/1981 – Committee meeting – Terramia (Mrs Loveland)**

Planning – Site meeting arranged with Borough Engineer's Department on 83 Sutton Road. Society opposed to No Waiting restrictions

Report in Echo suggested land dedication had been agreed. Chairman will check in Council minutes

Use of caravan at Turners Lodge, Plaisters Lane, will be investigated

Social – Suggestion of holding another walk

No particular village activity planned for Prince Charles' wedding (29/7), but possibility of putting up flagpole, perhaps at Mission Hall, would be investigated

Finance – Balance £47.72

Society – Newsletter written by Mr Campbell. Committee "reaffirmed" policy of distributing to all houses

Pond – One villager had suggested the seat by the pond was "inadequate". Committee disagree

Village – A member had suggested laying paving stones along the part of Silver Street near the pond. Thought important the Society should not risk any legal responsibility for making up a public path, and also waiting to see what Mr Pressly will do when his wall completed

### **Summer 1981 – Newsletter #25**

Society – Well attended AGM

Committee – Lawrence Ingham (Chairman), Gwen Loveland (Vice Chairman), Ken Knight (Secretary), Ernest Saunders (Treasurer), Margaret Brown, Joyce Litschi, Jon Campbell, Bill Mercer, Sue Dodge, Gladys Robinson, Alwyn King, Eve Wilkinson

Finance – AGM agreed to raise subscriptions to allow reserve fund (currently under £200) to be raised, to 5p per adult per household (£1 max per household)

Social – Walk 26/6 to Sunray via White Horse with Ernest Saunders

Planning – Application to convert the Mill to 3 flats and a shop. Society supported Impact Study produced by group of villagers, setting out how to achieve same objectives in more acceptable way. Application accepted by Planning Committee subject to restrictions to protect Mill and its land

Traffic – Double yellow line extension opposite Ship Inn approved, but not implemented because of lack of money

### **4/8/1981 – Committee meeting – Bellamy Cottage (Mr & Mrs Mercer)**

Planning – Site meeting with Borough Engineer representative to discuss Sutton Road. Bank would need to be cut back, with retaining wall. Discussion discussed of footway above road. Subsequent letter said work had been included in schedule of schemes for Committee discussion; not thought any early start likely

If the dedication of land by the Mill to the Council goes ahead, proposed that it be called "Prince of Wales Garden" to commemorate the Royal Wedding

Mr Townsend's appeal relating to land in Mission Hall Lane rejected

Minor change to location of Riding School agreed by Society

## Summary note of Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Minutes and Newsletters

Social – Church not keen on a flagpole at the Mission Hall. Idea dropped  
Summer walk 26/6, to Osmington via White Horse. 35 walkers  
Decided to hold Dance before Christmas, with taped music  
Coffee morning to be arranged in September  
Preston Village Hall fund raising for improvements. Agreed to sell raffle tickets on their behalf  
Talk on Conservation suggested, in spring by Mr G Poole or Mr C Oakford  
Suggestion of visit to Lulworth Castle next summer  
Finance – Balance of £107.04  
Christmas Card – Intended to produce colour Christmas Card. Artist to be approached  
Society – Evangelical Chapel asking about membership. Response that there is no provision for corporate membership, but individuals are welcome to join  
General intention expressed to resume contacts with other village Societies

### Autumn 1981 – Newsletter #26

Social – Enjoyable summer walk 26/6 – about 20 walked over White Horse to Sunray guided by Ernest Saunders  
Coffee morning with demonstration of knitting machine and Bring & Buy 14/10 at Mission Hall  
Old Tyme Music Hall, cider and supper, raffle, 17/10 at Preston Village Hall (run by Village Hall), £1.50  
Springhead Bonfire night  
Social evening, country dancing, supper, bar, 7/11 Scutt Hall, £1.40, MC John Joy  
Christmas Panto, details to be announce  
Cards – view of mill from pond, designed by Harold Shield (as 1979 card)  
Planning – Miss Pitman’s riding school being built, and welcomed. Screened by trees and shrubs  
Pleas to Council officers and Councillors to ensure safe pedestrian access along Puddledock during development of Sunnyfields ignored [Newsletter said all 3 Preston councillors ignored it, to which Joyce Litschi complained]. Fail to see sense of developing houses at site only connected to roads via bridle way  
Development of Mill into 3 flats, retaining machinery, approved in principle  
Traffic – Double yellow lines promised for opposite Ship still not done  
Site meeting with Council officer to discuss poor view along road between Winslow and Verlands. Suggested remedy to dig back bank and put in wall with footpath at base – but no money!  
Society – “In 1801 Wilberforce said ‘I dare not marry, the future is so unsettled’. In 1806 William Pitt said ‘There is scarcely anything around us but ruin and despair’. In 1849 Disraeli said ‘In industry commerce and agriculture there is no hope’. In 1852 the dying Duke of Wellington said ‘I thank God I shall be spared from seeing the consummation of ruin that is gathering about us’. So take heart; it has all happened before and probably will again”

### 13/10/1981 – Committee meeting – 1 Old Bincombe Lane (Mrs Wilkinson)

Planning – No further action planned on Sutton Road  
Mr Meech awaiting legal action on Mill  
Concern expressed about new house “Overdale”, seems to be substantially larger than shown in plans, with windows overlooking next door (Mr Wright). Agreed to talk to Mr Wright to decide what action needed. Stronger communications needed with Council  
Death of Mr Robertson might lead to development plans for “Six Elms” Plaisters Lane  
Finance – Balance £122.44

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Christmas Cards – Mr Shields produced colour drawing of Mill and Silver Street from pond. 500 cards with envelopes to be bought for £80.50. About 350 cards unsold from last year  
Social – Dance and Social 7/11 at ScuttHall. Tickets £1.40. Country music records to be borrowed. Bar provided at cost of £5

### **8/12/1981 – Committee meeting – Millstream Cottage (Mrs Knight)**

Planning – Council sources suggested Mr Meech’s agent was causing delay on agreement Discussions with Mr Wright of Staddles on Overdale, and then with Chief Planning Officer. Concluded that Planning Department had acted correctly  
Outline planning application for two houses on Six Elms site. Thought appropriate provided houses are in keeping  
Social – Dance cancelled because of low demand for tickets  
Coffee morning raised £14.20  
Carols around village 16/12, with proceeds to Mayor’s Fund for Disabled  
Slide show by Mike Shepherd, County Trees Officer in Spring  
Tea party at Terramia, also in Spring  
Village – Reported that Langton Herring Action Group employing expert consultants to prepare case  
Finance – Balance £116.20  
Christmas Cards – Original 500 sold, plus another 300 (and about 90 of last year’s)  
Society – Agreement to share information on social events and major planning issues with Osmington and Upwey Societies

### **3/2/1982 – Committee meeting – Cob Cottage (Mrs Brown)**

Planning – Mill put up for sale in December; believed to be sold. Any change of use would need planning permission  
Finance – Balance £126.70  
Social – Carols cancelled as only 4 people attended  
Mr Shepherd not available, so Mr G Poole booked for 24/2 to talk on “The Dorset Coast”  
Mr Bob Carter of Devenish booked to talk on wine after AGM  
Possibility discussed of providing replacement piano for Mission Hall. Society willing to raise some of the money. To be discussed with Church  
Village – Idea of placing seat on “Old Farm Road” (up hill beyond Hunt’s), as tribute to Mr Saunder’s long association with Society. Welcomed by Mr Saunders. Site and cost to be determined

### **16/3/1982 – Committee meeting – Russet Cottage (Mr & Mrs King)**

Social – Successful talk by Mr Poole – 50 attendees. Cheque for £5 sent to him  
Church not able to contribute towards piano for Mission Hall. They would prefer a hall nearer the Church in Preston, and discouraged use of the Mission Hall  
Mr Carter bringing wine samples for his talk after AGM. Cleared with Hall authorities  
Finance – Balance £117.26, plus £255.05 in Building Society  
Village – Idea of stone bench up hill. Mr Saunders’ sons to be asked about stone from derelict cottages further up hill  
Traffic – Note taken of Echo article (16/2) on Puddledock Lane. Lane has serious surface water problem

### **Spring 1982 – Chairman’s Report & Newsletter #27**

Social – “A bottled history of wine” – talk and tasting by Ken Bartlett of Devenish, after AGM 20/4 at Mission Hall  
Proposed dance cancelled for lack of support

## Summary note of Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Minutes and Newsletters

Only 4 carollers

Society – Membership now 94 households

Congratulate Fredy Litschi on election to County Council

Apologies to Joyce Litschi for suggesting in previous Newsletter that none of our local Councillors had supported our attempted action on Sunnyfields

Committee – Thanks to Gwen Loveland, standing down as Vice Chairman, and especially to Ernest Saunders stepping down as Treasurer but happily continuing as Committee member “where his profound local knowledge is invaluable”

Planning – Indoor riding arena area levelled and landscaping begun

Understand there may be a purchaser for the Mill

As expected, Puddledock has become a morass during Sunnyfields development – well reported in Echo

Village – Recent litter pick gathered 4 sackfuls of rubbish

Cards – 800 sold, thanks to Eve Wilkinson

Pond – Has been dredged. New willows growing nicely. Seats will be refurbished

### **20/4/1982 – AGM – Mission Hall**

32 members present

Finance – Balance £98.21, plus £255.05 in Building Society. Accounts audited by Mr Cole

Committee – Mrs M Brown, Mr J Campbell, Mr M Doyle, Mr A King, Mr K Knight, Cllr Mrs J Litschi, Mr W Mercer, Mrs C Pressly, Mrs M Mullins (Sunnyfields), Mr E Saunders, Mr G Shires, Mrs C Wilkinson. Officers to be elected by Committee

Village – Reported that Historical Society of Great Britain would be visiting in Spring 1983  
Council provisionally approved work on Sutton Road for 1986/7

Dorset County Council have plans for making up Seven Acres and Love Lane in 1983/4

Social – Plans for garden tea party at end of June

Talk by Mr K Bartlett of Devenish on history of wine

### **24/5/1982 – Committee meeting – Bellamy Cottage (Mr & Mrs Mercer)**

Committee – Mr Mercer (Chairman), Cllr Mrs J Litschi (Vice Chairman), Mr K C Knight (Secretary), Mrs E Wilkinson (Treasurer), Mrs M Brown (Social Secretary)

Planning sub-committee Chairman, Secretary, Mr Saunders, Mrs Pressly, Mr Shires  
Mrs Litschi reappointed as Society’s representative on Preston Village Hall Committee  
Mrs Shires had been invited to be a member of the new Historic Buildings Trust of Weymouth

Village – David & Derek Saunders not happy with proposed bench. Idea dropped  
Dorset CC reported to be planning to proceed in 1983/4 with making up Puddledock from Seven Acres to Sunnyfields

Finance – Agreed to transfer responsibility for accounts to new Treasurer

Planning – New owner of Mill, Mr Wallis, seeking to run machinery 6 to 6.30 on weekdays and 10 to 6.30 at weekends. These hours approved

Outline planning application for house on site of garages next to Mill House. Agreed, subject to appropriate appearance, and subject to careful consideration by Council of impact on garage/parking space

Houses next to Six Elms agreed, apart from garage roof material. Need to realign hedges on Plaisters Lane emphasised

Discussion reported with Borough Engineer, who suggested further development might be undesirable if rural nature and charm is to be preserved

Traffic – Concern at safety of posts and chains put up by owner in front of 79 Sutton Road.

Borough Engineer to be consulted

Social – Walk to Broadmayne on 18/6

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Afternoon Tea at Pressly's on 26/6

Trying to organise talk by Mr Shepherd

Suggestion of series of evening-class type events over the winter

Pond – Council to be requested not to kill shoots on old willows

### 12/7/1982 – Committee meeting – 1 Old Bincombe Lane (Mrs Wilkinson)

Committee – Resignation of Mr King

Social – Walk postponed because of weather. Rescheduled for 27/8, via Bincombe

Tea held at Mrs Brown's, as the Pressly's was out of action with swimming pool construction

Coffee Morning on 9/9, in Mercers' garden (or Mission Hall if wet)

No dance this winter

Carol evening at Springhead suggested

Traffic – Borough Engineer replied that edge of carriageway would be marked at 79 Sutton Road. Agreed to seek sign at entrance to village calling attention to the need for care

Planning – Agreed new front to Evangelical Church

Agreed extension and new garage to 64 Sutton Road

Representation to appeal hearing, opposing new dwelling on old allotments site off Verlands Road

Finance – Balance of £40.16

Christmas Cards – Mr Peter Toms of Osmington to be approached about producing card

### Autumn 1982 – Newsletter #28

Society – Role of Society discussed by Committee – two opposing villagers' responses: "not much conservation round here. Lots of new houses where there used to be open country" and "What right has the Society to interfere with the way people want to develop their own property". List of Society achievements: Conservation Area, preservation of area around pond, improving plans for Mill and other properties, tree planting, road tidying. Society has made constructive proposals on proposed developments, to try to achieve its objectives

Social – Summer walk to Bincombe via Came Down with Ernest Saunders

Afternoon tea at Cob Cottage

Coffee morning at Bellamy Cottage

Talk on Dorset countryside by M Shepherd of Dorset CC

Newly formed History Group to meet weekly at Mission Hall. 75p per meeting. Also plans for water colour painting group. Contact Margaret Brown

Talk by T Hearing (Chairman of Dorset History Society) on Mary Rose Trust 26/11 Mission Hall, with collection for Trust

Cards – Another water colour was too expensive, so a B&W sketch of the pond and cottages by Peter Toms. 20p from Mrs E Wilkinson

### 4/10/1982 – Committee meeting – 7 Old Bincombe Lane (Mr & Mrs Campbell)

Traffic – Edge of Carriageway markings at 79 Sutton Road thought satisfactory. Borough Engineer considering "child with mother" triangular warning sign at entrance to village – agreed provided location correct

Village sign near Winslow Road under consideration – Borough Engineer consulting with County Council

Social – Walk, Tea, Coffee Morning (at Bellamy Cottage) and film show by Mr Mike Sheppard all successful. M&S had donated £5 of vouchers

A number of initiatives organised by Mrs Brown:

Weekly series of Craft Classes being arranged, starting 5/10. Charge 75p per week

Talk by Mr Hearing, Chairman of Dorset History Society, on Mary Rose Trust, 26/11

History Group commencing 27/10, cost 75p per week



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Water-colour painting classes to start early in New Year  
Carols – arrangements on hold to talk to new publican  
No fireworks this year  
Christmas Cards – Colour not thought practical, as 2000 would have to be printed. Mr Toms to produce black & white card to sell for about 15p  
Finance – Balance of £160.15. Proposal to move building society to National Savings Investment account  
Society – Newsletter to include section on Society's role, to overcome apparent misapprehensions  
Village – Concern at shortage of long established trees in village. Need to care for trees emphasised

### **6/12/1982 – Committee meeting – The Rest (Mr & Mrs Pressly)**

Traffic – Children sign fixed to road sign at Sutton Road/Preston Road junction  
Letter written to Wessex Water asking if part of the land at the pumping station could be used for public parking. Response that although site now controlled remotely by computer, security considerations prevent public use  
Social – Successful crafts classes. Arts classes started successfully.  
Talks by Mr Hearing on Mary Rose and on local history (resuming 21/1)  
Overall cost to Society of these classes £8  
Springhead currently closed, so no carols this year  
Christmas Cards – All sold, at profit of £9.36  
Society – Letter from Mr D Sallis, in response to Newsletter 28, criticising lack of thought to “spiritual and social activities”, and the lack of welcome to new residents. Response by Chairman, pointing to positive achievements  
Finance – Balance £141.06.  
Decided to transfer building society investments to NSI, to save tax. Also decided to transfer £100 from bank account to savings  
Planning – Outline planning permission sought by Mr Diment for conversion of barn plus four houses between house and Sutton Road [i.e. Brookmead]. No objection in principle, but materials and layout must be chosen with great care given importance of site. Access via Puddledock Lane would be preferred  
Rumours of plans for large-scale development at far end of Puddledock Lane/Old Bincombe Lane

### **24/1/1983 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mrs Shires)**

Social – History talks resumed. About 20 attending, paying £1. Mr Hearing's fee £17  
Planning – Since previous meeting, Mr Henry Diment had died. Question of future of house discussed. Discussion of asking for thatch on two new houses closest to Sutton Road, but decided against seeking this  
Copy received of letter from Mr Wallis, owner of Mill, to Dorset CC. Structural repairs of £34000 needed, plus machinery works of £25000 (both plus VAT). Total cost of works now estimated at £88000 against original estimate of £60000. Some work would probably have to be delayed. Agreed to write to CC supporting Mr Wallis. Also agreed to form working party on 30/1 and 6/2 to help tidy surrounding land  
Traffic – Letter sent to Dorset CC welcoming making up of lane between Seven Acres and Sunnyfields, but questioning how an 18ft carriageway with 5ft verges would affect rural character of area  
Discussion of parking around pond. Double yellow lines planned in some places to assist bus service

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Village – Letter from Devenish, with assurance that Springhead would remain a village pub.  
Agreed to liaise with general meeting of Society on plans  
Draft paper by Mr Shires suggesting Conservation Area Policy, to be sent to the Planning Department as a guide. Comments on draft to be sent to Mr Shires

### **28/3/1983 – Committee meeting – Millstream Cottage (Mr & Mrs Knight)**

Planning – Outline planning permission granted for barn conversion and 4 houses, subject to conditions on materials and landscaping. Weymouth Civic Society had written to Borough Council on this development, leading to discussions on liaison between the Societies  
Listing of Sutton farm house being considered by Dorset CC

Gift of £500 to Mr Wallis from Dorset CC. Work by E Neath Ltd proceeding

Village – Meeting with Devenish on 23/3, attended by 120 people. Minute prepared for file  
Visit by Historical Association 10/6. Agreed to provide refreshments

Dr Donald Baker to talk after the AM on “Hardy Haunts”

Social – Art classes to continue monthly until September

Sponsorship by Bristol University of further history classes by Mr Hearing in the autumn

Finance – Savings transferred. NSI account balance £375.64, and current account £35.71

### **Spring 1983 – Newsletter #29**

Village – Volunteers have been tidying land around the Mill, whose future now seems secure

Meeting with Devenish – intending that pub will reopen in November. Refurbishment mainly internal. Request that pub should remain run along traditional pub lines, as since 1925

Proposal to develop Diment land next to Sutton Farm House – Society view that development is inevitable, so correct concern is nature of development, including road access, tree preservation, design and materials

Residents of Silver Street appealing for more slabs they can lay

Traffic – Decision by County Council to make up road between Seven Acres and Sunnyfields

Social – Talk by Dr Donald Baker after AGM cancelled due to his death

Art classes, craft classes, and history talks by Terry Hearing, organised by Margaret Brown

### **26/4/1983 – AGM – Mission Hall**

43 members present

Traffic – Delays in making up of Seven Acres and Puddledock Lane – compulsory purchase order for that end of Puddledock Lane

Planning – Concern expressed about danger of continuous development between Preston and Sutton Poyntz. Mrs Litschi noted that development had always stuck to zones of development established in the development plan of the late 1950’s

Discussion of development at Springhead, particularly issues of car parking. General view that development plans were better than might have been expected

Finance – NSI account balance £375.64. Bank balance £32.17. No change to subscription

Committee – As previous year, with Mrs Shires for Mr Shires

Christmas Card – General agreement that people liked having a Sutton Poyntz card

Social – Over 50 people attended the various classes in the Mission Hall. They would resume in September/October

Evening ended with talk by Mr G Poole on “Aspects of Dorset Landscape”

### **6/6/1983 – Committee meeting – Bellamy Cottage (Mr & Mrs Mercer)**

Committee – Mr Mercer (Chairman), Cllr Mrs Litschi (Vice Chairman), Mr Knight (Secretary), Mrs Noden-Wilkinson (Treasurer), Mrs Brown (Social Secretary)

Planning subcommittee Chairman, Secretary, Mr Saunders, Mrs Pressly, Mrs Shires, Mr Doyle

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Mrs Shires appointed as representative on Weymouth Civic Society

Planning – Agreed to offer one or two trees to new lessees at Springhead, to continue park concept of pub

Opposed proposal to develop part of Staddles site, on grounds of traffic and undesirable infilling

Rumour that barn on Brookmead development might be taken down. Thought unlikely

Village – Discussion of torrential thunderstorms on 5/6 and subsequent flooding. Letter to Chief Executive to request clearance of gulleys, and to express view that drainage problems should count against further development proposals

Mr Saunders pointed out there used to be a weather-vane on the Mill. Agreed to tell Mr Wallis the Society would be willing to provide a replacement

Finance – Bank balance £29.87. Question raised of forgoing subscription for those in poor circumstances. Left to discretion of collectors

Social – Summer walk 24/6

Coffee morning with bring & buy 16/7 or 30/7 at Mission Hall

Christmas Cards – Offer by Mr Rawlings of Timberline to print black & white cards at cost. Drawing of Mill/Courthouse/Farm in 1863 (offered by Mrs Pressly) thought a good subject

### 25/7/1983 – Committee meeting – 1 Old Bincombe Lane (Mrs Wilkinson)

Village – New vane forged at Osmington forge and installed. Cost just over £50

Traffic – Potholes in Mission Hall Lane filled in after request to Council

Confirmed that Springhead would have about 50 parking spaces, rather than 60 originally intended

Planning – Application by Mr Dodge for new house next to Spinneys rejected on grounds of access

Discussion of Conservation Policy. Examples from other villages and towns seen. Suggested that “as development in the village seems virtually complete” a policy document would be superfluous

Social – Coffee morning postponed from 30/7 to 13/8, to be held in Mr Mercer’s garden, or Mission Hall if wet

Art & crafts classes to resume September/October. History classes resume in October

Hoping to arrange talks by Linda Poulson, Museum Education Officer, on stone and wood carving, and/or by County Planning Officer on village development

Hope to arrange cheese and wine evening at Springhead before Christmas

Discussion on holding Music & Movement classes at Mission Hall

### Autumn 1983 – Newsletter #30

Flooding – After glorious summer, storms. Representations to Borough about need to clear gullies and conduits, and also about impact of additional development

Social – Excellent talk on Dorset Landscape by G Poole after the AGM

Hoping to arrange event at the pub when it reopens after works

Crafts and Arts classes continuing (Tuesday and Thursday respectively, at Mission Hall), but History classes have ceased

Coffee morning 5/11 Mission Hall, with Bring & Buy of sweets etc.

Talk by Mr Wiggins of County Planning Department 18/11 in Mission Hall

Talk by Linda Poulson of County Museum 3/2

27 walkers for evening walk to Sunray wiyh E Saunders

Coffee morning at Mercer’s in August raising funds for Society

Village hosted 18 members of Historical Association in June, touring Hardy country

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Committee – Bill Mercer (Chairman), Joyce Litschi (Vice-Chairman), Eve Noden-Wilkinson (Treasurer), Ken Knight (Secretary), Margaret Brown (Social Secretary), Jon Campbell, Mike Doyle, Jean Mullins, Cathy Pressly, Ernest Saunders, Joy Shires

Planning – Planning Committee intending a review of “White Land”. Society has stressed need to maintain individual character of the village

Work on Mill almost complete, and very impressive – “an asset to Sutton Poyntz”. With Mr Wallis’s agreement, Society has obtained replacement weathervane from Osmington Forge Plans for alteration (mainly internal) to cottage by pond occupied by Mr & Mrs Sqibb – good to know thatch will be retained

Cards – Reproduction of 1863 print of Mill and old Courthouse

Society – Noticeboard refurbished by Lawrie Ingham

### **27/9/1983 – Committee meeting – The Rest (Mr & Mrs Pressly)**

Village – Flooding may be more frequent now Wessex Water have alternative supply at West Knighton. Hope expressed that they would “be able to regulate the flow more successfully” State of White Horse Lane discussed. State of White Horse Cottage said to be “a disgrace”, and wall being put up by Mr Hunt as replacement of hedge “an eyesore”

Footpath sign at the end of White Horse Lane had been removed. County Council to be contacted

Christmas Cards – 500 cards being printed, based on the picture mentioned last time

Planning – New County Structure Plan had been approved and came into force July 1983.

This superseded the previous arrangement under which village Conservation Policies had been written, so it was agreed to shelve the idea of a Conservation Policy

A member had written in on the proposal for land next to Staddles, warning that if approved on appeal the plot might enable an access road to the Turner’s house. There had been a previous dispute about a wider access at this point. The Committee felt the views were exaggerated, and it would be sufficient to submit views to the appeal in writing  
Correspondence on 99A Sutton Road, evidently owned by Mr Saunders. Counter-proposal by Dorset CC

Letter written on behalf of Planning Subcommittee on planned houses by Chapel in Sutton Road [N.B. Planning Subcommittee decisions and actions at this stage were not minuted].

May be application for 3 additional houses beyond No 55 and No 53. Approval had been given in the 1970’s for this site

Letter written on behalf of Planning Subcommittee concerning houses off Winslow Road  
Complaint from Mr Doyle about plain glass used in office window at Mill, in breach of planning consent

Finance – Balance £10.22, with £449.64 in savings account

Social – Profit of £24.75 on Coffee Morning

Enquiries about party at Springhead, but no firm date of opening yet

Craft classes had resumed, with 19 people, and Arts classes would soon (16 expected).

Insufficient support to justify History classes. Discussions with Mission Hall about Music & Movement classes

Talk by Mr Wiggins of County Planning Department 18/11. Talk by Linda Poulson, County Museum, 3/2

Society – Suggestion of displaying photos in Noticeboard, showing improvements to village

Pond – Proposal for working party to remove weed, if Council would not do work

### **21/11/1983 – Committee meeting – 3 Silver Street (Mr & Mrs Shires)**

Planning – Inquiry to be held on land at Staddles. Draft comments emphasised highway and traffic problems and adverse effect on amenity. Agreed to liaise with Civic Society

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Continuing friction caused by clear window installed at Mill, overlooking Blue Shutters. Not thought the Society could do anything

No objection to illuminated sign outside the Springhead, or to a sign at the "Willows" advertising the pub

Council note received on tree replacements at the Springhead

Pond – No reply yet from Borough Engineer on weed clearance

Problem recently with oil in the pond, thought to be from an oil pipe at the Springhead broken during work. Water Authority aware

Mission Hall – WI intending to provide curtains for Hall, with PCC's agreement. Cost £80-£100. Asking if Society willing to help. Agreed to pay for and fit rails, at £18.72

Finance – Balance £63.51, after transferring £50 to investment account

Social – Coffee Morning raised £9.25

Told by Buccaneer Inns that new pub manager, Mr Noble, would move in 22/11, with the pub opening early December. Agreed to liaise with manager on social in connection with opening, and agreed a commitment of up to £30

Poor attendance (14) at Conservation talk by Mr Wiggins on 19/11

Christmas Cards – About 240 cards sold. Agreed not to produce card next year

Traffic – Question about what works were now to be done making up Puddledock Lane – rumour it might be less than originally understood

### 16/1/1984 – Committee meeting – Bellamy Cottage (Mr & Mrs Mercer)

Village – County Council will attend to footpath notices

Work to be done by Southern Electricity to supply. Decided not to ask again for underground cable

Watch to be kept on untaxed cars parked

Watch to be kept on damaged tree in Puddledock Lane

Pond – Borough willing to clear weeds, but decided to assemble working party in February to do work

Mission Hall – Curtain rails fitted, and window stays replaced. No more work planned by Society

Social – Buffet provided at Springhead 14/12 for villagers, by Directors of Devenish & Buccaneer Inns

Possibility of cheese & wine at Springhead to be investigated with Mr Noble. Set subsequently for 21/2, tickets £1

Traffic – Confirmed that CC preparing to make up far end of Puddledock Lane, but maybe narrower than originally specified and only single footpath

Society – Weymouth Civic Society 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary exhibition at the Nothe. Invitation to SPS to contribute display. To be considered.

Planning – Modifications to plans for land next to Staddles, including access, believed to have been accepted by County and Borough. Society regret at this decision to be expressed Modified proposals for Diment land, with barn to be demolished and four houses on "banjo" roadway. Strong objection expressed to this change, with request for adherence to outline planning permission. Suggestion of getting opinion on suitability of barn for conversion

Finance – Balance £74.80

### 13/2/1984 – Committee meeting – Bellamy Cottage (Mr & Mrs Mercer)

Village – Footpath notices replaced

Dorset CC had approved village sign at Sutton Road/Winslow Road junction. Advice to be sought from Mr P Bentley about design

Planning – Inspection of barn at Mr Diment's land done. Letter to DoE requesting listing of barn. Need to demonstrate strength of feeling about keeping barn building

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Objection submitted on proposal for residential development at riding stable, on grounds of inappropriate style and white land status. Application rejected by Borough. Reminder that Miss Pitman's bungalow had been allowed as a special departure from normal planning practice

Idea of producing Conservation Policy to be considered again

Traffic – Borough planning double yellow lines at bus turning area at Mission Hall Lane junction. Society view that this was unnecessary in view of parking provisions at Springhead Extension of double yellow lines opposite Ship, Preston Road, welcomed

Society – Representation of Society on Weymouth Civic Society to be considered after AGM – present representative not a Committee member

### 12/3/1984 – Committee meeting – 7 Old Bincombe Lane (Mr & Mrs Campbell)

Planning – Representation on Diment land acknowledged

Discussions intended to see if Planning Department can give us help in writing Conservation Policy. Unlikely at present due to effort on update of Structure Plan

Secretary of State had recently allowed development, against Inspector's recommendation, on white land at Budmouth Avenue. Precedent feared

Village – Design on village sign submitted to Borough Engineer for approval. Planning permission thought needed (fee £47). Cost of sign about £40

Social – Cheese & wine at Springhead a success

Mr Ricketts to be invited to speak at AGM, or Mr M Kelly of Planning Department

Finance – Balance £55.23, plus £435.71 in savings account

Society – Newsletters have been printed by the Handicapped Section of the Social Services Department. Now closed, so alternative needed. Mr Wyld of Chalbury to be contacted Suggestions box to be provided at AGM

Display of work at Mill to be offered for Civic Society exhibition. Mr Wallis willing to assist

### Spring 1984 – Newsletter #31

Planning – Mill and Springhead “show that change can be handled sensitively and with due care for local environment”

Recent new house in Plaisters approved, despite concerns about access and traffic hazards

Outline permission granted a year ago for 4 houses plus barn conversion on late Henry Diment's land at Sutton Farm. New proposals include demolition of barn – Society has objected strongly

Application for development on Miss Pitman's riding stables was refused – Society objected to any development of this “white land”

Village – Welcome Ossie & Moira Noble to Springhead, and thank them and Directors for reception held there on 19/12

Mr & Mrs Wallis at Mill awarded Civic Society annual award for renovation work. Photo in Echo

WI donating new curtains to Mission Hall. Society donating and fixing rails

Social – Cheese & wine at pub 21/2

Talk by Mr Wiggins with “before and after” slides November

Talk by Linda Poulson of County Museum February

Pond – Speedy work by Wessex Water to clear spillage during Springhead works

Traffic – At last the double yellow lines opposite the Ship have been extended Proposal for double yellow lines at bus turning near Springhead – Society thinks this unnecessary with increased parking at pub

County Council to make up road between Seven Acres and Sunnyfields



## Summary note of Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Minutes and Newsletters

### 17/4/1984 – AGM – Mission Hall

33 members present

Planning – Recent plans to convert Sutton Farm House into two dwellings, with 3 new houses in adjacent grounds

Now understood Planning Committee had decided barn must not be demolished

Proposals by Miss Pitman to convert riding stables into industrial units – not favoured by Society

Committee – Mrs Brown, Mrs Brownridge, Mrs Litschi, Mrs Mullins, Mrs Pressly, Mrs Shires, Mrs Wilkinson, Mr Campbell, Mr Doyle, Mr Knight, Mr Mercer, Mr Saunders, Mr C P Stephen

Finance – Accounts to 31/12/83 audited by Mr Cole. Receipts £198.21. Expenditure £175.17 including £57.50 for new weathervane on Mill and £18.72 for curtain rails at Mission Hall.

Bank account £44.90 and investment account £435.71

No change to subscriptions

Christmas Cards – Printed by Mr Rawlins for £10 – cost of paper

Social – Talk by Mr D Brierley, Principal-designate of Weymouth Tertiary College, about the College. To be fully functioning, with 120 teachers and 100 part-time tutors, and 1000 full-time students, by Sept 1985

### 21/5/1984 – Committee meeting – 1 Old Bincombe Lane (Mrs Wilkinson)

Committee – Mr Mercer (Chairman), Mrs Litschi (Vice Chairman), Mr Knight (Secretary), Mrs Wilkinson (Treasurer), Mrs Brown (Social Secretary)

Planning Committee Chairman, Secretary, Mr Saunders, Mrs Pressly, Mr Doyle, Mrs Shires  
Collectors' rounds: Mrs Pressly (Plaisters Lane North), Mr Knight (Plaisters Lane middle), Mr Stephen (Sutton Court Lawns, Sutton Close), Mrs Wilkinson (Plaisters Lane South), Mr Campbell (Old Bincombe Lane), Mr Mercer (Verlands/Winslow Roads), Mrs Litschi (Sutton Road from Cart Shed), Mrs Mullins (Puddledock/Sunnyfields), Mr Doyle (Silver Street, Sutton Road to 113), Mrs Brown (Sutton Road North, Mission Hall Lane, White Horse Lane)

Planning – Plans for barn on Diment land inspected, and favourably received. Now understood only 3 new houses to be built there. Plans will be inspected. Response from DoE saying barn would not be listed. Letter written asking for this to be reconsidered  
Planning application for 3 new houses west of Farm House [Cornhill Drive]. Plans will be inspected

Meeting to be called to consider Conservation Policy. No help expected from Council officers  
Shrubs in front of Springhead removed. Letter sent to Buccaneer Inns

Letter written opposing conversion of riding stables to residential

Village – Correspondence and meeting with Borough Engineer on village sign, using design by Peter Bentley of Fox Cottage. Hoped sign could be put up by Council workmen.

Discussions of metal sign rather than wood

Footpath sign by Riding Stables had been moved, but then moved back

Society – Mrs Shires appointed Society representative at Weymouth Civic Society. Successful exhibition – expenditure for display panels approved

Social – Discussion of need for fund raising events. Film show meriting admission charge to be investigated

Walk to Broadmayne 22/6

Coach trip to Tiverton 8/7 to be investigated. Also tour of Dorset churches

Finance – Balance £36.72

### 25/6/1984 – Committee meeting – Bellamy Cottage (Mr & Mrs Mercer)

Planning – Appeal submitted by Mrs Pitman on houses at top of Winslow Road and houses by chapel in Sutton Road. View expressed last September reaffirmed. [Note in minutes that

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applications must be considered on basis of planning, environmental and aesthetic, “irrespective of who is the applicant”)

Plans for two sides of Sutton Farm House had been reviewed, and thought generally satisfactory subject to roof tile colour and landscaping. Noted that some trees and part of a wall had been removed – to be checked with Planning Department

Noted that new houses near St Andrews Church would be brick rather than stone as originally planned. This at request of County Conservation Department, to give strong contrast to stone of church

Social – Cream tea at Springhead investigated, but rejected on basis of cost (£1.50) and minimum numbers required. Tea in the Garden at Bellamy Cottage or Mission Hall if wet 28/7. Cost 75p

Pond – Working party to be assembled to cut grass and clear eastern edge

### 9/7/1984 – Committee meeting – Blue Shutters (Mr & Mrs Doyle)

Planning – Work on Diment site under way. Reported that stone wall with arch, next to the barn, had been demolished in error and would be rebuilt. Slight concern about discharge into stream from diggings

Dorset CC newsletter on Structure Plan received

Social – Arrangements for Tea on the Lawn – loan of crockery, purchase of plastic cutlery, purchase of jam and clotted cream, ladies to bake scones, transport for chairs and tables. No raffle or stalls.

Art classes to restart September.

Talk planned by Mr R Mullins on Dorset dialects mid October. Talk on conservation in new year

Finance - £37.50 transferred from savings account for Weymouth Civic Society exhibition costs. Savings account balance £400. Bank balance £59.65

Pond – Grass cut and verge cleared – Very next day, Council workmen arrived to do the job

Village – Southern Electricity be asked to screen substation near chapel with shrubs or hedge

### Summer 1984 – Newsletter #32

Committee – Bill Mercer (Chairman), Joyce Litschi (Vice Chairman), Eve Noden Wilkinson (Treasurer), Ken Knight (Secretary), Margaret Brown (Social Secretary), Linda Brownridge, Jon Campbell, Mike Doyle, Jean Mullins, Cathy Pressly, Ernest Saunders, Joy Shires, Peter Stephen

Social – Enjoyable Cream Teas 28/7 at Bellamy Cottage, but numbers down

“Small but enthusiastic” party on summer walk to Black Dog at Broadmayne, led by Ernest Saunders

Talk by Raymond Mullins, lecturer in philosophy English and social sciences at DIHE, on William Barnes 18/10 Mission Hall

Planning – Representations on demolition of barn on late Henry Diment’s land successful.

Work proceeding including conversion of barn

Work at Mill (Kit and Jan Wallis) continuing – “artistic walls” along Silver Street are of great benefit and will improve as plants and shrubs become established

Village – Electricity supply to Diment development will need to be moved – Society will therefore consider whether to make any representation on underground cables. Extension of gas supply also being considered. General Meeting may be needed to consider these

Pond – Recorded that two Committee members cut the grass on the Sutton Road side of the pond, which the Council seemed to have forgotten. Very next day, along come the Council workers.

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### **10/9/1984 – Committee meeting – The Rest (Mr & Mrs Pressly)**

Planning – Further response from DoE saying barn would not be listed  
Secretary of State’s reasons for allowing building on White Land at Budmouth Avenue now published. Thought consequences could be far-reaching  
Subcommittee has met to draft Conservation Policy, under chairmanship of Bob Fenton.  
Work continuing

Village – Response from Southern Electricity saying they would not do planting inside substation fence, but Society could outside, subject to consultation on details. Thought this would obstruct road

Electricity pole by Mill being removed for garages being built. Supply to some Silver Street houses will be underground. Also new houses on Diment land are paying for underground supply. Not thought Society should do anything at present on underground cables

Now suggested that a village sign needs to be approved by Ministry of Transport, and only four types are acceptable to County. Talk again to Borough Engineer

Concern about protection of footpaths, particularly the one from Fox Cottage west to Plaisters Lane. Not believed this path is shown on County’s map

Finance – Balance £100.43

Social – Profit of £20.95 on Tea on the Lawn

Mr Mullins to give talk on 18/10

“Christmas Happening” to be arranged at Springhead 6/12. Cheese & wine, and other eats, carols, Christmas hamper as raffle prize. Tickets £1.50. Maximum attendance 80

Arts classes to be in Mission Hall. Springhead now charging £8.50 for regular use of Pavilion

### **19/11/1984 – Committee meeting – Cob Cottage (Mr & Mrs Brown)**

Village – SEB confirmed that nothing could be done on underground cables until 1986.

British Telecom asked about putting cables underground jointly with electricity, but said this was unlikely

Nothing further heard from Council on village sign, and decided to drop idea

Meeting with Mr Saville who recommended tree planting in various places, and suggested species. Decided 6 trees would be affordable

Assurance by Buccaneer Inns that shrubs will be replaced

Planning – Miss Pitman’s appeals both dismissed, in well reasoned report

New plans submitted for 3 houses south of the existing Diment development. Support given to letters from Mr Birch and Mr Edge, which stressed need for stone, protection of services to other properties in Puddledock, and realignment of proposed houses

Reported that work was going on in the farmhouse, some by floodlight after dark

Objection to application by Miss Pitman for caravan on stable land

Social – Criticism by member (Mrs Loveland) of Society’s social programme. Mrs Loveland reminded of poor attendance generally, and that she had not been at any of the events actually held

No progress on event at Springhead due to change of publican – new one just moved in.

Agreed to delay to Jan/Feb, with light refreshments and tickets at £1

Talk to be arranged after Christmas by Roger Gutteridge on Dorset Smugglers

Talk to ladies’ gathering to be arranged by Mrs Penny of Bandford, on “Victorians”

Society – Exhibition panels allowed to be kept by Weymouth Civic Society for their future use

Traffic – Discussion of hazard coming out from Sutton Close. Possibility of mirror to be investigated

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### 14/1/1985 – Committee meeting – 12 Sutton Close (Mr & Mrs Stephen)

Village – More from British Telecom on undergrounding – they had worked with SEB on undergrounding of cables to the Mill and Silver Street, and had buried some other cables in the village a number of years ago, but more was unlikely at present

Two saplings planted at Springhead, but not yet the promised shrubs

Letter received from Mrs Branton from solicitors acting for Mr Harbour, saying Mr Harbour had possessory title to land in front of Myrtle Cottage, and would be fencing it. Doubts expressed about Mr Harbour's claim to have tended the land since 1951. Society's involvement restricted to urging Mr Harbour to plant hedge rather than put up fence  
Understood that Mr Wallis was investigating ownership of the stream, believing he owned the walls on both banks. Land Registry had confirmed to Presslys that stream is "common land"

Planning – Discussions between Council and developer on 3 proposed houses beyond farmhouse

Part of boundary wall to stables removed, and earth removed; new gate erected, and caravan installed. Planning Officer alerted by Society, and reported that enforcement notice will be served, requiring planning application for this and other work at the top of Verlands Road

Committee – Resignation of Mr Campbell, who continues as collector for Old Bincombe Lane

Finance – Balance of £98.36

Social – Springhead unwilling to run function at less than £2.50 per head. Idea dropped.

Roger Gutteridge talk 6/2

Ladies' talk 5/3 by Mrs Helen Boyce on wholefoods

Talk planned for after AGM by RSPB representative on garden birds

### 28/1/1985 – Special committee meeting – Bellamy Cottage (Mr & Mrs Mercer)

Planning – Discussions of continuing work at stables. Legality questioned. Two DOE circulars to be investigated. Agreed, subject to contents of circulars, to commission planning solicitor to provide opinion. Expenditure up to £100 agreed. County Surveyor to be informed of Society's strong views against new entrance. Footpath diversion to be opposed

Village – Land Registry to be asked about registration of stream by Mill

Letter from Weymouth Civic Society suggesting fund raising for undergrounding of cables. Response to be that Society sees no useful purpose

### Spring 1985 – Newsletter #33

Village – Some electricity cables near the fork and Mill have been put underground, partly at expense of individuals. However discussions have shown that any general work would be very expensive

Social – Continuing good work by Margaret Brown

Art classes restarted

Excellent talk by Raymond Mullins on William Barnes' dialect poems – enjoyed by only a few. One of the poems was read in authentic Dorset by Ernest Saunders

Talk by Roger Guttridge on Dorset smugglers well attended

Talk on wholefoods by Mrs Helen Boyce

Springhead event not run

Talk after AGM by Mrs C Whitby of RSPB

Planning – Work proceeding well on development east of Sutton Farm. Three new houses to be built to the west of its drive, and the house itself is being restored

Appeals rejected for development in Winslow Road and by the chapel in Sutton Road

New entrance built to riding stables without planning permission, including demolition of some wall. Representation made to Council, currently being considered

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Inspector allowed appeal for development on “white” land (not stated where)  
Society asked Borough Council in July 1982 for permission for hardwood sign at the village boundary saying “Village of Sutton Poyntz – please drive carefully”. Council agreed, but demanded that “Borough of Weymouth and Portland” be added. Stated that Highways Authority permission also needed, so application to County Council. County Council agreed, but Borough Council now said planning permission needed, incurring a fee of £47. Also suggested that wood was not appropriate, and that sign had too many words! Society decided to forget it

### **5/3/1985 – Special committee meeting – The Rest (Mr & Mrs Pressly)**

Village – Concrete wall built recently below outflow from mill race. Wallis’s questioned, and said reason was security, to prevent people, particularly children coming onto Mill land from the pond. Stream used to be overgrown, preventing access. Wallis’s seeking cooperation, and offered to remove wall as soon as reasonably possible. Believed that Land Registry plans show the stream itself is not owned by the Mill. Mentioned that pond had been purchased by Council in 1960 from Water Board. Council reported to be discussing ownership of the stream with Wessex Water. Agreed to get confirmation of Land Registrations, to get Wessex Water’s view, to accept offer to remove wall and to check that wire netting by bridge is just temporary protection for plants, and to invite Wallis’s to future meeting  
Discussion of footpath from Fox Cottage to Plaisters Lane. Believed this was a right of way, which should be used

Planning – Confirmed that Councillors would be conducting site visit to stables. Believed that new entrance was not a planning matter as the road was unclassified. Believed that the entrance was not to the required standard, should planning permission be necessary

### **9/4/1985 – Planning subcommittee – Bellamy Cottage (Mr & Mrs Mercer)**

Village – Letter received from Wessex Water on the stream, and will be discussed by full committee. Mr Saunders reminiscing that donkeys and carts used to travel along Silver Street

Wire fence erected between Wyndings and footpath running beside property. To be discussed with Mr Emblen

Planning – No objection to application to develop at stables next to Mill

### **16/4/1985 – AGM – Mission Hall**

44 members present

Pond – Reported that Mr Wallis wished to stock with fish, subject to liaison with Water Authority

Finance – Balance £73.50, plus £444.88 in investment account

No change to subscription

Society – Scrap book being compiled

Committee – Mr Doyle, Mr Knight, Mrs Litschi, Mr Mercer, Mrs Pressly, Mr Saunders, Mr Stephen, Mr Brierley, Mr Rosekilly, Mrs J Smith

Social – Talk on garden birds by Mrs C Whitby of RSPB

### **8/5/1985 – Committee meeting – Millstream Cottage (Mr & Mrs Knight)**

Village – Letter from Wessex Water [no indication of contents in minutes]

Discussions with Mr Emblen on fencing of footpath. 6-ft wide path had been preserved, so all satisfactory

Committee – Mr W H Mercer (Chairman), Mrs J Litschi (Vice Chairman), Mr K C Knight (Secretary), Mr P Stephen (Treasurer), Mr M Rosekilly & Mr M Doyle (Social Secretary)

Planning Committee Chairman, Secretary, Mr Doyle, Mrs Pressly, Mr Saunders, Mrs Smith

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Bob Fenton representative to Weymouth Civic Society

Collectors' rounds: Mrs Pressly (Plaisters Lane north of Purbeck Lodge), Mrs Smith (Plaisters Lane middle), Mr Stephen (Sutton Court Lawns, Sutton Close), Mr Brierley (Plaisters Lane south of Sutton Close), Mr Rosekilly (Old Bincombe Lane), Mr Mercer (Verlands/Winslow Roads), Mr Knight (Sutton Road from Cart Shed, and Puddledock/Sunnyfields), Mr Doyle (Silver Street, Sutton Road north, Mission Hall Lane, White Horse Lane)

Pond – Mr Wallis believed to have put some trout in the pond. Licence required from Water Authority. Investigation to be done of what types of fish suitable

Planning – Believed Council may allow rerouting of footpath by stables, subject to removal of earth closet by fodder store. Objection to be reiterated

Planned development rumoured to west of Old Bincombe Lane. Contact to be made with Planning Office, to stress impact on “green wedge”, problems of access, and the dangerous precedent this would make. Letter to be copied to CPRE, Civic Society, Councillors etc.

Residents urged to write in

Question to be asked of Council about “up and over” door in barn

Social – Summer walk 28/6, ending at Springhead

### **11/6/1985 – Committee meeting – Mr Saunders' house**

Planning – Site visit shortly by Planning Committee to stables. Officer's view that any damage caused by demolition of outhouse must be repaired before rerouting of footpath could be allowed. Caravan to be dealt with as part of the whole. Society's views to be reiterated to Chief Planning Officer

Support for Society views on land west of Old Bincombe Lane received from local Councillors and Civic Society. No application received by Council

Noted that weekly lists of planning applications now being received

Pond – Thought that wire mesh at outflow by bridge would be needed, and would need clearing daily. Mr Wallis asking if Society could do this, but Society not willing to be involved

Village – Wessex Water proposal to create Museum at Waterworks. Society asked if they would be able to assist with manning of museum, and also to give views on parking.

Response that there is no objection to the idea, but Society not able to help with manning, and large volumes of traffic would cause difficulty

Finance – Balance £87.14, plus £444.88 in investment account

Raffle at AGM raised £14.50

Social – Walk will be over the hills, to the Sunray at Osmington

Garden party 10/8 at Bellamy Cottage

Traffic – Mirror purchased by Mr Stephen for opposite Sutton Close. Exact siting to be agreed with Mr Saunders

### **22/7/1985 – Committee meeting – Bellamy Cottage (Mr & Mrs Mercer)**

Village – Flooding recently at Bellamy Cottage garage, caused by blockage at grills in stream.

Wessex Water to be asked if flow can be regulated to be more even

Letter to be written to Mr Dale, new owner of St Francis, thanking him for work clearing stream

Information supplied on village to “Operation Doomsday”

Another change of publican imminent at the Springhead. Regrets at departure to be expressed to Buccaneer Inn

Complaint from villager about horse manure on Sutton Road – no action to be taken

Planning – Copy received of letter from Chief Planning Officer, requiring demolition of old privy at stables to clear new route for footpath, and also part closure of old entrance



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Still rumours of application for 14 houses west of Old Bincombe Lane. Suggested Planning Office would oppose. Committee disagree with proposal to organise petition, better for individuals to write when application made

New owner of Laurels wishing to rethatch, and also erect "pedestrian covered entrance gateway". Both welcomed

Social – Teas on the Lawn 10/8; charge 50p per head

About 12 on walk to Osmington

Suggestions of treasure hunt and cheese & wine

Traffic – Mirror in place, and thought to be working well

Finance – Balance £113.64

### 2/9/1985 – Committee meeting – 10 Sutton Close (Mr & Mrs Stephen)

Village – Response received from Land Registry. Mill cartilage includes stream from pond bridge to passage between Mill and Mill House, and also the orchard south of the garages. Wallis's wishing to cooperate with neighbours. No further Society action needed.

Response from Buccaneer Inns regretting changes of licensee – the company usually has a "very stable management background". Mr & Mrs Watts taken over early August

Concern at theft of minor equipment from Mill grounds

Social – Tea on the Lawn cancelled because of bad weather for fortnight before

Suggestion by Mr Watts of fireworks evening at pub. Tickets £1 for fireworks and hot dogs.

Suggestion welcomed

Hoped to run cheese & wine at Mission Hall

Pond – Request from Mr Wallis for Society help getting Council order prohibiting fishing in pond. Declined

Planning – Appeal by Miss Pitman on caravan at stables rejected

Application for new house on land next to Turners Lodge

Finance – Balance £123.30. £60 to be transferred to investment account

Traffic – Agreed "in principle" to make contribution towards cost of Sutton Close mirror

### Autumn 1985 – Newsletter #34

Social – In one of the worst summers on record, Garden Party on 10/8 cancelled

Small numbers on walk to Osmington

Flower Festival at St Andrews Church in August raised £850 for benefit of new church at Littlemoor

Fireworks evening at pub 5/11. £1 per person including hot dogs

Traffic – Lots of hole digging, by various utilities without cooperation. Some resurfacing now in order

Village – Letter of concern at turnover of management of Springhead sent to Buccaneer Inns. Mr Bulgin had been "very caring". New licenses are Mr & Mrs Watts

Note of improvement to River Jordan between 85 Sutton Rd and Puddledock Lane, thanks to Charles Dale, new owner of the bungalow

Reference to Neighbourhood Watch meetings at Preston Village Hall in September

Planning – Concern at possibility of additional development at end of Old Bincombe Lane – no planning application yet

Pond – Reference to history board by pond

Committee – Bill Mercer (Chairman), Joyce Litschi (Vice Chairman), Peter Stephen (Treasurer), Ken Knight (Secretary), Mike Doyle & Matt Rosekilly (Social Secretaries), Don Brierley, Cathy Pressly, Ernest Saunders, Jean Smith

Bob Fenton is our representative on WCS

History – Schools Domesday 1985 project run by BBC. St John's School sought information from Society and from Elizabeth Saunders

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### **29/10/1985 – Committee meeting – The Rest (Mr & Mrs Pressly)**

Village – Letter received from Mr Wallis complaining about litter and trespass by a member of the Society committee. Mr Wallis intending to erect fence. Mr Doyle accepted he was the party, and undertook to avoid provocation. Deputation appointed to meet Mr Wallis

Pond – Discussion of levels of water in pond, with reference to minutes in 1971 and 1975.

Understood that flow would increase from beginning of November

Social – About 70 tickets sold for fireworks evening

Planning for cheese & wine at pub in December (for Church Room, a licence would be needed for such an event)

Planning – Following report by Mr Dale of St Francis, investigation intended of tree felling at Sutton Farm site

No evidence of compliance by Miss Pitman at stables site. Representations to be made to Planning Office

Application for two stables at rear of Old Bakehouse. Representation to point out undesirable precedent if permitted

Application for land next to Turners Lodge refused

Christmas Card – Investigation of photographic card

Committee – Resignation of Mr Doyle, moving to Portsmouth

### **14/1/1986 – Committee meeting – Bellamy Cottage (Mr & Mrs Mercer)**

Committee – Death of Mr P Stephen in December. Mrs Eve Wilkinson agreed to take post of Treasurer again. Mrs Beth Bentley coopted as replacement for Mr Doyle

Village – Meeting with Mr Wallis, and letter. Mr Wallis not now intending to put up fence. However, continuing complaint of litter, and that sluice gate had been tampered with. No action thought necessary.

Report from Mr Wallis that wooden bridge becoming dangerous, and asking if Society could help with repairs. Will ask Mr Doyle if he has suitable timber, but not willing to help with repair work because of potential responsibility

Mr Wallis said that repair of wheel was impractical, at about £8000. Now thinking about ornamental wheel on side of Mill (turning but not connected). Concern about safety, noise and affect on stream flow – further meeting will be called with Mr Wallis

Thought Devenish may be retaking control of pub from Buccaneer Inns, in which case Mr Watt's position may be uncertain

Christmas Card – Quote for £1000+VAT for 1000 cards plus envelopes, from Folkestone firm.

Agreed to go ahead at appropriate time

Social – Fireworks successful, but 300 people attended causing bottlenecks for admission and hot dogs

Cheese & wine 8/12 attended by 38 people. Speaker from Devenish. Cost £1.50 per person – overall loss of £3

Idea of holding AGM at pub Pavilion, with sherry or punch at Society's expense

Finance – Balance £43.38, plus £504.88 in investment account

Signatories to accounts to be Mrs E Noden-Wilkinson, Chairman and Secretary

Planning – Planning Department keeping an eye on spiral staircase at bungalow at Stables, and also on car, boat and caravan on the site

No objection to proposal for tea room at 115 Sutton Road, so long as parking situation not affected badly

### **11/3/1986 – Committee meeting – Bellamy Cottage (Mr & Mrs Mercer)**

Christmas Cards – Suitable photo to be sought via next Newsletter

Village – Idea of ornamental mill wheel abandoned

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Planning – Weymouth & Portland Ratepayers Association had held public meeting to discuss idea for large covered shopping centre in Weymouth. Emerged that this had come from an academic exercise by Weymouth College students, and had no basis in fact  
Planning applications submitted by Miss Pitman: access road and 3 bungalows on south site; removal of stables and 2 new houses on centre site; conversion of stable and store into 1 dwelling at north site. Chairman withdrew from this debate. Agreed to oppose all proposals, as contrary to purpose of Conservation Area and on white land  
Reported that caravan still on site. Agreed to report to DoE  
Agreed to request meeting with Planning Officer and Preston Councillors, to discuss use and development of stables  
Social – Walk planned for 27/6  
Dorset teas afternoon planned for August

### Spring 1986 – Newsletter #35

Social – Fireworks at Springhead attended by nearly 300. Thanks to Mr & Mrs Watts  
40 attendees at Cheese & Wine at pub Pavilion in December, with talk by member of Devenish wine department  
Summer walk 27/6  
Dorset Teas probably August  
Cards – Request for photos for new card (in colour)  
Planning – New County Structure Plan, with emphasis on creation of jobs  
Comment to effect that preserving character and charm of village needs halt to new developments.  
Use of 115 Sutton Rd as tea-room – concerns about car parking – permission granted for one year  
House to be erected in place of garages by Mill House, in accordance with permission granted some time ago  
Caravan still at riding stables despite unsuccessful appeal – New applications for development on this white land  
Committee – In memoriam for Peter Stephen – Eve Noden-Wilkinson taking over again as Treasurer  
Village – Death of Nellie Randall, who had managed bookings of the Mission Hall for many years

### 22/4/1986 – AGM – Springhead Pavilion

37 members present  
Pond – No action had been taken on the suggestion at the previous AGM to stock the pond with fish  
Planning – Completion of development at Sutton Farm. Demolition of Mill House garages for new house.  
Concern about proposal for housing at stables site – application recently rejected  
Noted that recent large developments given approval at Littlemoor, Upwey and elsewhere would be a help, in demonstrating a sufficient supply of houses  
Finance – Balance £25.98 plus £561.21 in investment account  
No change to subscription  
Committee – Mrs E (Beth) Bentley, Mr Don Brierley, Mr Ron Birch, Mr Ken Knight, Mrs Gwen Loveland, Cllr Mrs Joyce Litschi, Mrs Cathy Pressly, Mr Matt Rosekilly, Mr Erenest Saunders, Mrs Jean Smith, Mrs Eve Wilkinson  
Small gift of thanks to Mr Mercer who had retired from Committee  
Traffic – Complaints over number of potholes in roads, possibly caused by laying of gas pipeline. Also road subsidence by pond

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### **27/5/1986 – Committee meeting – Millstream Cottage (Mr & Mrs Knight)**

Committee – Mrs Joyce Litschi (Chairman), Mr Rosekilly (Vice Chairman, if willing), Mr Knight (Secretary), Mrs Noden-Wilkinson (Treasurer), Mrs Loveland (Social Secretary)

Planning subcommittee Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Mrs Pressly, Mrs Smith  
Collectors' rounds: Mrs Pressly (Plaisters Lane north), Mrs Smith (Plaisters Lane middle), Mr Brierley (Sutton Court Lawns, Sutton Close, Plaisters Lane south), Mr Rosekilly (Old Bincombe Lane), Mr Knight (members outside village, and Silver Street area), Mrs Litschi (Sutton Road south of Cart Shed, and new roads on Diment land), Mr Birch (Puddledock & Sunnyfields), Mrs Bentley (Sutton Road north of Cart Shed)

Planning – Note read of meeting with Planning Officer on Stables. Question of footpath being pursued. All applications by Miss Pitman rejected. Wessex Water work had diverted stream through stables, but former course would be reinstated

No objection to proposed extension at Hampton Lodge

Application by Miss Pitman for tenting at Verlands Road; thought unlikely to be approved because of landscape value and annoyance to neighbours. Suspected Council may discuss alternative sites for tenting e.g. riding school or valley by Puddledock/Seven Acres. Agreed to oppose tenting anywhere in village

Society views being sought by Planning Office on proposed development at White Horse Garage. Agreed to seek limitation of 2 bungalows

Application expected for extension to 4 Sutton Court Lawns for playgroup

Traffic Work under way to fill potholes, and deal with subsidence by pond. Agreed to ask for stone facing to pond rather than concrete-filled sandbags

Reminder to be sent to Dorset CC of proposal some years ago for footpath at top end of Sutton Road

Finance – Balance £17.74, plus £561 in Investment account

Social – Walk to Osmington 27/6

Barbecue at Mr Birch's 25/7 – tickets £1.50

Teas on the Lawn, probably at Bellamy Cottage, 16/8

CPRE raffle tickets to be sold

Christmas Cards – Choice of photograph for card

Village – Incidences of youths calling at houses asking for jobs to do. Residents should beware

### **5/7/1986 – Committee meeting – 1 Old Bincombe Lane (Mrs Wilkinson)**

Planning – Footpath diversion at Stables approved. Reports of use "by courting couples".

Caravan to be considered again by Planning Committee

Tenting application rejected, with no talk of alternative sites

Two neighbours had objected to 4 Sutton Court Lawns proposal. Meeting with Mr Anders to discuss his proposal. Society comments on noise, traffic and creation of precedent

Letter to be written to Planning Committee pointing out that new house next to Staddles was of high quality, but "obtrudes greatly on the skyline"

Traffic – Response from Borough Engineer saying that sandbags would have to be used on cost grounds, but would try to get funds in future year for full reinstatement "of this most pleasant area"

Christmas Cards – Use of coloured paper not possible, so coloured photo chosen

Bus service – Reported that 500 summer service will continue to the end of October, but thereafter no buses to Springhead, terminating at Verlands Road. Representation to Southern National pointing out effect on elderly residents, and asking for some buses to continue to serve village

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Society – Fredy Litschi writing History booklet. Asking if Society would publish it in their name; also asking for help surveying the village. Decision on publishing to be made when complete

Letter of appreciation to be send to “Flowers in Weymouth” organisers

Finance – Balance £67.74 plus £561.21 Investment

Social – 24 people on walk to Osmington.

Final arrangements for Evening at Mr Birch’s home. 80 tickets sold – closed.

Consideration to be given to Open Gardens in 1987

### Summer 1986 – Newsletter #36

Bus service – Changes resulting from deregulation. No service scheduled to village after September. Representations to Southern National who offered a single morning service until end October. Approach to County Council who have sought tenders for service. County Councillor Tony Dodgson acting in our interests. Hope that Weybus will run about 7 services daily. Future of pensioner concessions unclear.

Social – Walk to Osmington well attended, led by Ernest Saunders

Over 80 attended Evening at Little Acorns. Thanks to Mr & Mrs Birch

About 70 at Dorset teas at Bellamy Cottage. Thanks to Mr & Mrs Mercer

Beetle Drive 3/10 in Springhead Pavilion. 50p including refreshments provided by Mr & Mrs Watts

Fireworks at Springhead to be organised by Mike Watts

1960’s Evening at Ship Inn 7/11, with buffet, entertainment and dancing. £2.50. Ton Birch organising

Talk on music in January

Plea for about 12-15 gardens for planned Open Gardens in aid of charity to be chosen

Society – Plea for old photos, press cuttings etc. for local history work by Fredy Litschi

Cards – Noel Tatt colour print of pond in winter. 15p from Eve Wilkinson

Committee – as above. Bill Mercer stepped down. Thanked for Chairing for 4 years

### 6/8/1986 – Committee meeting – Fox Cottage (Mrs Bentley)

Planning – 4 Sutton Court Lawns application rejected

Bus service – Reply from Southern National; tenders being sought by Dorset CC for morning service for Sutton Poyntz. In meantime, Southern National proposing weekday service at 10.28 from Springhead, returning 12.50. Letter to County Council, and promise of support from Tony Dodgson, County Councillor. Further letter to be written to Southern National asking for more buses to run to Cart Shed

Society – Re-lettering of noticeboard to be done. Agreed noticeboard can be used for notices of interest to the village even if not Society matters

Footpaths – Footpath over Winslow Hill now included in definitive map. Steps being taken to remove block

Finance – Balance £290.09. Agreed to transfer £200 to Investment account

Mrs Litschi to be signatory in place of Mr Mercer

Social – Mr Birch congratulated on success of his Evening, which raised £189.44

Mission Hall had allowed use of chairs and crockery for Tea on the Lawn. Raffle to be organised

Beetle Drive at Pavilion 3/10, suggested by Mrs Watts

Pub running fireworks night 5/11

Meal and Entertainment to be run at the Ship in November, with 1960’s theme

Music Evening planned

Interest in Open Gardens will be sought through next Newsletter. About 15 gardens needed.

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### **3/9/1986 – Special committee meeting – Camelot (Mr & Mrs Litschi)**

Bus service – Meeting with Mr Charlton, proprietor of Weybus. Meeting also attended by Wendy Hoon of Littlemoor Community Centre. Hourly weekday bus service from Springhead intended, to Weymouth via Gateway supermarket at Littlemoor. Service promised for six weeks from 22/9, after which variation could be negotiated. Early (8 a.m.) and late (11 p.m.) service could be considered if enough demand. Details to be distributed via Newsletter.

Society agreed to encourage people to use service

Planning – Informal discussions with Mr Keast about possible development of green land “between Sutton Road, Puddledock Lane and Seven Acres”. Reaffirmed that this “green wedge” must remain undeveloped. This view supported by 1984 Inspector’s report

Pond – Reference to amount of flow into pond over several days. Reminder about 1972/3 arrangement; nobody had authorised turning on of supply. No action to be taken

### **24/9/1986 – Committee meeting – Terra Mia (Mrs Loveland)**

Planning – Appeal by Mr Anders on 4 Sutton Court Lawns. Views to be reiterated, and also point out existing facilities at Preston

Further informal talk with Mr Keast. Possibility of application for four houses, with landscaping of rest. Cllr Ellis had recently written in Spotlight of the need for a play area in the vicinity

Pond – Secretary to talk informally with Borough Engineer’s Department

Society – Agreed to attend Conference of Dorset Federation of Amenity Societies

Agreed to look at revision of Constitution and Rules

Social – Tickets for Beetle Drive selling slowly

Plans for 1960’s Evening continuing

Music Evening – Richard Birley to present “Music in Vienna” 22/1, provisionally in Pavilion with refreshments

No fireworks at pub as school was holding event. Pub considering Halloween event

### **30/10/1986 – Committee meeting – Little Acorns (Mr & Mrs Birch)**

Bus service – New service running irregularly. Contact to be made with Mr Charlton

Village – New cable fitted for street light by pond, but light still not working

Finance – Balance £80.70, plus £761.21 in Investment account

Social – Income from Tea on the Lawn £46.24

Income from Beetle Drive £15.75

About 100 tickets sold for 1960’s evening, at £2.50. Curry, quiz, raffle, entertainment

Music evening confirmed at Pavilion

AGM to be at Springhead, followed by meal at £1

Insufficient interest in Open Gardens event

Consideration to be given to village outing in 1987

Again decided against fireworks evening, but thought being given to St George’s Day barbecue & fireworks evening

Christmas Cards – 587 sold – income £88.05

Planning – Appeal to be lodged by Miss Pitman with respect to the Stables. Agreed to employ Solicitor to submit Society’s case. CPRE to be asked for recommendation

Society – Conference attended. Planned housing increase in SW Dorset. SP not affected, but Crossways was. Suggestion that Structure Plan would be less firmly held to, and that development might be geared to “Government’s view on supply, rather than to demand”



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### 9/12/1986 – Committee meeting – The Rest (Mr & Mrs Pressly)

Planning – Letter written to Inspector on the Stables by Mr Rosekilly. Solicitor had been approached, but advised that letter from Society would carry as much weight, without the cost.

Mr & Mrs Anders had applied successfully to convert the butcher's shop in Preston to a playschool

White Horse Garage had been given approval for 2 flats, but had re-applied for 4 flats

Pond – Contact with Borough Engineer's Department on large volume of water flowing.

Village – Letter received from Mrs Doyle on possible changes to "River Jordan by Mr Wallace" [should this be "stream by Mr Wallis"?]. Plans appeared to involve 3 dams in the stream alongside the Mill. Concern that this could affect operation of land drains flowing into the stream (6 from Mr Saunders, 3 from Pressly, 1 from Doyle). Also fears of silting and/or undermining caused by changed waterflow, and increased insect population. Confirmed that planning application had gone to Wessex Water. Agreed to write to Wessex Water and to Council

Social – Profit of £85.76 by 60's night. Concern expressed that running this event at the Ship might have damaged relations with the Springhead, but majority against this view

Vienna Evening confirmed for 22/1, with coffee and biscuits

St Georges event with hot dogs and fireworks confirmed at Springhead. Charge about £1 for fireworks

Proposal for First Aid demonstration in February

Christmas Cards – Sales now 892, with profit of £6

Finance – Balance £221.40, plus £761.21 Investment

Agreed to transfer £100 to Investment account

Society – CPRE Dorset AGM attended. Concerns about planning process buckling under pressure of large number of appeals, and about loss of footpaths

Traffic – Still concern at potholes in Plaisters Lane

### 13/1/1987 – Committee meeting – 1 Old Bincombe Lane (Mrs Wilkinson)

Planning – Agreed to reiterate previous views on White Horse Garage site, that bungalows preferred.

Discussion with potential purchasers of Mr Branton's cottage, wanting to put up bungalow on adjacent land. View expressed that permission unlikely, in view of precedent on Mission Hall Lane

Application to convert part of building on north side of Springhead to accommodation, thought to be for trainee manager. Happy if no change to outside appearance

Christmas Cards – Now 966 cards sold, profit £35.65. Noted that 1000 cards purchased, but 1190 delivered

Possible card design for this year submitted. Printer to be selected

Society – Discussion of how Society reaches decisions on planning matters, and whether this is equitable. Example of new house by Mill (thought by some to be too large for site), and decisions on Stables site compared with Diment land. Agreed to put reminder in Newsletter that applications can be found listed in Echo, and inviting members to put comments in to Committee. Agreed to discuss again at next Committee meeting.

Social – First Aid talk by Mr J Nichols, St Johns Ambulance, 18/2, in Pavilion

Wine and refreshments (up to £1.75 per person) to be served at AGM

Bus service – Service irregular. Mr Charlton to be asked to comment

Traffic – Incline south of fork on Sutton Road often dangerous in icy weather. Borough Engineer to be asked to ensure frequent gritting

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### **10/3/1987 – Committee meeting – Bramble Patch (Mrs Jean Smith)**

Bus service – Weybus concluded hourly service not viable; applied to be allowed to run 4 buses per day, taking in Osmington and Sutton Poyntz. Further communication from Mr Charlton criticising lack of support, and suggesting people choose Southern National rather than Weybus. Comment in minutes asking how he could know that. Service to terminate 23/5. Southern National to be asked about a summer service

Christmas Cards – Submitted design found not to be suitable for printing. Photographs to be sought.

Planning – Development at White Horse Garage approved.

Social – Coffee and biscuits at recent events at Springhead cost £35. Agreed to make more use of Mission Hall and to provide coffee and biscuits ourselves

Jacket potato with cheese, and glass of wine, at AGM; cost £1.75 per head

St Georges Day barbecue and fireworks to be left to Springhead landlord to manage, with Society publicity

Ron Birch offered to organise another summer social evening, with proceeds shared between Society and chosen charity

Spring walk 13/5 to check local footpaths

Finance – Balance £104.70, with £932.65 in Investment account

### **Spring 1987 – Newsletter #37**

Social – Capacity attendance at 1960's Evening at Ship

Talk in January by Richard Birley on Vienna composers, with tape

Talk in February on life-saving

St Georges Day Barbecue with fireworks 23/4 at Springhead

Insufficient support for Open Gardens

Bus service – Weybus service worked for a time before getting erratic. Letter of apology from Mr Charlton of Weybus. Reduced service being planned with 4 buses to Weymouth and 3 back.

Planning – Society sometimes asked why it has failed to stop particular application, sometimes asked what right it has to interfere in how people want to develop their property. Request for debate at AGM about Society's correct role. Planning applications are published in Echo – members' thoughts on planning applications welcomed.

Concern about national policy debate on agricultural land development.

### **31/3/1987 – AGM – Pavilion**

31 members present

Society – 31 members present

Bus service – Confirmed that Southern National will run 500 summer service between 24/5 and end September

Finance – Profit from events as reported above, except Tea on the Lawn £53.30

Balance £102.72 plus £932.65 Investment account

Committee – As previous year, with Mr Brierley replaced by Mrs Maureen Stephen

Noted with acclamation that Mrs Litschi was being made Honorary Alderman

Village – Refuse collection day changing to Wednesday

### **28/4/1987 – Committee meeting – Terra Mia (Mrs Loveland)**

Social – St Georges Day event cancelled because of continuing rebuilding work at Springhead

Footpath walk 13/5 starting at Came Down, via Bincombe to Springhead

Social Evening at Little Acorns 10/7 or 26/6 as last year. Charitable donation to Weymouth Hospital

Coffee morning and bring & buy at Terra Mia 18/7

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Teas on the Lawn 15/8 at Fox Cottage

Idea of arranging "Mystery Tour" 4/9

Enquiries to be made about theatre visits to Yeovil or Poole

Idea of talk on self defence

Proposal for second Musical Evening with Richard Birley

Committee – Mrs J Litschi (Chairman), Mr M Rosekilly (Vice Chairman), Mr K Knight (Secretary), Mrs E Noden-Wilkinson (Treasurer), Mrs G Loveland & Mr R Birch (Social Secretary)

Planning Committee Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Mrs Smith, Mrs Pressly

Planning – Reported that all four appeals by Miss Pitman had been refused. Council to be asked why still no actual progress on footpath diversion

"No action required" on application for building next to Chipps Cottage

Village – Provision of seat on knoll above village. No objections from Mr Saunders

Dam erected by Mr Wallis has caused drainage problems for some cottages, low water level in stream, and smells. Wessex Water to be asked to take action, especially as Mill is unoccupied

Pond – Seat by pond to be retreated

Mate to be found for mandarin duck. Hope to have more ducks on pond

Plan to improve verges of pond, with bulbs etc. Mr Saunders agreement for west side.

Council to be approached for east side

Society – Agreed to donate £25 to appeal to buy part of village of Lower Kingcombe [Kingcombe Meadows]

### June 1987 – Newsletter #38

Society – First Newsletter with Society logo

£25 donated to Lower Kincombe Meadows appeal

Social – Garden Party 10/7 at Little Acorns. £2 including glass of wine, refreshments, bar, tombola. Proceeds to Weymouth Hospital. Organised by Ron Bich

Coffee Morning 18/7 at Terra Mia with Bring & Buy. Organised by Gwen Loveland

Dorset Cream Teas at Fox Cottage 15/7 with raffle. Organised by Beth Bentley

Plan for talk on self defence, and another music talk by Richard Birley

### 4/6/1987 – Committee meeting – Millstream Cottage (Mr & Mrs Knight)

Village – Various seats seen at various prices. Decided to purchase seat from Council at £170 including plate showing donated by Society

Reply from Wessex Water saying some modifications had been done to dam, and Mr Wallis would clear stream bed periodically. Response to Wessex Water to say that modifications seem minimal, situation has not improved and may be made worse by stone wall recently put up

Letter from Chief Planning Officer setting out ideas of environmental improvements – tree planting, clearance of derelict shed, replacing poor fencing. Scheme welcomed. Also suggested adding information to information board by pond, to bring it more up to date.

Offered to communicate with electricity and telephone authorities on burying cables

Discussion of "preserving" phone box and letter box

Shooting of crows & rooks at Springhead reported. Decided no action could be taken

Society – Kingcombe Meadows purchased by Dorset Trust for Nature Conservation, for £326000. Celebratory picnic being held 28/6

Enquiry for advert in noticeboard from Mr Windlebank, for his printing service. Refused, as in previous instances

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Pond – Four ducks provided by Mr Saunders, 2 muscovy and 2 white runner. Mate for mandarin to be obtained in autumn. Waterlilies and irises provided by Mr G Wanklin.

Suggestion of nesting box – advice to be sought

Finance – Balance £90.99 plus £932.65 investment account

Social – Planning for Little Acorns evening. Agreed to purchase medical text book for Weymouth Hospital as well as donation. Possible donation in addition to Dorchester Hospital

Mystery Tour delayed to next year. Agreed to organise trip to Packham House Beaminster 6/9

Suggestion of visit to Police HQ at Winfrith.

Suggestion of visit to Stourhead

Approach to be made to Mr Batten of West Bexington for talk on the Dorset Coast in November

### **8/7/1987 – Committee meeting – Mr Saunders' home**

Christmas Cards – Image selected from various option. Printability to be checked. Discussion of having larger card, and/or card with title

Village – Seat ordered

New owners of Mill had said they would like to restore the stream to original condition. Also intended to erect low fence to contain dogs – no objection to this

Further correspondence by Society to electricity board regarding burying of cables

Old Bincombe Lane residents would accept planting of trees.

Stiles identified needing repair, which Council had offered to do

Council have no objection to daffodils around pond

Finance – Balance £186.59 plus £752.65 investment account

Planning – Application for house and garage behind vicarage – no problem

Social – Ticket sales closed for Little Acorns evening – over 150 sold. Charities nominated as Dorchester Hospital children's heart monitor, and Weymouth Hospital medical dictionary

Visit to Parnham House set for 6/9

Talk by Mr Baker on coastal footpaths and walks, 18/11 in Mission Hall

Visit to Police HQ hoped for 21/10

### **3/9/1987 – Committee meeting – The Rest (Mr & Mrs Pressly)**

Christmas Cards – Picture chosen, but needs to re-taken from original slide before printing

Village – Now said that Saunders sons do not want a seat placed up the hill. Discussions with Council; new seat to be put by pond, with Council's bench seat to be put near "small car park". Council will also put new bench seats at Verlands Road and near phone box in Plaisters Lane. Council will also renovate seat by bridge at pond.

Scruffy state of White Horse Lane noted – to be raised with Council

Letter received from TVS about environmental action project. Response to say it would be helpful if TVS could be received in this area

Agreed to contact Community Policeman about rifle shooting in the area

Pond – Mrs H MacLachan has provided female mandarin duck. Thought Mr Cole of the Mill may provide pair of mandarins.

Low water flow through pond for several weeks – to be raised with Wessex Water if flow does not improve soon.

Agreed to spend £15 on daffodil bulbs for the pond area, to be planted 3/10

Springhead car park – Correspondence with Leisure Inns, who have promised to repair wall by small car park

Planning – No action needed on piglets introduced at Stable

Enquiries to be made of Council on rumours of housing development behind Springhead

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Social – Little Acorns evening profit £401.71. £250 donated to Dorchester Hospital, and book (value £97) to Weymouth Hospital

Coffee morning profit £9.70

Teas on the Lawn profit £88.30

Visit to Police HQ confirmed for 21/10

Vienna Music evening with Rick Birley planned for January, in Mission Hall

Suggestion of Country Dancing evening at Scutt Hall or Village Hall

Suggestion of Home Brewing and Cooking evening

Finance – Balance £251.06, plus £932.65 investment account

Agreed to focus on fund raising for Society next year, rather than charity

### Autumn 1987 – Newsletter #39

Social – Garden party at Little Acorns profit £401.71. Thanks to Ron & Aviv Birch

Coffee morning at Terra Mia profit £9.70. Thanks to Gwen & Mike Loveland

Dorset Teas at Fox Cottage profit £88.30. Thanks to Beth & Peter Bentley

Talk by Eric Baker on Coastal Footpaths and Dorset walks – 18/11 Mission Hall

Musical talk by Richard Birley 21/1 Mission Hall

Considering Country Dance in New Year

Society – Donation of £250 to Dorchester Hospital Children's Unit and Weymouth & District Hospital, from proceeds of social events

Thoughts with Ron & Aviv Birch after her accident. Petition on road safety of Preston Road crossing

Cards – View of village from Sutton Road, 15p from Ken Knight or Eve Wilkinson

Village – Borough Council works including tree planting and clearance. 2 seats installed, in Plaisters Lane (near stopping point for mobile library) and opposite Springhead. Seat at bus stop by Verlands Road

Society has provided new seat by pond, as tribute to Ernest Saunders. Also daffodil bulbs planted

Springhead car park – Wall repaired by Leisure Inns.

Pond – Mate provided by Helen Macearchen for lone mandarin duck

History – Some notes on village history

### 8/10/1987 – Committee meeting – Fox Cottage (Mrs Bentley)

Committee – Meeting held at Fox Cottage because of serious injury to Aviv Birch

Village – Council have provided three seats – bench at Verlands Road, seat at Plaisters Lane and seat opposite Springhead. Have also repaired Society's seat by pond  
PC O'Shea aware of some authorised shooting, but not late at night. Police should be informed if shooting taking place

Pond – Discussions with Council about water supply tap for pond. Agreed this could be disconnected

Several residents have alerted Environmental Health Department to rats in pond. They will do something in a few weeks

Planning – Letter sent to Planning Office about Preston Rectory – work done to walls and trees, perhaps without permission, and concern about future of building if it ceases to be a rectory

Brewery had contacted Planning Office about possibility of development behind Springhead, but been discouraged

Word that Mr Dawson wished to extend 2 Waterworks Cottages for use as guest house. If application made, response would express concern about parking and precedent created  
No concerns expressed about summer activities at "Sutton Duck tearooms"

Social – Musical Evening confirmed for 21/1

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Barn Dance provisionally for 12 or 19 March in Scutt Hall  
Now thought Police HQ will not be of great interest, due to extensive computerisation.  
Suggestion of visit to Weymouth Police Station  
Carol Evening suggested in week ending 14/12, with music provided by Joan Harrison and/or Patrick Windebank, and with mulled wine and mince pies

### **25/11/1987 – Committee meeting – 2 Sutton Close (Mrs Stephen)**

Planning – Understood that Stables, land and Bungalow up for sale. S.52 order makes Bungalow an integral part of the Stables property. Planning Office aware of situation. Pigs have gone, but slurry has run into stream by Bellamy Cottage –Environmental Health Officer aware

PCC had been informed that Rectory would continue to be used for at least 5 years  
Planning application submitted for 2 Waterworks Cottages. Agreed comments submitted  
Weymouth Plan consultative document reviewed. Sections relevant to Sutton Poyntz thought reasonable

Village – Communication with British Telecom on phone box. Not 30 years old, and therefore not “preserved”. Planning Office agreed but hoped British Telecom would reconsider in light of Society’s feelings

Visit to village in June by Friends of Red House Museum. Coffee at Springhead, and talk/tour by Mr Litschi

Christmas Cards – Payment of £109.25 for printing. About £30 income so far

Social – 30 people at talk on 18/11. £5 donation to RSPB

Recommended that Police Station visit should be to Dorchester, perhaps in February

### **14/1/1988 – Special committee meeting – 1 Old Bincombe Lane**

Planning – Draft Local Plan puts Stables inside development boundary. Mrs Litschi had met development firm (VADE Ltd) at their request, to discuss plans to develop area as houses or “lodges” for trekkers, plus other plans to develop land between Sutton Road and Puddledock as houses, lake, walks and maybe a community building. Concern expressed to Mr Kelly, Deputy Planning Officer, about proposed change of designation for stables, in view of previous applications and appeals. VADE made aware of history and Society views. Agreed for Committee to meet VADE should they wish. Also agreed to write strenuous objection to Council over proposed change of designation, with copies to DoE, County Council and local Councillors. Agreed to write to British Horseriding Association

### **26/1/1988 – Special committee meeting – Little Acorns (Mr & Mrs Birch)**

Planning – Meeting attended by Mr Ruckwood and Mr Bakewell of VADE Developments. VADE had agreed to purchase land at Stables and in wedge under ‘options’ agreement. Had spoken to Planning Department and Peter Diment and Mr Porter. Would be willing to enter S.52 agreement on use of some of the land. Initial plans showed considerable building, but also landscaping. Suggested that Stables business could be moved to near Mr Diment’s barn. VADE aware of planning history and appeals. Agreed after discussion that firm will produce drawings of two country-type dwellings for stables land, equestrian centre and stable for Sutton Farm, and two or three small developments of bungalows or cottages in the wedge – no commitment given by Society, but further meeting offered to view these plans. Proposed that Society would call open meeting – VADE also expecting to consult further around area  
Question raised of two new houses behind chapel in Sutton Road, with some parking provision for chapel users. Committee felt this might be acceptable  
After VADE representatives left, Committee agreed that legal advice might be necessary on the future of the wedge and on the impact of any likely development in the area



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### February 1988 – Newsletter #40

Village – New daffodils growing nicely

Social – Welcome to newly formed Village WI

Welcome to Revd John Coombs and family

Barn Dance 12/3 at Scutt Hall. £1.50 including light supper. Bar

Enjoyable talks attended by 30-35 people, by Eric Barker in November and Rick Birley in January

Planning – Draft Local Plan going through consultation. Seeks to redesignate Stables land. In the past (1987) appeal for development there was turned down, on basis that site was valuable visual reminder of village's origins. Representations against redesignation sent to Council. Meeting with Council representatives arranged for AGM

Development company interested in Stables and in "green wedge" land (where previous applications have also been turned down). Open meeting being arranged to view their proposals

BT asked not to update telephone box to new design. Council Planning Department support for this

### 3/2/1988 – Committee meeting – 10 Old Bincombe Lane (Mr & Mrs Rosekilly)

Planning – Now understood that Diocese intended to build new house in Rectory grounds within 2 years

Further discussions with Mr Kelly of Planning Office on VADE proposals. Need for careful consideration agreed, especially of any plans to move Riding Stables. VADE confirmed that they have no agreement with Mr Diment, but have merely entered discussions

Planning Department wished to speak to AGM about Local Plan

Cllr B Ellis calling meeting at Preston Village Hall 17/2, to discuss planning matters generally

Finance – Balance £214.89 plus £1029 investment account

Christmas Cards – 674 sold, plus 81 of previous years'. Costs covered

Social – Barn Dance arranged for 12/3 at Scutt Hall. Tickets limited to 100, at £1.50. Bar provided by Mr Watts of Springhead

### 22/2/1988 – Special committee meeting – Camelot (Mr & Mrs Litschi)

Planning – Plans received from VADE. Decided to respond that further action must wait until after AGM briefing and discussion on planning

### 17/3/1988 – Committee meeting – Fox Cottage (Mrs Bentley)

Finance – Balance £321.83

Bus service – Southern National decision to extend a few buses to Silver Street for 6 month experimental period

Village – Council shortly to be planting trees in Old Bincombe Lane

Planning – Observation sent to Council that more parking needed at houses by Chapel. Also observation that must be no development in green wedge

No objection to proposed extension and garage at 113 Sutton Road, provided addition matches in style

Social – Profit of £116.54 on Barn Dance, including donation of £20 from Mr Watts of Springhead. 103 people attended. Thanks to Devenish for donation of barrel of ale

Society – Article to be written for Echo on Society by Elizabeth Wiggins

### 22/3/1988 – AGM – Springhead Pavilion

About 70 members attending

Committee – Death of Mrs J Smith

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Village – Seats donated by Council. Ducks by Mr Saunders & Mrs McCracken. Bulbs by Mrs Stephen. Water lilies by Mr Wanklin

Finance – Balance £321.73 plus £1029.59 investment account

Thanks to Mrs Mullins for auditing accounts

Committee – Mrs Beth Bentley, Mr Ron Birch, Mr Ken Knight, Mrs Joyce Litschi, Mrs Gwen Loveland, Mrs Cathy Pressly, Mr Matt Rosekilly, Mr Ernest Saunders, Mrs Maureen Stephen, Mrs Eve Noden-Wilkinson, Mr Richard Biss, Mr Mike Doyle, Mrs Elizabeth Rowbotham

Planning – Members urged to submit representations to Council on change of designation of Stables, and preservation of green wedge

Presentation on draft Local Plan by Chief Planning Officer (Mr G Fletcher), Chairman of Planning Committee (Cllr Martindale) and Dorset CC representative. Explained that rezoning of Stables land as “white” was recommended by Department, as means of protecting against development proposals in land behind present buildings. Confirmed that Council would oppose any development on green wedge.

Decided by meeting that open meeting with VADE would “serve no useful purpose”

### Spring 1988 – Newsletter #41

Planning – Springhead Pavilion full for AGM to hear presentation by Council Planning Department on draft Local Plan. Chief Planning Officer view that without redesignation of front part of Stables site, whole area was vulnerable. Chairman of Planning Committee reaffirmed that development in green wedge would not be permitted – piece of open country essential as barrier between Preston and Sutton Poyntz

Response to draft plan written by Richard Biss and distributed round village

Committee – as above. Mrs Bentley resigned on leaving village

Social – Summer walk 22/6 from Broadmayne to Springhead

Talk by Community Policeman Rick O’Shea 28/6 in Springhead Pavilion

Dorset Cream Teas at Clyffe (Mr & Mrs Biss) 13/8

Barn Dance 8/10 at Scutt Hall, organised by Ron Birch

Society – Echo write-up of Society’s 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary – one error (80 members in village of 600 confused people and households)

Bus service – Hourly shuttle to Weymouth on trial during September

Pond – Warning not to let children swim in pond

Both mandarin ducks have disappeared. Other ducks being cared for by Elizabeth Saunders

History – Old article by Don Harbour recently found, on “Ploughman Poet” Albert Charles Bailey. Note that Maurice & Kay Ennals recently published book of their poems – are there any other poets in the village?

### 13/4/1988 – Committee meeting – 2 Sutton Close (Mrs Stephen)

Committee – Mrs J Litschi (Chairman), Mr M Rosekilly (Vice Chairman), Mr K Knight (Secretary), Mrs E Noden-Wilkinson (Treasurer), Mr R Birch (Social Secretary)

Decided planning sub-committee not necessary for time being

Collectors’ rounds: Liz Rowbotham (Plaisters Lane north from Wyndings & Purbeck Lodge), Gwen Loveland (Plaisters Lane middle Longmead to Springbank), Maureen Stephen (Sutton Court Lawns, Sutton Close, Plaisters Lane south), Matt Rosekilly (Old Bincombe Lane & Brookmead), Ron Birch (Puddledock & Sunnyfields), Joyce Litschi (Sutton Road south of Cart Shed), Cathy Pressly (Silver Street, Sutton Road from fork to Springhead & 111), Mike Doyle (Mission Hall Lane and area north of pond), Ken Knight (members outside village)

Agreed that refreshments at committee meetings be limited to tea/coffee and biscuit

Planning – VADE informed that open meeting would not take place

Paper drafted by Mr Biss on draft local plan, distributed around village, asking people to submit representations. Thought that Mr Fletcher’s comments on change of zoning at

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stables was not consistent with paragraphs in Plan stressing importance of street scene. Note to be sent to Planning Officer challenging this inconsistency. Proposal to oppose any change to boundary, but changes behind Springhead thought beneficial.

Finance – Balance £326.33. Agreed to transfer £150 into investment account

Social – Proposal of knock-out croquet competition at Little Acorns

Talk by PC O'Shea proposed in May

Summer walk 22/6 from Broadmayne to Springhead

Cream Teas 6 or 13 August at Clyffe

Barn Dance 24/9 or 1/10

Pond – Duck food provided by Mrs Biss. Mr Knight feeding the ducks. Male mandarin duck has gone. Replacement, plus another pair, authorised.

Christmas Cards – Photographs to be sought.

Society – Agreed that summary of minutes to be published on noticeboard

### 10/5/1988 – Committee meeting – Terra Mia (Mrs Loveland)

Planning – Reported that consultation on draft Local Plan on ice pending outcome of Lorton Lane Inquiry. Appeared that planning applications already being assessed against new Plan, meaning Stables application would not be opposed by Council. Agreed this was not a reason for Society not to oppose

VADE plans for houses by Chapel rejected on highways grounds

A company [sic] reported to have engaged a consultant to produce a glossy representation of possible development in the wedge. Planning Department to be reminded of statements by Mr Fletcher and Cllr Martindale

Pond – Female mandarin has now gone. Mr Doyle offered to build nesting box

Several residents have asked Environmental Health Officer to deal with rats in the pond.

Society to ask for action

Newsletter will contain warning of danger of children swimming in pond

Christmas Cards – Photo selected of daffodils by pond, taken by Mrs Marion Knight

Footpaths – Believed that definitive map would be published shortly. County Council to be asked to ensure signs were maintained

Traffic – Letter sent to Borough Engineer asking for potholes in Mission Hall Lane to be filled

Social – Summer walk confirmed for 21/6

PC O'Shea talk confirmed for 28/6 at Springhead Pavilion

Cream Teas confirmed for 13/8 at Clyffe

Barn Dance confirmed for 8/10 at Scutt Hall

Committee – Mrs Bentley leaving village and resigning from Committee. Replacement not thought necessary.

### 13/6/1988 – Committee meeting – Little Acorns (Mr & Mrs Birch)

Footpaths – Decided to clear footpath behind Mission Hall Lane. Borough Engineer will be informed, and also Mr & Mrs Bryant (adjacent)

County footpaths officer to be informed about disturbance of sign by White Horse Lane

Pond – Some action taken by Environmental Health on rats, but still evidence of problem.

EHO advice that ducks be kept off pond, as bread encourages rats. Committee did not agree, as ducks have been kept much longer than rats have been in evidence. Agreed to inform Cllr B Ellis, Chairman of Environmental Health Committee. Agreed to put up notices asking people not to feed the ducks

Wessex Water to be asked to run water into the pond much more often than once every 3 or 4 weeks in the summer

Christmas Cards – Problems finding printer who would produce order of 1000

Finance – Balance £220.67 plus £1179.59 investment account

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Planning – VADE reported now to own green wedge land, and to have invited neighbouring householders to discussions. Agreed to inform Chief Planning Officer

### **19/7/1988 – Committee meeting – The Rest (Mr & Mrs Pressly)**

Footpaths – County planning to check signs in the area. Confirmed that definitive map will be available soon.

County happy for Society to do clearance of path behind Mission Hall Lane, but said Society should talk to owner. Mr F Branton has been concerned about access to his land there, and will be contacted

Pond – Don't feed the ducks signs up (thanks to Ron Birch). Further contact to be had with Environmental Health about rats in pond and in Mrs Corben's garage

Wessex Water response explaining that engineering works have caused amount of flushing to be reduced, but normal situation will resume soon

Borough Engineer's to be asked to clear weed accumulating in pond, especially by footbridge

Christmas Cards – Difficulty finding printer willing to do run of 1000, but quote eventually obtained for £150+VAT

Village – Informed that Council will do tree planting in Old Bincombe Lane in autumn

Agreed in principle to Fredy Litschi suggestion of plaque on Mill identifying association with Thomas Hardy. Mr Litschi to recommend design, wording and cost

Finance - £288.77 plus £1179.59 investment account

Planning – Application by prospective owners of Mill to use part of ground floor for sale of antiques – approved by Council. Council had been reminded of parking difficulty in area. Application for two houses on site of "Evelyn", Plaisters Lane. Planning Committee to be reminded of importance that houses here (and in future on Mrs Bailey's land) should not obtrude – height is important factor

Discussion to be sought with Mr Peter Diment on plans for Sutton Farm house and land

No action needed on application for new canopy at White Horse Garage

Understood that tunnels under Mill House in a dangerous state, and walls badly cracked.

Agreed to discuss with Planning Office, and to refer if necessary to County Listed Buildings Officer.

Social – Teas on the Lawn tickets to be 75p. Agreed to have raffle.

Suggestion of talk on Dorset Women's Refuge, but thought more appropriate for WI or Mothers' Union

### **27/7/1988 – Planning meeting – Little Acorns (Mr Birch)**

Planning – Meeting between Peter Diment, his agent Mr R Biss, Mrs Biss, Mr Snook of Sutton Farm, and committee members, to discuss proposals for Sutton Farm. Plans available.

Confirmed that Mr Diment had no arrangements with VADE Development. Mr Diment pointed out that new farmhouse and farm facilities would need to be funded by

development on existing farm area. Current thinking for new farmhouse to be

Gloucestershire-style, in brick rather than stone. Discussion between Committee members after Mr Diment and representatives had left: thought development would help to keep

viable farm in village, which was welcomed. Hoped footpaths would not be affected. Hoped development would be sympathetic to area, and would not involve making up of Puddledock

Lane through farm. Agreed to write these comments to Planning Officer

### **6/9/1988 – Committee meeting – 1 Old Bincombe Lane (Mrs Wilkinson)**

Footpaths – Mr Branton had sold his land behind Mission Hall Lane, but said that the path is not shown as a right of way on the definitive map, and according to his solicitor is only an access way for the land

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Pond – Borough Engineer had agreed to clear weed, and would be asked to clear silt at the same time. Some weed needed for oxygenation for fish

Finance – Balance £346.88 plus £1179.59 investment account

Social – Profit £56.56 from Teas on the Lawn

Tickets for Barn Dance to be £2, including “light supper”

Suggestion of talk by Eric Ricketts, Mike Shepherd and Peter Toms

Suggestion of event to celebrate 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Society

Suggestion of event to celebrate 100<sup>th</sup> [sic, should be 150<sup>th</sup>] birthday of Thomas Hardy in 1990

Suggestion of “Desert Island Discs” type of evening, but needs someone “interesting” to present it

Activities of Sutton Poyntz Cricket Club mentioned

Planning – Letter from Chief Planning Officer about green wedge, confirming view against any development but supporting scheme under environmental improvement policy

No action needed on plan for 1<sup>st</sup> floor extension at 119 Sutton Road

### Autumn 1988 – Newsletter #42

Social – Barn Dance 8/10 at Scutt Hall. £2

22 walkers for summer walk led by Ernest and Elizabeth Saunders from Black Dog to Springhead

40 people at talk by Rick O’Shea, with Crime Prevention Officer

70 at Dorset Cream Teas at Clyffe, including 15 visitors. Thanks to Richard & Paula Biss.

Lovely to see Aviv Birch in circulation again

Planning – Meeting with Peter Diment to discuss his plans for new farmhouse. Felt this would help viability of farm

Comment received by Planning Office to effect that some development in green wedge could be beneficial, allowing open space to be dedicated to community. Planning Office view expressed by Mr Fletcher remains opposed

Dorset County structure plan to be reviewed

Traffic – Borough Engineer arranged for potholes in Mission Hall Lane to be filled. No sooner done, than road was dug up for gas pipes

Cards – After some difficulties, printing arranged with Noel Tatt Ltd. View of pond area showing daffodils and ducks. 20p from Eve Noden-Wilkinson

Village – Congratulations to Sutton Poyntz Cricket Club

### 10/10/1988 – Committee meeting – Millstream Cottage (Mr & Mrs Knight)

Pond – Discussion of whether to remove “Do not feed ducks” signs in winter. To be discussed again.

Planning – Possibility of application for leisure centre, log cabins and restaurant on Manor Farm land behind church

Revision to Evelyn site plans

Application for flats and houses on go-cart track and dome at Bowleaze. Decided to oppose this, on grounds of adverse effect on people living nearby, and of precedent set

Social – Barn dance profit £78.64. 62 people attended

Talk planned 23/11 at Springhead by Mike Sheppard on Dorset

Discussion on holding 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary function in spring at Manor Farm Camp

Village – Mr Litschi to represent village on committee working at Hardy 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary; also to look at memorial stone for village showing connection with Hardy [see below]

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### **28/11/1988 – Committee meeting – Dell Cottage (Mrs Rowbotham)**

Village – Correction to previous minutes; commemorative stone for village's 1000 years. Likely cost £130; to be sited on car park wall. Approved in principle, but check if College could to engraving

Notice on noticeboard about proposed Waterworks Museum

Planning – Proposed bungalow by old cottages at Fisherbridge. Not thought acceptable  
Plans reviewed for conversion of barns at Puddledock Farm to four houses (plus one new house). Conversion acceptable, but new house would set bad precedent

Discussion of proposal by Mrs Reid of Plaisters Lane to offer house owned in Old Bincombe Lane for homeless families. Some locals had expressed concern, but agreed not a topic for Society to take stance on

Finance – Balance £315.75 lust £1179.59 investment

Request from Mayor for contribution to Mayor's Christmas Fund; not agreed

Christmas Cards – 445 sold, for £89. Cost £163.87. Idea of Preston post office selling them discussed but not adopted

Social – 44 people at talk by Mike Sheppard 23/11. Another talk to be asked for; Mission Hall thought better venue

Video "Green Link to Europe" ordered from CPRE for AGM

Agreed 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary celebration should be in village

Manor Farm restaurant opening 17 December. Will be investigated as meeting venue

Village to be canvassed about idea of coach trip to London to see "Phantom of the Opera"

Pond – Weed cleared by Council

### **9/1/1989 – Committee meeting – The Rest (Mr & Mrs Pressly)**

Village – College unable to offer engraving of stone for some time. Mr Litschi and Mr Saunders to discuss alternative site on farm wall near Springhead

Agreed to ask Council for litter bins by phone box and at Plaisters/Mission Hall junction  
Environmental Health officer had said recent rat infestation was widespread but now reducing

Social – Celebration for Mr Saunders 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 1/9

Visit to Manor Farm "The Stables" arranged with Mr Cattell 2/1 for committee members and spouses. Discussions on summer event there

Phantom booked up until September, and box office opens in March for next period

Christmas Cards – 601 sold

Finance – Balance £342.63. Bank had threatened to apply bank charges, but then withdrawn threat

Planning – Revised plans for Puddledock Farm, with new house moved to alongside existing barn. Difficulties reported on negotiations between Mr Diment and Mr Snook for land next to farm house, but not matter Society would intervene on

Proposal for conservatory at Springhead not a problem

Pond – Leak reported from old oil pipe – Council to be alerted

Agreed to protect daffodil bulbs around pond with sticks

### **7/2/1989 – Committee meeting – 1 Old Bincombe Lane (Mrs Wilkinson)**

Village – Discussion of siting plaque on small bridge. Decision to be made when plaque is available

Environmental Health department monitoring rats

Council response suggesting there are enough litter bins. Renewed representation to be made for one by phone box

Pond – Borough Engineer department to monitor for oil, but problem seems to have ceased

Finance – Balance £352.13, plus £1285.67 investment



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Cards – Discussion with artist, Alan Butler, about b&w drawings of village, at £160+VAT for 500 packs of 3 different greetings cards

Planning – Representation that proposed conservatory at Springhead must not reduce parking too much

Civic Society had opposed Puddledock development as impacting on green wedge, and felt Society ought to have been stronger in opposition

Social – Visit to, and entertainment by, The Stables, where Mr Cattell had explained proposals for development of back land – swimming pool, sports centre etc.

Jazz band engaged for 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, at pub, with marquee. Tickets not more than £4.50  
Arrangements discussed for “Summer Evening” event 2/6

### Spring 1989 – Newsletter #43

Society – Congratulations from Mayor Les Ames on 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary. Society had about 50 member households soon after foundation; now twice that, but with same aims. Very short summary of activities over 21 years

Village – Stone plaque “Sutton Poyntz – over 1000 years since 891” to be unveiled by Mayor 31/3 by pond. Contributions sought towards cost

Social – CPRE video and refreshments after AGM 12/4

21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Party 26/5 at Tack Room at Stables next to Church. £4.50, including welcome drink, meal, and Mill Street Jazz Band. Organised by Ron Birch and team

Planning – Peter Diment’s plans for new farmhouse accepted by Society, in order to ensure farm viability. Conversion of old barns also accepted, but not plan for new house

### 1/3/1989 – Special committee meeting – Little Acorns (Mr & Mrs Birch)

Social – Suitability of Springhead for 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary party discussed. Mr Watts running another pub, and Springhead thought to be shabby and with poor facilities. Mr Birch proposed using Tack Room at The Stables. Concern about damage to relations with Springhead. Alternatives discussed: BBQ meal in Saunders field; barn dance at Scutt Hall; simple gathering at Mission Hall; garden party. After lengthy discussion agreed to hold event on 26/5 at Tack Room

Village – Agreed to put plaque on small bridge – unveiling by Mayor 31/3

Cards – Agreed to purchase 500 packs, each with 2 copies of 3 cards, for £150+VAT

### 13/3/1989 – Committee meeting – Little Acorns (Mr & Mrs Birch)

Village – Cllr Ellis taking up matter of additional litter bins. Environmental Week 22/4, with focus on litter

Site meeting to consider plaque siting. South wall of Springhead small car park preferred; failing that, remnant of wall with “Car Park Private” notice

Understood Council have money available for amenity projects. Agreed to contact Electricity Board again about overhead wires

Noticeboard to be renovated

Mr Knight to talk to Mrs Harbour about improving display of late Mr Harbour’s material

Competitions – Agreed not sufficient time to enter “Best Kept Village” competition

Pond – Agreed not to obtain mandarin ducks, because of number of other ducks

Council to be reminded of reinstatement needed after dredging in January

Finance - £349.13

Cards – Postmistress had bought £21 worth of cards for resale

Planning – Discussions with Councillors about erection of fence at Bowleaze Coveaway

Representations to be made to County Council about Mill House foundations

Rumours of new proposals for The Stables from Miss Pitman

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Social – Menu for 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary celebration at Tack Room discussed. Agreed to have cake made. Agreed to issue invites to Mayor and local councillors, plus spouses

### 12/4/1989 – AGM – Mission Hall

41 members present

Planning – Report of discussions on enlarged boundary for Development Zone – implementation awaiting Lorton Inquiry.

New application by Miss Pitman for The Stables – to be discussed at next Committee meeting

Village – Plaque celebrating 1000 years of village had been pushed into pond, and recovered in time for unveiling. Same happened a few days later, but police had been informed.

Discussion of design and location of stone, with some criticism of Committee's actions.

Decision (subject to Devenish agreement) to lay stone permanently in south wall of Springhead car park, at 'cottage' end.

Thanks expressed to local cub pack who have carried out litter collection

Finance – Balance £340.00 plus £1285.67 investment. Plaque had cost £86.25 inc VAT

Thanks to Mrs J Mullins for auditing accounts

Social – 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Party to be held at Tack Room at Stables 26/5

Committee – Ron Birch, Richard Biss, Tony Bugler, Simon Emblen, Mike Doyle, Ken Knight, Mrs Joyce Litschi, Richard Meech, Mrs Cathy Pressly, Mrs Liz Rowbotham, Ernest Saunders, Mrs Maureen Stephen, Mrs Camiel Swords, Mrs Eve Noden-Wilkinson

### 25/4/1989 – Committee Meeting – Mission Hall

Committee – Mrs Joyce Litschi (Chairman), Mr Ron Birch (Vice Chairman), Mr Ken Knight (Secretary), Mrs Eve Noden-Wilkinson (Treasurer), Mr Ron Birch (Social Secretary), Mrs Cathy Pressly (Membership Secretary)

Collectors' rounds: Liz Rowbotham (Plaisters Lane north from Tru Blu & Purbeck Lodge), Simon Emblen (Plaisters Lane middle Longmead to Springbank), Maureen Stephen (Sutton Court Lawns, Sutton Close, Plaisters Lane south), Eve Wilkinson (Dolphins, Old Bincombe Lane & Brookmead), Ron Birch & Tony Bugler (Puddledock & Sunnyfields), Joyce Litschi (Sutton Road south of Cart Shed), Cathy Pressly (Silver Street, Sutton Road from fork to Springhead & 111), Mike Doyle (Mission Hall Lane, 113 Sutton Road and area north of Springhead & pond), Ken Knight (members outside village)

Planning – Fencing at Bowleaze will be referred to County Footpaths Committee

Meeting with representative of Prudential Property Services, plus members living close to The Stables, to view development plans [N.B. noted that Miss Pitman's bungalow was 'tied' to the Stables business]. Maximum of 4 new properties, to be designed to be in keeping. Representative agreed to reconsider levels and separation from Mr Hunt's house. Agreed that loss of the Stables was now inevitable but that Society should reiterate views of recent DOE appeal, Society should commission design counter-proposal, and impact on view from street should be reconsidered.

Village – Mr Harbour hoping her son-in-law will refurbish display

Plaque being cut for laying in wall. Permission being sought. Agreed that damage caused to stone was reprehensible

Request from Civic Society for Society agreement to "portable exhibition" in village

Cards – 480 packs received, at cost of £147; to be sold at 75p

Finance - £324.26 plus £1285.67

Social – Maximum number of 100 agreed for 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Reported that Devenish had hired marquee believing Anniversary Party would be held at Springhead. Devenish had not asked for reimbursement, but agreed to reimburse them anyway.

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Suggestion had been made at AGM to invite new members free to first event; not thought practical or affordable

### **15/5/1989 – Special Committee Meeting – The Rest (Mr & Mrs Pressly)**

Planning – Borough Planning Committee had considered Stables plans, and asked for further information. Letter commissioned from Architect, Mr Roy Fewtrell, disputing “Dorset Farm Vernacular” style, and criticising layout and design detail. Agreed to send second letter to Planning Officer, emphasising need to resite two dwellings further back, lack of information on courtyard arrangement, improvements needed to design details (windows, eaves, materials), retention of wall on Sutton Road

### **22/5/1989 – Committee meeting – Little Acorns (Mr & Mrs Birch)**

Village – Possibility of land in Coombe Valley Road being made available by Mr Diment for Sutton Poyntz cricket club – Society asked if they could assist financially. More details sought Civic Society exhibition on litter likely to be set up in autumn.

Footpaths – Footpaths Officer to look into overgrown path by Wyndings

Finance – Balance £182.57

Social – 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Party programme set out, including address by Cllr Ames, and entertainment by Mill Street Jazz Band

Teas on the Lawn 19/8 at Clyffe. Admission 80p

Summer walk 27/6 from Came Down via Bincombe to Springhead

Barbecue at Springhead in September

Planning - £25 invoice from Mr Fewtrell. Possibility discussed of light industrial use at Stables site, but rejected.

Appeal submitted by Mr Diment against refused application

Noted that weather vane on Mill (paid for by Society) had been incorrectly set up by Mr Wallis’s contractor. Owners reported to want another Civic Society plaque recording Civic Society award

### **June 1989 – Newsletter #44**

Committee – As above

Social – Summer walk 27/6 from Came Down via Bincombe Bumps to Springhead

Dorset Cream Teas 19/8 at Clyffe (Mr & Mrs Biss).80p. Raffle

Barbecue in planning for September

102 members at 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Party. Cake cut by Cllr & Mrs Ames. Thanks particularly to Ron Birch

Planning – Representation on Stables development (conversion of barn and 2 new houses), emphasising importance of design and siting on street scene. Advice of architect (Roy Fewtrell) obtained. If Stables are no longer viable, important thing is to get right sort of development at a crucial location, and to ensure that further development behind will not be permitted.

Peter Diment’s planned farmhouse rejected. Appeal expected

Cards – Packs of 6 notelets with pen drawings available 75p from Eve Noden-Wilkinson – 3 scenes – pond, cottages at fork, and church drawn by local artist Alan Butler

Village – Stone plaque shortly to be installed in wall of Springhead car park “after shameful and chequered existence”

### **17/7/1989 – Committee meeting – 2 Sutton Close (Mrs Stephen)**

Village – Plaque now in place. Cost of recutting £23

More litter bins awaited, being supplied by Brian Ellis’s environmental group

Footpaths – Path by Wyndings had been cleared by Simon Emblen

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Finance – Balance £351.33 plus £1135.67 investment. Payments in respect of “Phantom of the Opera” visit still to be made

Planning – Dorset CC document on mineral exploitation and waste disposal discussed. Representation to be made on poor state of Lodmoor waste tip. Request by Mrs Swords for donations of items that would be salvageable and usable in school. Reference to waste paper collection in aid of St Francis Church.

Borough Planning Officer’s report on Stables development had suggested that Society’s criticisms were not justified. Recommended approval, but stressed need for careful control during development. Letter to be sent to Chief Planning Officer expressing concern at lack of architectural input, and requesting that application be dealt with in full Council.

Society – Reports that some villagers, up Plaisters Lane, feel Society is too concerned with matters outside village. Discussion of role of Society – no particular conclusion, but agreed to ask for more frequent road sweeping and hedge clipping.

Social – Net cost of £103.44 for 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Party  
14 walkers

Barbecue 10/9 at Springhead, with stalls for sale of books, cakes etc, and some games for children

Request for some winter talks to be arranged.

### **18/8/1989 – Special Committee Meeting – Little Acorns (Mr & Mrs Birch)**

Social – Barbecue date rearranged for 17/9. Detailed arrangements discussed and agreed, including hire of jazz band at cost of £80

Gift of “Weymouth through photographs” book agreed for Mr Saunders’ 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

Letter of congratulations to be sent to PC Rick O’Shea for his Chief Constable’s Commendation

### **31/8/1989 – Committee meeting – Clyffe (Mr & Mrs Biss)**

Social – Presentation of “Weymouth through old photographs” book to Mr Saunders to mark 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 1<sup>st</sup> September

Some confusion over who play for Sutton Poyntz Cricket Club. No further action unless club approach the Society

Discussion of whether to do anything for Hardy 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1990. Suggestion of short Hardy play – to be discussed again at next meeting

Barbecue posters to be displayed. Schedule for helpers had been prepared. Some difficulties dealing with Mr Watts of Springhead.

Idea of winter education course rejected, but hoped to arrange talks by Terry Hearing (historian) and Mike Shepherd, and films about Lifeboat and Coastguard services.

Village – Agreed that two additional litter bins would be desirable

Waterworks Exhibition to open 5 September, with public opening 10 September. Believed to be opportunities for local organisation displays.

Donation from Cllr Peter Harvey towards commemorative stone.

Possibility of work by British Trust for Conservation Volunteers – ideas suggested of maintenance of stiles and footpaths, tree planting in Old Bincombe Lane, work on old garage by the Chapel. Agreed to ask for new footpath signs, with Society willing to pay for signs.

Money for amenity works could be available through Borough – agreed to ask for undergrounding of some cables near pond.

Finance – Balance £384.89. Savings account no change. Cream Teas profit £47.07

Planning – Letter sent to Chief Executive on Stables development. No reply yet, but Ian Bruce, local MP, had responded. Agreed to copy correspondence to local Councillor and to members of Planning Committee.

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### **Autumn 1989 – Newsletter #45**

Village – 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Ernest Saunders. Gift of book “Weymouth through old photographs”  
Stone plaque now installed. Acknowledgement of donations from Lucy Thomas, Margaret Brown, Molly Hanson and Cllr Peter Harvey  
Congratulations to Rick O’Shea for Chief Constable’s Commendation  
Renewed requests for cable “undergrounding”  
Wessex Water museum opened, with old machinery and fascinating photos  
Ideas generated for possible actions by British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, including repairs to footpath stiles and the old Roman Bridge  
Thanks to Jack Noden-Wilkinson for renovating Society noticeboard  
Social – Summer walk and Cream Teas enjoyed by all who participated  
Barbecue with Mill Street Jazz Band, stalls, tombola etc. attended by about 300. Donation of £150 to WD Hospice Macmillan Service, PAWS and Trimar  
Talk on Coastguard Service 11/12 in Springhead Pavilion  
Slide presentation by Mick Shepherd 21/2 in Sutton Room (new name for Mission Hall)  
Planning – Society’s comments and drawings for Stables site ignored or dismissed  
Comments submitted on state of Lodmoor tip to Dorset waste disposal report  
Bus service – Has been erratic, but Southern National reaffirming hourly service

### **4/10/1989 – Committee Meeting – 1 Old Bincombe Lane (Mrs Noden-Wilkinson)**

Village – Discussions with Footpaths Officer, who will commission new signs. No need for Society to contribute to cost.  
Representation made on undergrounding cables, but no reply  
Representation to Environmental Health Officer by Mr Emery at Fox Cottage, re rats. Society to write in support  
Agreed to ask for tidying of grounds of old chapel and at the Roman Bridge in work by BTCV  
Social – County Hardy Committee have a number of events planned, but none at Sutton Poyntz. Could help with players if village decided to do play.  
Pamphlets to be displayed about University of Bristol courses being held locally  
Thanks sent to Barbecue organisers and helpers. Attendance about 300. Agreed to donate £100 to Hospice Macmillan Service, £25 to PAWS and £25 to new organisation aiming to provide hospice for terminally ill.  
Slideshow by Mr Shepherd arranged for 21/2. Other ideas to be pursued  
Planning – Post and wire fence had been erected along Sutton Road, nearly opposite Chapel. Planning Department investigating.  
Finance – Balance £617.20. Barbecue profit of £220.47  
Approach by Mr & Mrs Fenton for charitable donation by Society towards “Provision of Wells in Africa” scheme. Should be raised at AGM.  
Planning – Further correspondence with Chief Executive and MP on the Stables development. Council seemed to be ignoring Society’s views and Mr Fewtrell’s submission. Copies of correspondence to be sent to local Councillors

### **27/11/1989 – Committee meeting – Little Acorns (Mr & Mrs Birch)**

Planning – Meeting attended by Mr Nigel Hoon of Prospect Cottage so he could brief on development plans for garage/workshop. Committee agreed to raise no objection, subject to sight of final plans  
Report that Miss Gough would be submitting plan for granny annex extension  
Discussion on windows and doors of Old Coach House (formerly pub store). No action to be taken  
Discussion on new garage at 113 Sutton Road. No action to be taken

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Wessex Water to be asked to landscape around new car park, and to preserve old tiles on outhouse shortly to be demolished

Social – Further discussions on 1990 Hardy celebrations

Coastguard talk, with mulled wine, arranged for 11/12 at Springhead

Finance – Balance £475.33

No action to be taken on Mayor's Appeal letter

Christmas cards – Most of the Christmas cards now sold, and a number of notelet packs

Village – Following representations by Mr Handscomb, damage to footpath caused by refuse vehicle had been reinstated

Mr Clive Brown proposing repairs to bridge by pond. To be suggested he contacts Planning Department first

### **23/1/1990 – Committee meeting – Millstream Cottage (Mr & Mrs Knight)**

Social – Asked by organisers of Hardy celebration to help run raffle for hot air balloon rides at Country Fair. Sub-committee created to consider this

Proposed to run Barn Dance and Hardy Evening, probably 14/7 at Preston Village Hall

Talk on kingfishers for AGM on 4/4

Talk by Mike Shepherd on 23/2

Planning – Correspondence with Wessex Water to ensure they are looking after environs during current work. Seems satisfactory

Village – Letter from Borough Engineer saying they see no case for more litter bins.

Chairman to respond setting out case

Finance – Balance £434.59, savings £1135.67. Coastguard evening had cost £42.06

Planning – Proposal for extension to 96 Sutton Rd, plus new building. No comment

Confusion over whether Mr Diment's planning appeal had been heard and adjudicated yet.

Rumour that Peter Diment may be planning to move.

Committee – Mr Doyle resigning, due to work commitments. Thanked for his contribution

### **27/2/1990 – Committee meeting – Sutton Lodge (Mr & Mrs Bugler)**

Social – Hall booked for Barn Dance, and band available. Arrangements agreed

Summer walk 22/6, starting and ending at Lower Bockhampton

Teas on the Lawn 18/8 at Sutton Lodge

Organisers now had help for raffle ticket selling, so not action required

Kingfisher talk would cost too much, so talk agreed by Alan Stevens of Ansty, on wildlife of Falklands

Talk by Mr Shepherd cancelled at short notice due to illness

Planning – Mr Diment's plans for new farmhouse approved by DOE. No change of use for land. Proposals in Coombe Valley understood to have been approved

Understood that riding stables have been sold and fresh planning application expected soon

Agreed to send representation opposing Council's plan for illuminated advertising units on Esplanade

Competitions – Agreed to enter Dorset Best Kept Village competition, which focuses on care for the environment

Committee – Mrs Stephen resigning due to other commitments. Thanked for help

### **Spring 1990 – Newsletter #46**

Social – Slide show by Alan Stevens of Ansty after AGM, on flowers, birds and marine life of Falklands

Village events in honour of Thomas Hardy's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday – village walk 22/6 at Lower

Brockhampton – Hardy Evening, supper and barn dance at Preston Village Hall 14/7 – Dorset

Cream Teas at Sutton Lodge 18/8



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Events being organised by County group include Town Fair in Dorchester 2/6 and Country Fair at Kingston Maurward 3/6

Slide show by Mick Shepherd scheduled for 21/2 postponed due to ill health

Competitions – Society & Wi entering Best Kept Village competition – criteria are of community working to make the most of village's natural features. Judging in June – date not announced

History – Round & About Sutton Poyntz & Preston being published and sold – copies from Camelot or Preston Post Office

Planning – No news on fresh application for Riding Stables

Understood Peter Diment's appeal successful

Society felt strongly about proposal for ten illuminated display units on Weymouth Esplanade, and made representation against

### **4/4/1990 – AGM – Sutton Room**

38 members present

Planning – Reported that Council had ignored comments submitted by Society on Riding Stables development, and alternative design commissioned by Society

Reported that erection of new farm house and conversion of 4 barns at Puddledock Farm site approved on appeal. Inspector had opposed adoption of the lane itself

Committee had submitted comments on Dorset CC Structure Plan review on minerals and waste disposal

Village – Report on attempts to get additional litter bins

Competitions – Report on Best Kept Village entry. Request that Committee ask Borough for maintenance to roads north of pond

Social – Report on Hardy 1990

Report on 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary social at the Stables, the Barbecue at the Springhead, the Cream Teas and the summer walk. Recent visit by 51 people to "Phantom of the Opera" in London. Dates announced of events this summer

Finance – Balance £308.84 plus savings £1265.53. Subscription unchanged at £1 per household of 50p per single person

Committee – Mrs Swords resigning. New Committee R Birch, R Biss, Tony Bugler, S Emblen, K Knight, Mrs J Litschi, R Meech, Mrs C Pressly, Mrs E Rowbotham, E Saunders, Mrs E Wilkinson plus David Rawlings

### **24/4/1990 – Committee meeting – The Rest (Mrs Pressly)**

Committee – Officers as last year

Collectors' rounds: As last year, with David Rawlings taking Mrs Stephens' round, and Mr Biss Mr Doyle's.

Planning – Illuminated signs on esplanade being installed and as ugly as expected. No reply received to our representation

Agreed no comments needed on Dorset Structure Plan

Agreed to submit representation saying Mr Hoon's revised plan is out of scale for village dwelling

Finance – Balance £328.89

Social – Hardy Evening 14/7, with two short plays, "Nettie Sargeants Copyhold" and "Andry Satchel and the Parson", followed by refreshments and dancing. Charge of £3.50. Agreed to serve pasties from the Bread Shop, beer and wine. Agreed to retain profit, and decide what could be donated to charities at end of year.

Summer walk being organised by Mr Birch and Mr Bugler

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Competitions – Circular letter to go to all households on Best Kept Village competition.

Agreed to work with village WI. Working Party to be convened by Mr Bugler. Discussion of village clean-up, with regular working parties on Saturday mornings starting early May

Village – Comment that road sweeper does not reach upper Plaisters Lane. Not known why Discussion of Travellers' camp on Saunders land

Agreed to send representation opposing proposed development in Stinsford area

### **21/5/1990 – Committee meeting – Little Acorns (Mr Birch)**

Competitions – Best Kept Village competition – Borough will clear pond and streams, trim some hedges, and provide a few shrubs. Letter of thanks to be sent, with request to deal with drain at junction of Mission Hall Lane and Sutton Rd. Several working parties organised, and Brownies have helped with litter clearing. New owner of Cart Shed has helped with disposal of rubbish. WI had proposed planting small tree at fork – idea welcomed subject to local authority approval

Planning – Letter not yet written on Stinsford proposal, due to new developments, but Committee decided it should be written

No comment on dormer windows at 62 Sutton Road, on first floor extension at Meadow View, and on replacement garage and new porch at Morlands

Finance – Balance £323.89. Possibility Bank might renew request for charges – alternatives to be investigated

Social – Mini-bus arranged for summer walk

Arrangements for Hardy Evening

Theatre Group believed to be thinking about trip to “Miss Saigon” in London

### **18/6/1990 – Committee meeting – 1 Old Bincombe Lane (Mrs Wilkinson)**

Competitions – Best Kept Village inspection had been on 9/6 (wet and miserable). Borough had said fork was not suitable spot for tree (insufficient soil vertically and laterally)

Village – Trees to be planted on Waterworks land to replace dead elms

Comment on hiring machine to sweep roads

Social – 10 members had assisted at Dorchester & Kingston Maurward Fairs, run by Hardy 1990 committee

Handout advertising Hardy Evening and Teas on the Lawn to be distributed to all households

Finance - £10 donation sent to Weymouth Hospital in remembrance of late Bob Fenton.

Agreed that normal action would be letter to family, but with Chairman's discretion to make donation when prominent member has died

Balance £321.89 and savings £1265.53

Established that no current account available giving interest

Planning – No comment on conversion of Old Rectory to day nursery, or on new garage at Gershom

### **24/7/1990 – Committee meeting – Dell Cottage (Mrs Rowbotham)**

Competitions – Representatives invited to Best Kept Village awards ceremony in September. Letter of thanks to be sent to Tony & Joy Eves at the Cart Shed for their assistance

Village – Agreed to ask Borough for monthly sweeping of Plaisters Lane

Lady in Verlands Road had asked for Society's support on bus to Railway Station. To be advised to contact local Councillor

Finance – Balance £572.01

Social – Profit of £172.57 on Hardy Evening. Attended by 92 people. Profit to be paid into savings account. All tombola prizes had been gifted; agreed to set aside some of tombola profit (£80) to buy prizes at next event. Report of event to be sent to Echo

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Arrangements for Teas on the Lawn – scones, cream and jam to be on tables, for self-service.  
Scone makers to be reimbursed the cost of ingredients. No raffle this year

Enquiries to be made about possible talks in winter, including Mike Shepherd, Mrs Penney, and Martin Fielding, the vet

Planning – Work had started at the Stables, with demolition of existing buildings. Close liaison with Planning Department intended. Understood from estate agents that 3 houses are intended, from £175k. Damage to road noted. Owners of 96 Sutton Road reported to be concerned about fence next to footpath, but this was thought to be a matter for them to resolve

Agreed to oppose 5.4 metre trellis fence on north side of Pentreath, Plaisters Lane

Traffic – Concern over lorry parked at night in Plaisters Lane. Reported that Cllr Dodge was trying to deal with this

### Summer/Autumn 1990 – Newsletter #47

Social – Walk from Lower Bockhampton including Stinsford churchyard

100 at Hardy Evening; 2 short plays, supper, dancing to Jump to the Sun

83 adults plus some children at Dorset Cream Teas, accompanied by Samantha with her violin

Talk by Mrs B Penny on Christmas in the USA, 18/9

Talk by Derek Dodge on life as airline pilot 20/11

Talk by Mick Shepherd with illustrated rambles round county 8/2 (all in Sutton Room)

Competition – Judging on rare wet day. Results in September. Thanks to everyone who helped tidy and beautify village

Planning – Demolition of riding stables and construction of 3 houses now under way.

Proposal for side fence over 5 metres high opposed

Society – Death of Lt Cdr Bob Fenton MBE, ex Committee member

Congratulations sent to Queen Mother on 90<sup>th</sup> birthday (as was done on 80<sup>th</sup>) using card of village by local artist Peter Toms

Village – Thanks to Tony & Joy at Cart Shed for hard work towards improvement, and verge flower beds

History – 1000 copies of Fredy Litschi's book sold

### 17/9/1990 – Committee meeting – Little Acorns (Mr & Mrs Birch)

Competitions – Sutton Poyntz not among Best Kept Village winners, but agreed to enter again next year

Village – “Vote of thanks to Mr Knight and Mr Litschi for dealing with Mrs Corben's fish” – fish removed to pond, and birds all sold

Concern about amount of litter around Springhead. In view of change of management, members to be urged to write to Brewery

Replacement Civic Society sign at mill, after original was stolen. Also British Tourist Association sign

Report that landscaping work at Waterworks had stopped

Pond – Concern about low flow of water into pond. Decided to wait a bit more before asking for tap to be turned on

Further details to be sought from Council about “Pondwatch Award” scheme

Traffic – After checking with police, established that lorry was legally parked and nothing could be done

Springhead car park – PC O'Shea to be contacted about unlicensed car in Car Park

Society – Complaint from Mrs Pitman over how often she is mentioned in Newsletters

Response to letter of good wishes on Queen Mother's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

Finance – Balance £239.39, savings £1587.53. £322 transferred to savings account

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Social – Decided against trip to “Miss Saigon”

Profit of £8.88 on Cream Teas. Thanks to Buglers for use of their garden

Euro Festival 1991 to be considered

Planning – Stables plans to be checked to ensure building corresponded. Developer had asked for suggestions for name – Court Barton and Saddle Down suggested

“No cause for concern” at 56 Sutton Rd

Representation to be sent accepting hotel at Bowleaze, but objecting to idea of supermarket

Some concern about packets of Diment land up for sale

### **30/10/1990 – Committee meeting – Sutton Lodge (Mr & Mrs Bugler)**

Village – Discussions with Brewery about litter at pub. New landlords after the Watts had already gone

Discussion of caravan by Chalbury Reservoir. PC O’Shea aware

Mission Hall – “Church Rooms” sign at Mission Hall in poor repair, and anyway hall is now known as “Sutton Room”. Had been discussed with PCC

Traffic – No response from PC O’Shea, but Devenish’s will be approached

Pond – Pondwatch scheme had closed September, but brochure would be obtained

Discussions with Wessex Water, but decision is now for National Rivers Authority. After they were contacted, tap was turned on. Weather has now changed

Finance – Balance £225.88

Social – Summer 1991 event, to be defined, to be held at Preston Village Hall

Speaker from Archaeological Society to be invited to speak after AGM

Planning – Application at Wyndings withdrawn for time being

Stables development checked against plans – “virtually no contravention”. However, stonework did not match “coursed random rubble with ashlar stone coigns and surrounds” – Planning Department to be alerted

Change of use application for Cart Shed to car repair shop. Supported.

Revisions in Town Map to be considered carefully

Reported that purchaser had been found for majority of Diment land, and much of the farm equipment had been auctioned. Some parcels still owned by Diment family. Discussion of creating village Trust to purchase land; no action to be taken at present

### **9/1/1991 – Committee meeting – Wyndings (Mr & Mrs Emblen)**

Pond – Pondwatch literature received from Wildfowl Trust. Brownies and/or scouts will be asked if they would do study along the lines suggested

Village – Springhead litter now under control

Card and bottle of brandy sent to PC O’Shea whose arms had been broken during attack in Weymouth

Social – AGM arranged for 10/4, with talk by Mr Peers of Archaeological Society

Barn Dance, perhaps with “European” flavour, in May/June

Cream Teas in August

Suggestion of village outing – Newsletter to float idea

Talk by Derek Dodge attended by 36

Talk by Mike Shepherd 8/2

Finance – Balance £203.60

Cards – 400 packs of notelets still available

Planning – Confirmed by Planning Department that Stables building was not in accordance with plans, and that remedial action would be required. Building work has stopped and scaffolding removed. Information to be sought about the developer

Change of use permission for Cart Shed granted on personal basis for 5 year

Appeal lodged in respect of fence at Pentreath. Society’s objections had been confirmed

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No comment on internal works to divide 113 Sutton Rd in two, one intended as holiday let  
No comment on plans to demolish coastguard cottages at Bowleaze for redevelopment

### February 1991 – Newsletter #48

Society – Reminder of contents of 1977 Newsletter asking “what does the Society do?”, referring to planning and amenity work, education and amusement

Good wishes sent to Rick O’Shea who had both arms broken in attack in Weymouth

Social – Mick Shepherd illustrated talk 8/2 at Sutton Room, with light refreshments

Barn Dance in May or June

Cream Teas in August

Ideas sought for village outing, perhaps Exbury Gardens in May?

Talk by Roger Peers of Dorset Archaeological Society after AGM 10/4

Pond – Information received on Pondwatch scheme (Wildfowl Trust) and passed to Brownies and Scouts

Planning – Work at Stables development stopped. Details of what has gone up are not in accordance with plans. Planning Office negotiating with developer, and may issue enforcement notice

Pleasure that Tony Eves has been given permission for car repair business, but puzzlement that he need to apply.

No comment on several applications, including development at Coastguard Cottages at Bowleaze

History – Fredy Litschi’s book has gone to reprint

Cards – Pack of notelets still available – 6 for 75p

Traffic – Note that Civic Society had asked for notes warning of hazards along diversion routes, to be told “drivers ignore signs so we don’t use them” and “hazard is obvious so sign is unnecessary”

### 25/2/1991 – Committee meeting – 1 Old Bincombe Lane (Mrs Wilkinson)

Pond – Pondwatch papers passed to Brownies (Jacquie Greet)

Comments on poor state of willow trees. Secretary to liaise with Council

Finance – Balance £190.10 plus savings £1763.63

Reported that subscriptions for one area had not been collected. Not thought possible now

Competitions – Decided not to enter Best Kept Village competition, partly because of disadvantage of not having Parish Council. Working parties to be arranged to keep village tidy

Social – Note received about Army? Presentation at Pavilion on 12/3

Mike Shepherd’s talk cancelled because of very poor weather

Village outing to Exbury Gardens 11/5. Cost likely to be ~£6.50

Barn Dance 22/6 – similar to last year but raffle rather than tombola

Cream Teas 17/8 at Little Acorns. £1

Planning – Information had been received about Stables developer, and passed to Planning Department. Building Land for Sale notice recently put up

No comment on plan to convert 64 Sutton Rd with 1<sup>st</sup> floor flat

Comments collected and passed back on Dorset CC’s “Caring for Dorset” paper

Society – Membership card to be updated and reprinted, for distribution to new members along with latest Newsletter

### March 1991 – Newsletter #49

Social – Mick Shepherd’s talk postponed again due to weather this time

Visit to Exbury Gardens 11/5. £6 including transport and entry, tickets from Ron Birch

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Barn Dance 22/6 at Preston Village Hall. £4 including welcoming drink, supper, music. Raffle. Bar

Dorset Teas on the Lawn 17/8 at Little Acorns (Ron & Aviv Birch). £1

Roger Peers of Dorset Archaeological Society talk after AGM 10/4

Competitions – Decided, with WI, not to enter Best Kept Village competition this year

### 10/4/1991 – AGM – Mission Hall

36 members present

Social – Report on village contribution to Hardy 1990, and other social events. Talks by Betty Penny on Christmas in America and Derek Dodge on life as airline pilot

Finance – Balance at 28/2 £190.10 and £763.63 savings. Subscriptions unchanged

Competitions – Best Kept Village entry not being repeated

Village – Beach clean planned by Dorset Heritage Coast 12/5

Planning – Close watch being kept on Stables development, along with Planning Department  
Comments on “Caring for Dorset” included improved council house development, control of caravan sites, transport problems particularly in high summer, and cooperation between utilities and councils over roadworks

County’s revised Minerals & Waste Disposal proposals to be reviewed

Committee – Mr Biss had resigned when he left Weymouth. Committee otherwise as before, plus Mr R Backwell and Mr C Brown

Talk by Roger Peers, Curator of Dorset Museum

### 22/4/1991 – Committee meeting – The Rest (Mrs Pressly)

Committee – Mrs J Litschi (Chairman), Mr S Emblen (Vice Chairman), Mr K Knight (Secretary), Mrs E Noden-Wilkinson (Treasurer), Mr R Birch (Social Secretary)

Collectors’ rounds: Liz Rowbotham (Plaisters Lane north from Wyndings & Purbeck Lodge), Richard Backwell (Plaisters Lane middle Longmead to Springside), David Rawlings (Sutton Court Lawns, Sutton Close, Plaisters Lane south and Inmosthay), Eve Wilkinson (Old Bincombe Lane & Brookside [sic]), Ron Birch & Tony Bugler (Puddledock, Sunnyfields & neighbouring houses), Joyce Litschi (Sutton Road south from Cart Shed), Cathy Pressly (Silver Street, Sutton Road from fork to Springhead & 111), Clive Brown (Mission Hall Lane, 113 Sutton Road, Old Coachhouse and area north of Springhead & pond), Ken Knight (members outside village)

Planning – Mr Eves at Cart Shed had applied for dispensation from one of the planning conditions. To be discussed with Planning Department

Question over planning permission (temporary or permanent) for caravans on part of land east of Church Road, Preston. Some caravans had been moved during refurbishments, and then not moved back. Representations to be made against any extension

Poor state of Mill House discussed, having been raised by two members. Agreed to discuss with Planning Office

Finance – Appeal on behalf of church in Sutton, Bedfordshire. Agreed to send £10

Also agreed to send £20 to County Museum towards cost of an acquisition

Social – 24 people booked on Exbury trip so far. 46 needed to break even

Pond – Agreed to ask Borough to repair seat by pond

Village – Planning Office to be asked to repair stile behind Stables. Mr Emblen will repair stile behind Wyndings

Traffic – Highways Authority to be contacted to remedy damage to Plaisters Lane verges caused by recent works by Wessex Water

Society – Enquiry to be made about joining Dorset Trust for Nature Conservation



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### **29/5/1991 – Committee meeting – Little Acorns (Mr & Mrs Birch)**

Planning – Planning Officer is seeking authority for Council to do repairs to Mill House, if owner fails to do so. Accelerating deterioration is cause for concern  
Borough had requested £40 for weekly planning application lists, but in error  
Confirmation from Chief Planning Officer that temporary permission granted to Waterside caravan park last year will be the last, that footpath diversion will be dealt with, and that additional camping/caravanning will be opposed  
Building at the Stables has resumed. Complaints by Mr Hunt that one house is being built too close do not appear to be justified  
Reference to poor appearance of area around old Diment house following demolition of barn  
Agreed to object over prolonged absence of Cllr Russell, who now lives near Southampton  
Report on meeting between Society members and Cllr Ellis  
    Protection of open space between SP and Preston  
    Possible future developments beyond Old Bincombe Lane and on Plaisters Lane (Mrs Bailey and Joan Harrison land)  
    State of footpath by Stables  
    Problems with car parking at Cart Shed  
    Agreed that Society correspondence to Planning Office will be copied to Brian  
Pond – No response from Council on repairing seat by pond  
Reported that several members had declined to pay subscription, as complaint against lopping of willow trees by pond  
Traffic – Ditto on repairs to verge  
Village – Stiles both repaired  
Society – Agreed to join Dorset Trust for Nature Conservation – subscription £10  
Finance – Balance £135.47 plus savings £1763.63. Bank had debited charge of £9.84 – enquiry as to reason not answered yet  
Social – Exbury trip broke even, as spare places were sold to non-villagers  
Winter programme including talk by Chief Planning Officer, delayed talk by Mike Shepherd, and concert by Casterbridge Singers  
No action planned on idea of trip to Tommy Steele's show in Southampton  
Members suggestion of creating boule pitch in village. Not thought to be Society responsibility

### **10/7/1991 – Committee meeting – 1 Old Bincombe Lane (Mrs Wilkinson)**

Committee – Mr Rawlings resigning due to pressure of work.  
Society – Situation over membership cards to be investigated  
£10 donation to be made to Macmillan Nursing in memory of late Gwen Loveland  
Planning – Following report in Echo about Mill House, complaint from owner, Mr Meech, over Society's action without referring to him  
No comment on 64 Sutton Road  
Agreed to make representation that caravans being kept in Stble Yard, Church Road, should not be close to the church  
Pond – Response from Borough on seat by pond, promising repair  
Village – Established that footpath by Stables is owned by Miss Pitman – Borough will contact her about state  
Cards – Few greeting cards now in stock – agreed to purchase 1000 at £180 +VAT.  
Finance – Bank has agreed not to charge for account.  
Balance £303.50, savings £1763.63  
Social – Barn Dance profit £131.43, including £90 from raffle. Agreed to contribute £65 to St Andrews School fund

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Agreed that we should not expect people always to donate raffle prizes – quite in order to purchase prizes

Teas on the Lawn – same lady violinist as last year will attend

Talk by Chief Planning Officer 24/9 at Springhead Pavilion

Casterbridge Choir concert in church 13/11 or 27/11. Admission £2 with proceeds to School fund

Noted that craft fairs being held regularly in Springhead Pavilion by Mrs Rosekilly and Yvonne Emery

Agreed that any Barn Dance next year should be before Easter

Mr Backwell offered to organise summer walk next year

### Summer 1991 – Newsletter #50

Society – Musings by ex Committee members. Molly Hanson commenting on past objections to planning applications by animal charities who had benefitted under Miss Guppy's will, which would have lost valuable open space; the objections led to a News of the World headline "The people down on animal farm". Lawrie Ingham remembering Sunnyfields with children wading to school, and threat to demolish Mill – and wine tasting at last AGM (never was business more speedily disposed of). Fredy Litschi reminiscing about people – Clive & Lynne at the pub, Henry Diment, Misses Pavey at shop; beautiful village despite faster expansion than ever before. Joy Shires asking how much we care – the question asked in 1965 when a pile of stones in the pond mobilised the village's feeling of sadness that so much environment is lost, and made people come together to do something about it – not to freeze the village in time, but to conserve the features and qualities that make up the special charm of Sutton Poyntz. Joyce Litschi on the Players 1974-1980, beginning as offshoot of Society with Trumpet Major, Under the Greenwood Tree, 3 Strangers and others, rehearsals mainly at Wyndings and home-made scenery; home-made talent – John Harrison, Harold Handscomb, Millie Corben in her long white drawers – great stuff! Shows at Herrison, Owermoigne, Pontins and then the Weymouth Pavilion for a Bobby Cook Charity Show

Social – Casterbridge Male Voice Choir at St Andrews (thanks to rector) 27/11 £2 for new School building

£65 donated to school building fund after successful barn dance masterminded by Ron Birch

Conversational German with Fredy Litschi in Sutton Room

Proposal for Bridge club – contact Joy Shires

Book published by Marjorie Whiles of Old Bincombe Lane "Albertina's Grand-daughter – memories of a life 1908-1990"

Planning – Address by Richard Burgess, Chief Planning Officer, in Springhead Pavilion 24/9 (thanks to Jim White)

Meeting recently with Cllr Brian Ellis, who now sits on the Planning Committee

Concern about 'roadway' by Plaisters Lane, but it is connected with laying of new water main and will be restored to countryside

Cards – Colour view of pond 25p from Eve Noden-Wilkinson

Village – Firs turf cut for new St Andrews School 19/7. Parish must raise £100,000

### 4/9/1991 – Committee meeting – Old Coach House (Mr & Mrs Backwell)

Planning – Further deterioration of Mill House – to be raised when Chief Planning Officer visits

Application by Mr Seal to renew change of use for Sutton Farmhouse granted to Mr Diment in 1988. Representation submitted asking for refusal

No comment on rebuilding of Sutton Farm and new building, but following village meeting, representation to be submitted urging that Puddledock Lane must not become a short-cut

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Press reports that cottage in White Horse Lane likely to be declared unfit for human habitation. Society hopes it can be preserved, but representation that if demolished, any replacement must fit in

Application for drug rehabilitation centre at Greenhill Barton. Peter Rodenhurst, the applicant, runs a similar establishment at Bowleaze, which was not believed to have caused any problems. Some concerns about suitability of site, but no comment to be offered

Cards – Photograph chosen and cards paid for

Old B&W cards being sold at craft shop in Springhead Pavilion

Finance – Balance £73.89

Social – Teas on Lawn had raised £7.77

Casterbridge Choir 27/11 at the Church. Discussions on having refreshments in the school afterwards (with increased charge). Agreed to offer refreshments to choir, but not otherwise.

Barn Dance date 21/3 with 1990 band (Jump to the Sun) booked

Mike Shepherd's talk to be postponed as he is talking to a local WI. Enquiry to be made about talk on pre-historic Wessex

Village – State of footpaths to be raised with Footpaths Officer

Mr Emblen to talk to Mr & Mrs Smith, owners of land at junction of OBL and Plaisters, about replacing dead tree, at Society's expense

Pond – State of pond and streams to be raised, to ask for clearance

Society – Christmas note of thanks with bottles of whisky and Martini to Eves at Cart Shed, in thanks for their work

### **24/9/1991 – Meeting with Chief Planning Officer – Springhead Pavilion**

45 members present

Planning – New Local Plan being prepared. Important to comment on things liked in Plan as well as things not liked. Listed Buildings list to be re-evaluated. Studies of harbour and town-centre pedestrianisation. Tight development boundary round Sutton Poyntz agreed. Caravan and barn conversion regulations being tightened

Discussion of role of local government

Discussion of Stables development

Puddledock – aware of Society's concerns and hopes development will be high quality and in keeping. "Keeping the puddles will be a good thing" in deterring access

Mill House – interest in local authority purchase

White Horse Cottage – may be restorable

### **29/10/1991 – Committee meeting – Little Acorns (Mr & Mrs Birch)**

Planning – Understood Mill House owner has dropped sale price

Agreed to purchase copy (£5) of draft Weymouth Plan

Rumour of land off Puddledock Lane for sale is untrue

Pond – Seat repaired. Pond to be weeded "during autumn"

Village – Agreed nothing can be done at present about tree in OBL

Finance – Balance £81.59

Footpaths – Mr Bugler appointed as Footpaths Liaison Officer

Social Church will provide coffee and mince pies at Casterbridge Choir concert

Agreed to invite representative of Weld Hospice Trust to give talk

### **2/12/1991 – Committee meeting – Dell Cottage (Mrs Rowbotham)**

Footpaths – Developers had been approached about stile behind Stables

Arrows marking footpath by Old Granary Close had been moved

Finance – Balance £97.02 plus savings £1763.63

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Cards – 222 new cards sold

Planning – Proposal to make access way to field behind 56 Sutton Rd, through small copse. Accepted, subject to conditions

Planning Department waiting for evidence of use of land by Mr Seal before proceeding on farmhouse application

Subcommittee set up to consider draft local plan

Traffic – Letter to be written to Borough again urging that sign to Sunnyfields at Sutton Rd/Puddledock Lane should be removed, substituting with “not suitable for motors” sign  
Building contractors at 111 Sutton Rd to be spoken to about damage to small car park wall

Social – Casterbridge Choir event made £430, plus £86 donations. £576 donated for new school fund

Weld Hospice speaker available 6/2 or 20/2

### 13/1/1992 – Committee meeting – Sutton Mill (Mr & Mrs Brown)

Pond – Pond and banks cleared by Council before Christmas

Society - £25 donation to Salisbury Spire appeal agreed. Agreed to discuss principle of such donations at AGM

Planning – Application for TV mast at Winslow Road. Delegated to Chairman/Secretary, but thought 8-metre mast could be very visible

Application for demolition and replacement of White Horse Cottage. Representation regretting that cottage has been allowed to get into such a state, and insisting on replacement in keeping with existing

Discussion at length of draft Structure Plan. Representation setting out certain parts that Society supports, but asking for more detailed maps from which boundaries can be determined

Finance – Balance £114.77. Agreed to transfer £100 from savings account

Agreed no change of subscription needed

Cards – 262 sold

Social – Barn Dance 21/3 with “Jump to the Sun”. Wild West theme. Admission £4.50, including welcome drink, pastie, and peaches & ice cream. Raffle

Weld Hospice talk 27/2 in Mission Hall (not fund-raising)

Summer walk 28/5 from Hardy’s Cottage to Wise Man, led by Mr Backwell

Footpaths – Thought that path behind Stables had been diverted without due process. To be checked

### Jan/Feb 1992 – Newsletter #51

Social – Talk by D P Snook (Devenish Retail MD) “Pubs ain’t what they used to be” after AGM  
24/3 Springhead Pavilion

Talk by Maj W Greener, Chairman of Dorset Hospice Trust, on planned Joseph Weld House  
27/2 Sutton Room

Barn Dance 21/3 Preston Village Hall, with Wild West theme £4.50 including welcoming drink, meal, and music by Jump to the Sun, tickets from Ron Birch

Summer walk organised by Richard Backwell 28/5 from Hardy’s Cottage to Wise Man

Sell-out Casterbridge Male Voice Choir last November raised £516 for new St Andrews School

German classes resumed

Planning – Well attended talk by Richard Burgess in September

Draft Local Plan published November. Comments provided by Society. Plan protects open space between Preston and Sutton Poyntz

Comments submitted on replacement of White Horse Cottage, erection of TV aerial, 3 new houses on late Mrs Bailey’s land in Plaisters Lane.

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Stables development almost complete. A number of favourable comments

Work on Puddledock Farm dwellings going ahead

Cards – 260 sold but lots left from Eve Noden-Wilkinson or Ken Knight

Pond – Council have cleared weeds. Daffodils will soon appear

Traffic – Representations to Council to remove reference to Sunnyfields from road sign in Sutton Road

### **24/2/1992 – Committee meeting – Sutton Lodge (Mr & Mrs Bugler)**

Society – Silent tribute paid to late Ernest Saunders. Donation of £20 had been sent to Trimar Hospice

Planning – Letter from Borough Engineer saying they had no plans to make up Puddledock Lane. Agreed to remove reference to Sunnyfields from sign at Sutton Rd end. Agreed to discuss with Peter Diment a new “unsuitable for motors” sign – Society willing to purchase Planning Department have offered more detailed map of Sutton Poyntz

After enquiry, no objection to TV mast

Planning Office correspondence seen on Mill House, to effect that it was repairable and council grants would not be necessary

Same correspondence said White Horse Cottage should be restored rather than demolished

Understood from Elizabeth Saunders that North Down Farm would be sold, with permission to be sought for barn conversions. Meeting to be sought with Chief Planning Officer

Application for three houses on Miss Bailey’s land. One large, two smaller. Society preference for two houses, as in outline permission, or three around courtyard

Footpath – Slight deviation had taken place behind Stables, and retrospective application being processed. Representation to be submitting saying Society accepts new route, but is concerned at delay

Village – Noted that sign had been put up for short time at fork, criticising pub management.

Mr White at pub thought probably by young men he had barred for disruptive behaviour

Request by Polio Fellowship for volunteer collectors for Flag Day, but clashes with Barn Dance

Finance – Balance £121.70, savings £1860.70

Agreed that further charitable donations could not be afforded this year

Social – Visit to Waterworks Museum 2/7

Mr Phil Snook will talk about pub trade at AGM

Request will be made to Mrs Critchell to hold Teas on the Lawn in their garden

Committee – Mrs Litschi standing down as Chairman; Mr Bugler agreed as replacement. Mr Birch wishing to stand down as Social Secretary. Mrs Pressly standing down from Committee

### **6/3/1992 – Planning meeting**

Discussion with Planning Officers and Cllr Brian Ellis

North Down Farm – proposals to convert Court House and barn behind. Need to demonstrate that there will not be a continuing need for agricultural buildings before giving permission. Thought that existing roofline should be preserved. Architects suggesting 5 units, but Planning Department thought 3. Garage building could be developed, but Society asked for thatch as requirement. Planning Department considered that an application between farm and pub could be resisted.

Plaisters Lane – Planning Department view was that development of gap beyond Morlands would be hard to avoid eventually, but larger gap south of Morlands could be protected

Mission Hall Lane opposite Mission Hall – no proposals yet. Society view that access difficulties ought to count, as in previous application behind Mission Hall

## Summary note of Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Minutes and Newsletters

### **24/3/1992 – AGM – Springhead Pavilion**

30 members present

Planning – Report on Puddledock, Mill House, White Horse Cottage and North Down

Consent recently given for 3 houses on late Mrs Bailey's land

Footpaths – Agreed to minor re-routing of path by old Stables. Some debate on this

Village – Problem with litter – request for more bins

Finance – Balance £121.70 and savings £1860.70

Subscriptions unchanged

Suggested that fighting fund should be increased to about £2000, and charitable donations should not be made until that is achieved

Committee – As before, with exception of Mrs Pressly, and with addition of Gordon Perks

Social – Report on events during year

Talk by Mr Snook of Devenish

### **2/4/1992 – Committee meeting – Old Coach House (Mr & Mrs Backwell)**

Committee – Tony Bugler (Chairman), Mrs Joyce Litschi (Vice Chairman), Mr Ken Knight (Secretary), Mrs Eve Noden-Wilkinson (Treasurer and Membership Secretary), Mr Gordon Perks (Social Secretary), Richard Backwell, Ron Birch, Clive Brown, Simon Emblen, Richard Meech, Liz Rowbotham

Collectors' rounds – as before with Mr Perks for Mrs Pressly, and Mr Meech for Mr Birch

Planning – Sign at end of Puddledock Lane changed. Mr Diment has agreed to "unsuitable for motors" sign – cost would be investigated

Applications for garages at Hillside and Fox Cottage – to be considered by sub-committee

Application for flats and cottages at Chalbury Lodge – representation asking for house to be preserved, and as many trees as possible

Footpaths – Letter from Chief Planning Officer, with history. Reply saying we still have no objection to minor deviation

Representation to be sent objecting to proposed diversion of footpath in Waterside Caravan Site

Traffic – Mr H Hailes has written to Council about making up of Mission Hall Lane, and to Wessex Water about "continuing problems" outside his cottage

Finance – Balance £393.98. Agreed to transfer £140 to savings account

Mr Bugler to replace Mrs Litschi as bank account signatory

Social – Barn Dance profit of £248.17. Donation to Weld Hospice to be considered at a later meeting

Cream Teas at Critchells 22/8

Thought of visit to Dorchester Museum in autumn

Thought of event with Osmington Society

Village – Card sent to Diments on leaving village for Chilcombe

Pond – Borough Engineer to be asked to look at need for repairs to bridge over pond

### **Spring 1992 – Newsletter #52**

Society – Obituary to Ernest Saunders, village native, founder Treasurer of Society, and active Committee member until just a year ago. Seat by pond was dedicated to Ernest in 1987

Committee – as above. Thanks by Tony Bugler to Joyce Litschi for her 6 years as Chairman

Social – Summer walk 28/5 Hardy's Cottage to Wise Man, arranged by Richard Backwell

Waterworks Museum visit 2/7 with talk by Jacqui Summers, Curator

Dorset Cream Teas Sutton House (Mr & Mrs Critchell), 22/8

AGM 24/3 in Springhead Pavilion (thanks Jim White) with talk by Phil Snook, Devenish Retail MD



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Thanks to Ron Birch for period as Social Secretary

Planning – 3 new houses being built on late Mrs Bailey's land

Hope that Mill House can be saved, and also White Horse Cottage

Talks with Chief Planning Officer on future of Northdown following death of Ernest Saunders

Traffic – New road signs for Puddledock Lane promised

Competitions – Borough meeting attended on Britain in Bloom

### **21/5/1992 – Committee meeting – Little Acorns (Mr & Mrs Birch)**

Planning – “Unsuitable for motors” signs to be provided by Borough, at cost to Society of £140

Concerns about red brick wall in front of first bungalow at Puddledock Farm. Representation sent to Planning Office, but appears that wall was included in planning application

Application for conversion of barn at Northdown Farmhouse (by pond) to dwelling. Thatched roof. No comment

Application for garage at St Briavels. No comment

Application for alterations and small extension to White Horse Cottage. Welcomed

Appeal against refusal of application for 2 caravans at Prebendal Farm

Footpath – Diversion of Stables footpath approved

Waterside footpath has been referred to Secretary of State

Pond – Borough will repair loose stones on bridge

Social – Donation of £50 to Weld Hospice agreed

Invitation from school to help at school “Fun Day” 20/6, with profit share. Decided not time to arrange stall

Waterworks Museum visit 2/7

Cream Teas 22/8. Violinist to be invited

Possible event in November to be considered. Talk about Portland Naval Base in Sept/Oct?

Ideas to be considered for Society's silver jubilee

Village – Note taken of new newsheet “Trumpeter” distributed in Preston and Sutton Poyntz

Society – Membership of Dorset Trust for Nature Conservation renewed - £10

Finance – Balance £296.10 and savings £2000.70

### **29/6/1992 – Committee meeting – Thatchers, Old Bincombe Lane (Mrs Wilkinson)**

Pond – Repairs to bridge complete

Planning – Renovations planned to Mill House. Initial plans look acceptable

34 ‘temporary’ caravans still in place after 3 years, and 8 more recently arrived. Letter to be written to Planning Office

Concluded that 2 semi-detached cottages on Mrs Bailey's land were nicely designed

Finance – Balance £332.91

Springhead car park – “Nothing has been done about the wall at the Springhead Car Park”

Village – Reported that Miss Pitman had moved to Verlands Road – her house bought by owner of White Horse Caravans

Discussion of using some North Down Farm land being purchased by Wessex Water as playground. Enquiries to be made

“Trumpeter” magazine not currently being produced

Reported that farm spraying of bean fields had damaged Plaisters Lane gardens

Social – Arrangements for Cream Teas discussed

Discussion of using Neptune Club (Bowleaze Cove) for village events, but thought best to keep in or near to village

Traffic – Newspaper report suggesting bypass for Osmington

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Discussion of roundabout at Sutton Rd/Preston Rd junction. Review again after school has moved

Footpaths – Stile behind stables needs work to make it usable by elderly

Discussion of need for better footpath signposts

### **28/7/1992 – Committee meeting – Dell Cottage (Mrs Rowbotham)**

Footpaths – Plans to walk footpath to Osmington to review

Pond – Discussion of tall weeds [sic] by pond. Mixed views in village, so no action to be taken  
Duck house in North Down Farm will disappear if barn is developed, but landlord at Springhead understood to be willing to provide space

Village – Decision not to get involved in two matters relating to Silver Street (a) car parking on street, and (b) cutting of a laurel on the bank opposite Mill House

Believed old school has two ‘hips’ from ancient chapel, and should be protected. To be discussed with Mr Litschi

Cards – Cards sold to postmistress and to craft shop being resold at 37p. Agreed to sell to villagers at previous price of 25p

Finance – Balance £332.56

Planning – Letter sent and meeting arranged with Chief Planning Officer on Waterside caravans

Appeal lodged by Mr Seal against refusal of planning permission for farmhouse on Puddledock Lane

Social – Cream Teas arrangement to be finalised by Gordon Perks, Ron Birch and Mrs Rowbotham. Music agreed at maximum cost of £15. Raffle. Admission £1

Talk by helicopter pilot proposed for November

Dorchester Museum visit provisionally 6/10

Anniversary Barn Dance in Preston Village Hall in March

Consideration to be given to Christmas event at Neptune Club, at £4.50 to £5

40 people at Waterworks Museum visit

Society – Noticeboard refurbished by Jack Wilkinson

### **8/9/1992 – Committee meeting – Old Stables (Mr & Mrs Knight)**

Committee – Resignation of Mr Perks, because of family and business commitments

Village – Several sites for playground investigated, but all have problems.

Sale of North Down farm equipment that day. Mrs White at pub has bought old farm wagon with “E A Saunders, Sutton Poyntz”, for £110 plus VAT. Society willing to contribute £55 on understanding wagon stays in village

Footpaths – Signposting of Osmington footpath thought satisfactory, but Dorset CC will be alerted to one difficult gate

Pond – Old duckhouse can be made available, on new site (probably pub land, or field by pub with new owner’s permission). Dave Caddy will take on duck care when he retires.

Society will fund upkeep of ducks, and will purchase ducks if necessary. Noted that Springhead are already raising funds for upkeep

Finance – Balance £385.70

Cards – 280 notelets and 461 greetings cards in hand, so no plans for more

Planning – Borough consultation paper should have been delivered to all houses in Borough, but Plaisters Lane omitted. Further copies to be obtained. Sub-committee to meet and consider

Consideration of farmhouse appeal, and decision to stand by original representation, with observation that growing a few crops on part of the land does not justify a farmhouse

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Site meeting at Waterside with Chief Planning Officer and others. 34 caravans to be removed, and other works put back or formally applied for. Agreed to use local press if action not taken

Application for conversion and new houses on old school site. Agreement in principle, subject to 'sympathetic' design of new houses

Social – Cream Teas cancelled due to weather. Profit of 39p from sale of supplies

Subcommittee appointed (Liz Rowbotham, Richard Backwell and Charles Kirk) to arrange anniversary Barn Dance

Traffic – Increasing incidents of speeding to be discussed at next meeting

### October 1992 – Newsletter #53

Village – Tribute to Saunders family David, Derek & Elizabeth on their retirement, and expressions of sadness at farm sale. "Where else would you find a farm situated in the centre of the village and kept so tidy and run so efficiently with such complete dedication?"

Old farm wagon bearing name Ernest Saunders bought jointly by Springhead landlords and Society, for display at pub after renovation

Good luck message to John Tallon, staff and pupils now starting in new school

Pond – Ducks will be returning shortly, with Dave Caddy as duck warden. Volunteers sought – contact Jim White or Tony Bugler

Social – County Museum visit 10/11 with new Curator Richard de Peyer

Barn Dance for Society's 25<sup>th</sup> being organised

Enjoyable summer walk with about 40

About 40 visited Waterwork Museum

Dorset Cream Teas abandoned because of weather, but thanks to Mr & Mrs Critchell, and to Ron Birch and helpers

Planning – Site meeting attended at Waterside to review works, which now need planning permission

Appeal lodged against refusal of permission for new farm house off Puddledock Lane

Comments on Local Plan document "The Way Ahead"

No comments on proposals for development at old school site

Cards – Still available at 25p from Eve Noden-Wilkinson

Competitions – Margaret Tambling's garden won an award in Britain in Bloom competition

### 20/10/1992 – Committee meeting – The Mill (Mr & Mrs Brown)

Pond – Landlords at Springhead having new duck house built by Vic Hunt. Society has agreed to contribute fencing around house. Ducks available from Herrison Hospital. Society agreed to purchase food containers, and to contribute half cost of food. Dave Caddy needs rota of helpers.

Note taken of problems of low flow through pond

Discussion on pollarding of trees

Committee – Agreed to co-opt Dave Caddy and Charles Kirk

Village – Suggestion by Mrs Wynn-Williams of buying field behind Hunts for play area, but concluded the slope makes this area unsuitable

Borough Engineer to be asked about signs promised for Puddledock Lane

Quite extensive repairs needed to Saunders farm wagon. Wheels have been sourced

Suggestion of Open Gardens in aid of St Andrews School in June

Competitions – Proposal for village entry to Britain in Bloom in 1993 – to be discussed at village meeting 23/11

Traffic – Borough Engineer to be approached about traffic calming measures for village

Finance – Balance £310.23

Planning – No objections to planned work to Mill House

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Representation submitted by sub-committee on Borough consultation paper  
Chief Executive to be asked about apparent change of policy on touring caravans, and how this came about

Footpaths – Path through Waterside still obstructed. Borough Engineer to be contacted

Social – Visit to County Museum 10/11

Revd Ivor Bromham to give talk on Welsh folk-lore in January

Barn Dane 20/3 at Preston Village Hall, with Jump to the Sun

Talk by Mike Shepherd in April

### November 1992 – Newsletter #54

Pond – Dave Caddy as Duck Warden. New duck house being built by Vic Hunt to be kept on Springhead and. Society providing fencing, and Jim Willis the posts. 9 ducks and 1 drake offered by Herrison Hospital, expected in November. Springhead regulars, led by Dave Skinner, raising money for duck food with competition. Rota for duck care being organised – contact Dave Caddy, Jim White or Tony Bugler

Competitions – General Meeting 25/11 to consider proposal for Sutton Poyntz entry to Britain in Bloom. Martin Gallivan, Deputy Borough Engineer will speak

### 24/11/1992 – Committee meeting – Wyndings (Mr & Mrs Emblen)

Pond - £113+£13 approved for fencing and dustbin for ducks. Working party 6/12 to put up fencing. Agreed to ask Ruth Meech of the Echo to write up the saga of the ducks

Wessex Water promising to flush out pond every 4-6 weeks

Borough Engineer considers willows are sound, but pruning will be done to clear road and wires

Village – New signs for Puddledock Lane put up, but not as expected

Wheels for cart were not right size. Refurbishment in hands of Jim White and Simon Emblen

Agreed to ask Borough to plant tree at front of Stables development

Traffic – Reply on traffic calming – no funding for work at present

Finance - £312.48

Some gaps in subscription collection. Agreed to write off

Society – AGM 7/4 in Sutton Room

Planning – Detailed response from Chief Executive explaining policy on touring caravans. Though satisfactory

Planning inquiry into Waterside footpath. Letter from Waterside objecting to trespass, but offering meeting. Agreed no further action at present

Dunelm application – no comment

New field access by 56 Sutton Rd now completed

North Down Farm land believed sold to Mr Bond. Farm house believed sold separately

Social – 39 people visited County Museum. Agreed to join as affiliated body, at subscription of £16

Talk by Ivor Bromham 3/2

Discussion of Barn Dance arrangements – to be made major topic for next meeting

Sign to be displayed advertising Carols on 19/12

Committee – Charles Kirk regretted that he would not after all be able to give time to Committee activities

### 4/1/1993 – Committee meeting – 1 Old Bincombe Lane (Mr & Mrs Wilkinson)

Pond – Nine ducks now on pond

Representation to be sent about state of road verge by pond

Finance – Balance £201.11. Agreed to transfer £100 from savings for Barn Dance expenses

Social – Tickets for Barn Dance £4.50 (children £3)

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Richard Backwell arranging walk in late May or early June

Teas on the Lawn in August

Village Fair – Note received from Dave Caddy about proposed village fair. Society agreed to cooperate, but not be responsible. Chairman to meet Dave Caddy and Jim White

Competitions – Circular agreed to notify village of Britain in Bloom entry

Planning – Representation on effect of builders' traffic due to proposed new house behind Volona, Sutton Rd

Traffic – Representation to be sent about mud on road around farm

### January 1993 – Newsletter #55

Competitions – Separate letter about village entry to Britain in Bloom

Pond – Ducks are back, thanks to number of people including Jim & Julie at Springhead and Dave Caddy

Social – Revd Ivor Bromham talk "Some mysteries of Wales" 3/2 in Sutton Room

Barn Dance 20/3 in Preston Village Hall, with nautical theme, with Jump to the Sun

Walk in May/June, and Dorset Cream Teas in August

County Museum visit attended by 40

Society – Decided to become member of Dorset Natural History & Archaeological Society, subscription £16

Traffic – Request for speed restraint e.g. rumble pads on Sutton Road/Plaisters Lane. Council funding preventing this, and survey would be needed to show justification

Planning – No comments on several recent applications

Representation on new house behind Volona, asking for impact on traffic to be considered

### 8/2/1993 – Committee meeting – 1 Old Bincombe Lane [sic] (Mr & Mrs Backwell)

Competitions – Area organiser for Britain in Bloom will talk to Society's AGM. Application submitted and area agreed

Village – Request from Mrs Tambling for litter bin up Sutton Rd. Agreed to request bin by Winslow Rd bus stop

Discussion of whether to ask BT to paint phone box green, but decided against

Ordnance Survey no longer maintaining trig points. Agreed to discuss with Osmington

Society whether to purchase the one on White Horse Hill

Finance – Balance £181.36, savings £2067

Cards – Quote received for photographic postcards. Agreed to select photo

Social – WI tour of Dorset churches organised by Margaret Brown for 1/5 – Society will help advertise

Suggestions of talk by Eric Ricketts and outing to New Forest

Death of Revd Bromham 10 days before scheduled talk. Card to be sent

Planning – Appeal for Sutton Farmhouse successful. Representation to CPO indicating that this should not be taken as precedent for further development

Enlargement at Cork Hill – no comment

Northdown Farmhouse, internal alterations – no objection but disappointment that north end is being reroofed [sic] but not in thatch. Concluded not possible to insist on thatch

New track in to Northdown Farm from Preston Road – no objection

Several adverse comments noted about new sign for Springhead at Sutton Rd/Preston Rd junction

Adverse comments from some residents on proposed change of name from The

Puddledocks to Cromlech Close. Agreed to write to Borough Council saying the new name was inappropriate

Society – New membership cards produced

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### March 1993 – Newsletter #56

Village – Death of Joyce Mercer, who lived at Bellamy Cottage for years. Born Joyce Meech, granddaughter of the miller

Trig points can be “adopted” by Societies etc. Committee have enquired about trig point on White Horse Hill

Competitions – Mrs M Preece, West Country organiser of Britain in Bloom, to address AGM 7/4, to enable decision on village entry.

Social – Open Gardens in Sutton Poyntz 27/6 organised by Preston Gardening Club, with proceeds for St Andrews School development

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Barn Dance 20/3. Thanks to organisers and to Ivan Hoath for printing programmes

Summer walk in Abbotsbury area in May

Dorset Cream Teas in August

New Forest trip being investigated

Talk by Ivor Bromham cancelled due to his sudden and sad death

Planning – Appeal by Mr Seal on new farm house allowed after public inquiry, subject to conditions

Representation to keep The Puddledocks, rather than the sepulchral Cromlech Close

Cards – Appeal for colour photo suitable for next village card. Submit to Tony Bugler

### 15/3/1993 – Committee meeting – Sutton Lodge (Mr & Mrs Bugler)

Village – Response from Borough Engineer saying they had carried out monitoring and did not think there was a litter problem along Sutton Rd

Response from Ordnance Survey to request to purchase

Invitation to thanksgiving service at Sutton Church in Bedfordshire

Beach cleanup being organised by ?? – details to be posted on noticeboard

Mrs Harbour has agreed to renovation of her exhibits – Mr Harrison to be contacted

Agreed suggestion by Mr Eves to put 2 flower tubs outside Cart Shed, provided they do not impede traffic

Card – Only one photo submitted so far

Social – Refreshments at Barn Dance will be quiche, salad, sponge flan with cream, and anniversary cake. Bar prices beer £1.20, wine 80p

Summer walk at Langton Herring 1/6, with snacks at Elm Tree

Cream Teas – Critchleys will be approached

Planning – Extension at 12 OBL – no comment

Footpaths – Several complaints about ploughing of footpaths by Mr W Bond. Mr Bond had promised to reinstate. Council Footpaths Officer to be alerted

Society – Mrs M Preece of Britain in Bloom will speak at AGM. In addition Mr Bond will speak about developments at Northdown Farm

Committee – Liz Rowbotham wishing to step down, due to voluntary work. Simon Emblen will take over as Treasurer

### 7/4/1993 – AGM – Sutton Room

63 members present

Village – Mrs Preece could not attend, having broken leg. Talk by Mike and Sarah Smith on recent travels in Turkey

Talk by William Bond on intentions for Northdown Farm. Mainly arable (as in 1880's) – likely to benefit wildlife. New entry road, so farmyard redundant. Plans to convert barn to 2 houses, with erection of third Concern expressed over sheep worrying in field behind Hunts yard, Footpaths would be reinstated soon

Reference to cooperative work getting ducks back on pond



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No solution found to wish for children's play area

Planning – Congratulations expressed to Critchell's on excellent work to Mill House

Reference to permission for new farmhouse off Puddledock Lane, and need to protect green wedge

Finance – Balance £603.50, savings £2067.57

No change to subscription

Committee – Thanks to Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Rowbotham, stepping down. Mrs Dee Tebbutt added to existing members

### 19/4/1993 – Committee meeting – Little Acorns (Mr & Mrs Birch)

Committee – Mr Tony Bugler (Chairman), Mrs Joyce Litschi (Vice Chairman and Membership Secretary), Mr Ken Knight (Secretary), Mr Simon Emblen (Treasurer), no Social Secretary appointed, Richard Backwell, Ron Birch, Clive Brown, Richard Meech, Dee Tebbutt  
Collectors' rounds: Simon Emblen (Plaisters Lane north from Wyndings & Purbeck Lodge), Richard Backwell (Plaisters Lane middle Longmead to Springside), Dee Tebbutt (Sutton Court Lawns, Sutton Close, Plaisters Lane south and Inmosthay, Old Bincombe Lane), Ron Birch (Puddledock, Sunnyfields & Cornhill), Richard Meech (Seven Acres beyond Sunnyfields), Joyce Litschi (Sutton Road south from Cart Shed, and Brookmead), Ken Knight (Silver Street, Sutton Road from fork to Springhead & 111), Clive Brown (Mission Hall Lane except Inmosthay, 113 Sutton Road, and area north of pond), Ken Knight (members outside village)

Village – Thanks expressed to Mr Bond for attending AGM, but need for vigilance over impact of farming

Jim Willis to be asked if he would re-make case for Mrs Harbour's exhibits

Suggestion by Fredy Litschi of plaque on Mill House referring to Trumpet Major. Chairman to agree wording with Critchells

Suggestion of asking Wessex Water to do tree-planting and provide seat on knoll by incline path, if they own that land

Also suggestion of asking Wessex Water for some space at Waterworks Museum for a village museum

Congratulations to Rear Adm John Croydon on becoming Deputy Lieutenant

Competitions – Ron Birch appointed as Britain in Bloom coordinator, with Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Terry Tebbutt (if available). £30 approved for purchase of flowers. Village to be divided into areas

Cards – Photo had been selected, and cards being printed by Noel Tutt

Society – Ken Knight suggested someone else might like to take over editorship of Newsletters. Agreed to leave with Mr Knight, but with more help from others with material

Social – Barn Dance made profit of £271.74. Gift of beer from Eldridge Pope, worth about £50 – this sum to be donated to local hospital for theracott [sic?] machine

Cream Teas 31/7

Suggestion of visit to Whitcombe Riding Stables

Suggestion of talk by Wessex Water

Planning – Approval for work to ground floor of Mill – Mill up for sale

Traffic – Representation to be made about earth on Sutton Rd opposite chapel following building of access

### May 1993 – Newsletter #57

Society – 65 at AGM – more than for many years

AGM attended by Will Bond, new owner of Northdown Farm – impressive interest in conservation. Planning development of farmyard, but initial impressions are good

Chief Planning Officer said Society is regarded as a role model for such groups

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Social – Talk by Michael & Sarah Smith on Turkish travels after AGM, in place of Mrs Preece indisposed

Barn Dance successful. £50 donated towards purchase of new Thermacool machine, used in treatment of cancer

Summer walk 1/6 at Langton Herring with refreshments at Elm Tree. Organiser Richard Backwell

Dorset Cream Teas 31/7 at Sutton House courtesy of Mr & Mrs Paul Critchell

Committee – as above. Thanks to Eve Noden-Wilkinson and Liz Rowbotham for their years service

Village – Congratulations to Rear Adm John Croydon new DL of Dorset

Planning – Congratulations to Ian Critchell on renovation of Mill House

Competitions – Group planning BinB entry

Cards – New card available 10p from Eve Noden-Wilkinson – photo of pond area by Marion Knight

Village Fayre – Discussions taking place on idea of Fayre in 1994

### **18/5/1993 – Committee meeting – Old Stables (Mr & Mrs Knight)**

Planning – Will ask CPO for assurance that new entrance to Northdown Farm will only be used for farm traffic

No objection to proposed work at Waterworks. Agreed to ask for hedging

Northdown Farm plans to be considered

Competitions – Britain in Bloom judging on 20/7

Village – Tony Eves willing to make seat for bus stop. Highways Authority permission to be sought

Stone plaque for Mill House would cost £76 from Grassby. Agreed to contact college

Borough Engineer will monitor earth coming onto Sutton Rd

Reported that Mr Bond willing to supply trees for village at no cost

Village Fair – Letter to be sent to Dave Caddy asking about progress

Cards – Available at 10p each

Finance – Simon Emblen to replace Eve Noden-Wilkinson as signatory

Footpaths – Inquiry on Waterworks footpath had started, but then delayed to 22/7

Discussion of control of dogs on footpaths. Believed legal requirement to have them controlled when animals present

Society – Col Poyntz had visited village. If he does again in autumn, members of the Committee, plus Fredy Litschi, will entertain him

### **14/6/1993 – Committee meeting – 5 Old Bincombe Lane (Mrs Tebbutt)**

Planning – Response from CPO on Northdown Farm access – land is “white”, outside development boundary, in AONB. Any application for further development could be refused instantly.

Plans for Northdown farmyard reviewed. Agreed to accept principle of housing, and welcome maximum of three houses, with work in character

Footpaths – Mr Bond has suggested making the new track a “permissive” footpath

Competitions – Arrangements for Britain in Bloom. Agreed to offer lunch at pub to judges

Village – Jim Willis building replacement case for Mrs Harbour’s exhibits

Saunders wagon now refurbished and sited next to duck compound, as flower container.

About £100 spend, shared between Society and pub

Seat for bus stop ready for whenever approval received

Society – Membership of Dorset Trust for Nature Conservation renewed (£12.50)

Finance – Balance £276.17

Social – 25 people on walk

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Scones for Cream Teas again to be made by Ron Birch's former cook  
Visit to Whitcombe Stables 2/9, with maximum of 25 visitors  
Possible talk by Richard Backwell who is on walk in Pyrenees raising money for Trimar Hospice  
Idea of visit to Mary Rose

### July 1993 – Newsletter #58

Social – Open Gardens raised £750 for new school; 16 gardens in total, with 12 in village  
Summer walk enjoyable [N.B. who organised this? – RB away]  
Cream Teas on the Lawn 31/7 at Sutton House  
Planned visit to Whitcombe Stables postponed  
Borough walks being planned by Weymouth, including walk around “historical Sutton Poyntz and Preston” led by Fredy Litschi 11/8  
Planning – New access granted to William Bond from Northdown Farm land onto Osmington Hill near White Horse Garage. Concern about threat of development, but Richard Burgess, Chief Planning Officer, quoted as sure this would not be permitted, outside development boundary and in AONB. Also expecting new track to ‘green in’ quickly  
Footpaths – Improvements to some gates promised by Mr Bond, who also expects to designate new track as permissive footpath  
Competitions – Britain in Bloom judging 20/7. Thanks to all who have helped, including over 10 (led by Dorothy Emblen) in Springhead garden and on Saunders cart, Devenish supplying hanging baskets and tubs, Paul Critchell and Charles Dale working on dangerous tree in Puddledock, seat and flowers provided by Tony and Joy Eves, and tidying work by Brownies  
Village – Richard Backwell on 50 day walk through Pyrenees in aid of Trimar  
Meeting with Wessex Water representatives, planning treatment works behind existing buildings, screened by hedge and trees. Work at present to assess archaeological importance. Wessex Water may provide seat on knoll behind Wyndings  
Display case for Don Harbour's exhibits being rebuilt, thanks to Jim Willis and John Harrison  
Cards – Cards and notelet packs available from Eve Noden-Wilkinson

### 7/7/1993 – Committee meeting – 5 Old Bincombe Lane (Mrs Tebbutt)

Competitions – Borough will attend to a few matters before Britain in Bloom judging. Judge to be entertained to coffee and lunch. 12 pots of flowers and 4 hanging baskets being hired.  
Tour of village agreed  
Village – Mrs Harbour's exhibits – Wood for new case donated by Jim Willis; John Harrison will make  
Meeting with Mr Stables of Wessex Water. Willing to provide seat for knoll, but against idea of trees. Will investigate space for village exhibits  
Footpaths – Correspondence with Mr Bond about improvements to footpaths, including provision of maps  
Society – Mr Shepherd of Reynards Way had been told he should not have attended a SPS meeting, living outside the village. Agreed to write apologising for this unauthorised and incorrect assertion  
Social – Whitcombe Stables visit put back to next year  
Cream Teas charge kept at £1. No raffle. Thought that violinist would not be heard in Critchel's garden, so Mr John Young to be contacted with his portable organ

### September 1993 – Newsletter #59

Competitions – Clem Preece Memorial Award for “outstanding effort” in West Country small villages section of Britain in Bloom. Lessons learned for next year, if we go ahead. Margaret Tambling recognised again in Borough competition

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Village – Richard Backwell completed walk across mountains, raising over £1000 for Trimar. Society donated £25.

New cabinet in place for Don Harbour's exhibits. Doris gave donation for glazing  
After much correspondence, OS have said the trig point on White Horse Hill is not available for adoption

Thanks to Tony Eves for nice little seat by bus stop

Social Richard Backwell will give talk on walk 13/10 in Sutton Room. Britain in Bloom award will be made at same event

Decided against pre-Christmas social, but will arrange something next year, perhaps Barn Dance in spring

Footpaths – Discussions with Will Bond and Council officers about improvements to paths and signs

Pond – Duck house too small. Society buying wood, and volunteers will build larger house. Following precedent of Upwey, Council will put up "duck" sign

### **8/9/1993 – Committee meeting – Wyndings (Mr & Mrs Emblen)**

Competitions – Village won Glen Preece Memorial Award for Britain in Bloom.

Subcommittee felt that distribution of flower tubs was overdone, noted lack of display by village sign at Winslow Road, agreed hanging baskets at Sutton Room were good. Agreed to donate £20 to David Sales of Owermoigne for loan of tub. Britain in Bloom costs of about £52 for plants and £54 for lunches

Village – New case for Ms Harbour's exhibits installed, helped by Harbour's grandson Paul. Donation by Mrs Harbour of £10 for glazing

After extended correspondence with Ordnance Survey, they said the trig point on White Horse Hill was not up for adoption but would be retained indefinitely by them

Noted that Upwey had "Ducks" sign. Further correspondence with Borough Engineer, who promised our sign would be done shortly

Chairman will talk to College principal, Don Brierley, about plaque for Mill House

Seat by bus stop agreed by Borough, and installed

Social – Talk by Richard Backwell 13/10. Britain in Bloom presentation to be arranged for same event

Village Fair – A "Village Fair" had been run on Waterworks land on 1/8. Reported that £500 had been raised for charities. Society had not been contacted by organisers (believed to be Jacquie Summers and Harry Dawson). Agreed not to offer any comment

Society – Further discussion with Mr Shepherd about whether he lives in Sutton Poyntz.

Agreed he lives in "our area"

Finance – Balance £195.70

Agreed to donate £25 from Barn Dance profit to Richard Backwell's Trimar fundraising

Pond – Duckhouse too small and will be extended. Wood being supplied by Vic Hunt – Society will pay

Footpaths – Recent meeting with Mr Bond and Council Officers about improving footpath signage, along lines of new ones put up by Mr Bond. Agreed in principle to offer funds

Planning – Further correspondence about Waterside footpath and 8 caravans. Agreed to write, pointing out poor enforcement activity by Council, and proliferation of caravans

New stone wall at The Rest – no comment

### **6/10/1993 – Committee meeting – Sutton Lodge (Mr & Mrs Bugler)**

Competitions – Britain in Bloom award presentation confirmed for 13/10

Social – Agreed not to run Barn Dance in 1994

Village – Agreed to plant bulbs at junctions with Preston Rd, Winslow Rd and OBL

Duck sign put up by Council

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Michael Drake at College appears willing for College to make Mill House plaque; Society will make a contribution towards costs

Agreed that play should be presented after AGM, in which case Scutt Hall should be hired  
Bill Mercer had offered to contribute towards seat on knoll, in memory of his wife. Two designs looked at – Tony Bugler’s design preferred

Mission Hall – Request, to be considered at later date, for contribution towards curtains and stage extension at Sutton Room

Village Fair – Meeting called by Dave Caddy to discuss Village Fair in 1994; he was asked to act as liaison with Society. Untrue rumour that Society had refused to be involved

Pond – Duck house extended

Social – Approach to be made to Eric Ricketts for talk

Planning – Meeting attended in Pavilion on Weymouth & Portland draft Local Plan. Made representation against “Brown Route” but this has been approved

No comment on extension at rear of 11 OBL

Repeated observations after revised application for house next to Volona

### November 1993 – Newsletter #60

Village – Archaeological dig behind Waterworks before installation of new treatment plant. Was to have ended in November, but because of important finds being extended to Christmas. Evidence of occupation from Paleolithic to late Medieval. Open Day 5/12 to see material excavated

Congratulations to Ian Critchel for Civic Society Certificate of Merit for major rescue operation to save Mill House which was in danger of collapse. Extensive underpinning, bridging of tunnels, and rebuilding of large sections of the house

“A Casterbridge Ironmonger 1863-1966” book about Thurmans of Dorchester, edited by Liz Rowbotham who is a daughter of the family

Village Fayre – Ad hoc Committee in place to arrange next Fayre. Richard Backwell liaising between two committees.

### 11/11/1993 – Committee meeting – Old Stables (Mr & Mrs Knight)

Village – Glen Preece Memorial rose-bowl presented to Julie White for safe-keeping over year. Photos in Society scrap book

Borough Council will plant suitable tree at Sutton Rd/Preston Rd junction during National Tree Week, with plaque saying “Planted by the Sutton Poyntz Society, August 1993”. Cost to Society £47

Wording of plaque for Mill House agreed: “The Mill House of Thos. Hardy’s Trumpet Major”  
Wessex Water willing to provide seat for knoll. Agreed seat could still be in memory of Mrs Mercer

Wheels and shafts for Saunders wagon may have been sourced

Civic Society awarding Certificate of Merit to Mill House for restoration work

Village Fair – Committee created – Richard Backwell acting as liaison with Society. Fair Committee had requested loan of £200 as working fund; after debate, this was agreed, subject to loss of interest from savings account being made up. Formal request should be made for loan. Also agreed that Society Newsletter would be available for Fair publicity, and that Society would encourage support and help with selling programmes

Society – AGM set for 12/4, with play. Scutt Hall booked

Finance – Balance £153.63

Planning – No comment on Waterworks new building, or on temporary diversion of footpath as a result

Social – Eric Ricketts not now doing evening engagements

Approach to be made to Ronnie Waite and Olive Duke about talk on Wartime Weymouth

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Approach from Camille Swords about giving talk on “green” commodities, but not agreed as seemed to be commercial

Pond – Council to be asked again about state of willows

### 12/1/1994 – Committee meeting – Sutton Lodge (Mr & Mrs Bugler)

Competitions – Decided to enter Britain in Bloom again. Same subcommittee appointed. Marion Knight asked to create photo portfolio of village. Climbing roses to be planted at Sutton Room (subject to church agreement)

Village – Tree planted at Sutton Rd/Preston Rd junction

Wording of plaque at Mill House discussed again, in view of book “Landscape of Thomas Hardy” by Denys Kay-Robinson. Understood that Trumpet Major mill may have been the one on the Waterworks site, or combined features of both. Agreed to commission two plaques, one for Mill House and second saying “In Thomas Hardy’s Trumpet Major, this village was Overcombe”. Site for second plaque to be determined

Wheel for Saunders wagon obtained, and now to be fitted

Serious flooding 30/12. Support for Borough’s attempts to find long term solution, but request that more be done on pond and stream clearance

Village Fair – Village Open Meeting early March. Agreed that Society will run Tombola, retaining 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of profit.

Social – “Songs from the Shows” event to be investigated

Open Day at Weld House 27/11 had been attended by about 18 villagers

Open Day at Waterworks in connection with excavations 5/12

Talk by R Waite on war-time matters being arranged for week of 7/3. Raffle

Pond – Clearance of weeds by pond delayed by nesting moorhens

Finance – Balance £224.72. Agreed to withdraw £200 from savings account

Planning – No comment on small extension at Dunelm

No comment on new car port at Old Coach House

Representation to be submitted opposing visual damage from proposed development at 3 Stroudley Crescent

### February 1994 – Newsletter #61

Village – Recent flooding – Council have offered flood-defence boards and sandbags. Society has urged Council to make sure streams are kept free. This time villagers cleared a mass of vegetation at the fork in time to minimise damage

Tree donated by Society has been planted at Sutton/Preston Rd junction

Wessex Water open day well attended to see archaeology exhibits

Several villagers visited Joseph Weld Hospice in Dorchester in November

Competitions – Village will enter Britain in Bloom again

Social – Talk on wartime Weymouth postponed

Village WI organising “Church Crawl” 14/5 £5.50, with Alan Penny as guide. Contact Mararet Brown

Village Fayre – 26/6. Society has made loan of £200 to Fayre Committee. Open Meeting in Sutton Room 2/3 to discuss. Contact Dave Caddy, Judy Backwell, Caroline Crisp, Ken/Mararet Sykes, or Terry Tebbutt

Pond – Moorhen family in residence

Players – Short play to be presented after Society AGM 12/4 at Scutt Hall

### 8/2/1994 – Committee meeting – Little Acorns (Mr & Mrs Birch)

Village – Dispute about Trumpet Major Mill – Litschi’s say Hardy Society disagree with book quoted. Majority view that wording decided last time would avoid criticism

Wheel and shafts fitted temporarily to Saunders wagon



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Council will provide flood-boards and sandbags to flood-vulnerable properties  
Letter of sympathy sent to Mrs Allen following John's death  
Mission Hall – Possible advice available from "Action Committee for Rural England" should Sutton Room cease to be available  
Pond – Response from Borough Engineer saying work to willows not advised, apart from to remove one self-set sapling  
Clive Brown organising thinning of pond weeds (helpagrimny [sic, should be hemp agrimony])  
Social – Noted that Greenpeace organising a quiz  
WI organising "Church Crawl" 14/5  
Talk by R Waite 15/3, with topics "Target Tirpitz" and "Wartime Flying"  
Investigation of running Whist Drive in May  
Cards – Considering a postcard with photo of Village Fayre [sic]  
Planning – No comment of development at 2 Mill Lane, Preston  
No comment on Chalbury Lodge development  
Application expected shortly for "Brown Route". Preference expressed for Orange Route which would be better for Preston residents

### 10/3/1994 – Committee meeting – Wyndings (Mr & Mrs Emblen)

Village – Ian Critchell has now said that he has a good name-plate on the Mill House gate, and does not wish for a plaque. Other plaque will still be produced, with siting to be discussed (on the Mill, or Northdown Farm, subject to owners' agreement)  
Agreed nomination of Springhead for Echo Pub of the Year  
Complaints about dog mess between Cart Shed and pond. Agreed to make "oblique" reference in Newsletter – "direct confrontation would be dangerous" [sic]  
Competitions – Britain in Bloom competition combined with children's painting competition – Caroline Crisp contacted  
Village Fayre – Fayre Committee not willing to share tombola profit. Accepted  
Pond – Weed clearance 26/3. Also deal with village sign and surrounding hedge  
Society – Letter from Dorset Natural History & Archaeology Society asking for support for County Museum against potential threat from local government reorganisation. Support agreed  
Letter of congratulation sent to Upwey Society on their silver jubilee  
Finance – Balance £1.71  
Planning – No comment on extension at 8 OBL  
Still problems with Waterside caravans, being pursued "on behalf of local Conservative party" [sic]  
Social – Whist Drive 11/5

### 12/4/1994 – AGM – Scutt Hall

53 members present  
Village – Reference to Britain in Bloom  
Action over winter flooding  
Replacement of Don Harbour's show case  
Planning – Renovation of Mill House and White Horse Cottage. Development at Northdown Farm  
Discussions with Borough about Local Plan  
Representations about illegal caravans at Waterside  
Discussion of replacement of thatch with tiles at Springfield Cottage (Mr Hayles). Not listed, so local authority could not insist on thatch  
Footpaths – Representations about footpath diversion

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Traffic – Discussions about Brown Route which Committee thought would cause unnecessary environmental damage. Resolution supporting Committee view and requesting public inquiry

Discussion of cars parked near fork and OBL. Committee to consider

Village Fayre – Society cooperation

Pond – Ducks

Noted that pond was often dirty, possibly due to ploughing. Wessex Water to be alerted

Society – Support for County Museum

Finance – Subscriptions unchanged

Committee – As last year

Social – Walk, cream teas, talks

Presentation of play called “The Black Ring”

### 27/4/1994 – Committee meeting – Old Stables (Mr & Mrs Knight)

Committee – Officers as before

Collection rounds as before, with Mill included in Clive Brown’s area

Village – Plaque will be ready in a few weeks

Pub not shortlisted for pub of the year

Reference to recent visit to village and Waterworks by Col & Mrs J Poyntz

Discussion of getting Christmas Tree for village. Mr Mercer’s garden at fork suggested as possible site

CPRE to be asked for clarification of effect of new Monument regulations

Cable undergrounding again discussed. Possible approach to Wessex Water for funding from their environmental fund

Competitions – Request to include Sutton Road in Britain in Bloom area. Not thought sensible to include areas outside village. Arrangements for tidying discussed

Pond – Successful work party

Social – Donation of £22 to Aircrew Association Charitable Fund from raffle after Sqdn Ldr Wait’s talk

Whist Drive put back to 1/6 so as not to clash with Police “information evening”

Walk to Osmington and back 29/6

Cream Teas 13/8 at Wyndings. Cost retained at £1, with raffle

Planning – Objection to enlarged caravan area at Weymouth Bay Camp, with reminder to Planning Officer of pronouncements on restricting caravan extensions

Discussion of new bridge and staff restaurant at Bowleaze, but too late to make comment

Letter to CPO requesting public inquiry on Brown Route

Miss Saunders intending to sell ice creams in summer, but not a matter for Society to comment on

Traffic – No way of preventing legal parking, but agreed to talk quietly to those leaving cars for extended period

Discussion of gypsy-style caravan parked at Apple Tree Cottage, but owner is attempting to sell it

### May 1994 – Newsletter #62

Village – Host of golden daffodils, planted all around village

Visit by Col & Mrs John Poyntz

Committee – as last year

Players – The Black Ring after AGM. Raffle raised £22

Competitions – Aiming to maintain same high standards in Britain in Bloom as led to silver rose bowl last year. Appeal for dog mess to be cleared

Social – Whist Drive 1/6 Sutton Room 75p. Refreshment, raffle. Organised by Gilbert Randall

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Summer walk 29/6 to Osmington with Richard Backwell  
Dorset Cream Teas 13/8 at Wyndings (Simon & Dorothy Emblen) £1, raffle  
Talk by Sqn Ldr Ronnie Waite in March. Raffle raised £22 for Aircrew Association Charitable Fund  
Planning – Society objection lodged to Brown Route – Purple and Orange preferred  
Weymouth Bay Holiday Camp application for more caravans. Society has reminded Planning Authority of local and County policies against additional static caravan provision  
Village Fayre – Appeal for tombola prizes, to Ron Birch or Judy Backwell  
Society – Support given to museum by means of representation to Local Government Commission

### **24/5/1994 – Committee meeting – Little Acorns (Mr & Mrs Birch)**

Village – New owners of Mill to be approached about siting plaque  
Bill Mercer willing to have Christmas Tree but concerned about vandalism. Put off to next year  
No details from CPRE on Monument regulations. Approach to County Council  
Wessex Water declined to help with undergrounding  
Site agreed for seat on knoll. Seat arriving soon  
Discussion of damage to plants in Plaisters Lane gardens by chemicals used on adjacent farmland. No action, as matter is sub judice  
Competitions – Same Britain in Bloom judge as last year – judging 15/7. Entertainment as last year. Borough to be approached about village tidying. Scouts and Guides also to be contacted  
Traffic – Caravan sold  
Cards – Only 84 cards left. To be considered at next meeting  
Social – Whist Drive prizes obtained. Raffle organised  
Footpath – Inspector's report on Waterside footpath approved diversion, but criticised Council's enforcement activity  
No objection to temporary diversion of footpath 125 (Underbarn Walk)  
Council to be alerted to poor state of Footpath 13 off Puddledock  
Planning – Objection to extension of Waterside season (now 22/5 – 30/9) to 15/3 – 31/10.  
No objection to earlier start of season. Emphasise that site should be treated as of great landscape value  
Discussion of conspicuous siting of caravans for sale at Humphrey's Garden Centre. Cllr Mrs Bruce investigating

### **6/7/1994 – Committee meeting – 5 Old Bincombe Lane (Mr & Mrs Tebbutt)**

Village – Owners of Mill (Morris) will consider plaque when they see it  
Seat to be installed in few days. Mr Mercer does not now wish plaque to refer to his wife  
Pond in Diment field brought to CPRE's attention  
Competitions – Village cleanup arranged for Britain in Bloom. Borough Engineer to be reminded of grass-cutting and pond clearance  
Village Fayre – Raised about £4000. Tombola made £520  
Society – Letter of condolence to Mr Howell on death of his wife  
Footpaths – Order [not specified] made by Borough on Underbarn footpath  
Reported that funding to Borough for footpath signs not now available  
State of footpath off Puddledock Lane referred to Footpaths Officer  
Difficult two-bar barrier on path to Osmington referred to West Dorset District  
Understood that boulders at Waterside will be removed "in due course". Watch to be kept  
Finance – Balance £56.16. Loan to Fayre Committee being repaid – agreed to forgo interest  
Planning – Agreed to correspond with CPO on Humphrey's caravan display

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No comment on development at Harwin

No comment on development in Silver Street

Caravan now removed from Apple Tree Cottage, but report that it had been replaced by old BR transport vehicle being converted (noisily) to motor home. CPO to be alerted

Social – 8 people at Whist Drive – insufficient advertising. Another to be arranged in winter  
9 people on walk. Thought of arranging treasure hunt for next year's walk

Scones for Cream Teas to be arranged as before by Mr Birch

Idea of talk by Ron & Aviv Birch on their cruise

Idea of cheese & wine or coffee & mince pie event near Christmas

Traffic – Quote to be obtained for mirror opposite Puddledock Lane, with thought residents might contribute

Pond – Mr Brown to investigate absence of water from eastern half of stream below Mill

### 1/8/1994 – Special committee meeting – Wyndings (Mr & Mrs Emblen)

Village – Sutton Poyntz one of 3 villages short-listed for Mortimer Cup. Second judge visiting 4/8. Arrangements made

Social – Teas on Lawn arrangements. Agreed to hold raffle, and also cake/preserve stall and bring & buy

Planning – Government circular distributed on review of Local Government in Dorset.

Society asked for comments. Agreed that village meeting not needed

### August 1994 – Newsletter #63

Competitions – Village awarded Preece Special Certificate. Margaret Tambling won garden award for third year running

Street Fayre - £1800 donated by Street Fayre Committee to both Water Aid and Trimar.

Tombola raised £518

Pond – Ducks, cared for by Dave Caddy, currently paying their way via sales of duck eggs by Jim & Julie at Springhead. Flock currently reduced to 8 (originally 15), with 4 lost to cars and 3 to foxes. But 4 ducklings hatched

Village – New seat on Telegraph Hill, donated by Wessex Water

Social – Enjoyable whist drive and summer walk, but fewer people than expected

70 at Dorset Cream Teas at Wyndings, thanks to Dorothy & Simon Emblen

Planning – Review of Local Government; all households can respond, so Society will not

Footpaths – Inspectors report on footpath diversion at Waterside, accepting change but concerned at lack of enforcement by Local Authority

Representations on state of path off Puddledock, and barrier across path to Osmington

Society – Keeps growing, as does village – new houses at Brookmead, the Puddledocks, late Mrs Bailey's land, Stables site and Northdown Farm over last 10 years, plus infill. Continuing need to protect green wedge and to ensure quality of development

### 31/8/1994 – Committee meeting – Sutton Lodge (Mr & Mrs Bugler)

Village – Mill owners would have plaque, but thought other site might be better. Northdown Farm developer contacted and considering the Courthouse wall

Seat now installed on knoll. Wessex Water thanked for their generosity

New regulations for Monuments will not affect Chalbury Camp

Tree at Sutton Rd/Preston Rd junction has been vandalised. Council will replace

Reported that shots had been heard on two occasions in copse behind Waterworks

Competitions – Village awarded Preece Special Certificate for outstanding effort in Britain in Bloom. Good comments and helpful suggestions from second judge

Traffic – Chairman had decided against contacting local authority about vehicle at Apple Tree Cottage. Vehicle now gone

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Traffic mirror will cost ~£70. To be discussed with Borough Engineer  
Support given to representation by Peter Jones on state of parts of Plaisters Lane. Borough Engineer had promised to attend to this  
Brown Route protest meeting at Littlemoor 5/9  
Cards – Drawing by Tony Bugler agreed as design, and will be produced  
Pond – Established that Mill owners had control of flows downstream, used to maintain fish in millrace  
Footpaths – Report to be submitted on state of footpath at top of Winslow Hill  
Application to divert part of footpath at Wakeham  
Planning – Local Government Commission report reviewed, but not possible to form Society opinion. Villagers asked to submit their own views  
Reported that Planning Committee had refused permission for caravan display at Humphrey's, but company appealed  
No comment on extension at 99 Sutton Rd  
Social – Cream Tea profit £96.79. £5 donation to Preston Hall and to Sutton Room. Provision of stalls was successful  
Talk by David Kingston on UFO's and crop circles 8/12 in Sutton Room. Fee of £25 approved  
Coffee morning with mince pies near Christmas  
Dave Caddy keen to have another Barn Dance. Society would not organise, but would help  
Finance – Balance £97.65

### **4/10/1994 – Committee meeting – Old Stables (Mr & Mrs Knight)**

Village - £60 paid to College for plaque. Mr Bond agreed to its placement on Old Courthouse wall  
Mr Mercer happy with plaque on knoll seat  
Bulbs have been purchased and will be planted shortly  
Dog mess discussed, but nothing Society can do  
Competitions – Judges' Britain in Bloom reports received. Mr Broomfield's report particularly useful. No decision on next year. Borough Britain in Bloom committee meeting – representation to be sent offering funding and with suggestions  
Cards – Packs of 6 new cards for sale at £1. Photographic card to be printed – 1000 for £60 plus VAT – choice of photo by Chairman  
Traffic – Borough cannot provide mirror for unadopted road. Department of Transport permission needed. Left to residents to pursue  
Adequacy of road signs coming down Plaisters Lane will be considered  
Footpaths – Reports submitted on several footpath problems, including ploughing of footpath 3 off Puddledock Lane  
Planning – Invitation noted to County Council event on energy conservation, waste, environment (Dorset Agenda 21)  
Planning Office to be reminded of boulders at Waterside  
Social – Talk on UFO's 8/12  
Village Fayre cheese & wine evening, rather than barn dance, 10/11 at Waterworks Museum  
Coffee & mince pies 13/12 at Sutton Room  
Society have offered to help with concert being organised by Margaret Brown  
Suggestion by Margaret Tambling of village calendar of events. Will be discussed with library staff

### **October 1944 [sic] – Newsletter #64**

Competitions – Judges comments now available. Special mention for Cart Shed and Springhead, and judicious use of hanging baskets

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Cards – Packs of 6 notelets, emphasising village Hardy connection £1 from Eve Noden-Wilkinson, or Joy Eves at Cart Shed

Social – Street Fayre Cheese & Wine 10/10 at Waterworks Museum for presentation of cheques

Talk on Crop Circles by David Kingston of Centre for Crop Circle Studies 8/12 Sutton Room  
Coffee morning with mince pies 13/12 at Sutton Room with raffle

List of DWT events

Traffic – Local Authority suggestion of one way system for Sutton Road, Plaisters Lane and Combe Valley Road. Representation expressing concern over effect on residents

### 28/11/1994 – Committee meeting – Little Acorns (Mr & Mrs Birch)

Competitions – Britain in Bloom certificate received. Frames for both certificates to be bought. Agreed to participate again in 1995

Village – Meeting with CPO and R Slatter on “information panels”

Waterworks Museum could close or only open on request. Agreed to try to have Museum retained. Meeting with Wessex Water Chief Executive to be sought

Traffic – Mirror at end of Puddledock Lane has been installed by residents on Saunders land

Footpaths – Diversion of path on Portland confirmed

Condition of path off Puddledock Lane now improved

Society – Civic Society letter of commendation awarded for The Puddledocks. Civic Society planting copse to mark 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Agreed to contribute 3 trees (£6)

Social – Library maintain list of events. Joyce Litschi will liaise

Agreed no charge for crop circle talk

Agreed to donate bottle of wine to Mothers Union for loan of table cloths, and to purchase roll of cloth to make own table cloths

Proposed concert not happening because of poor facilities

Suggestion of asking Eldridge Pope for talk on wine at AGM

OBL may be organising VE Day 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event

Traffic – CPRE running campaign for coordinated transport policy in South West, with less emphasis on “unnecessary” road building. Agreed to support, by means of letter to Dept of Environment

Finance – Balance £37.25. Agreed to draw £150 from savings account. Also agreed to recommend increase of subscription to £2 (£1 for sole occupants)

Planning – Borough proposal to make Combe Valley Road and Plaisters Lane one-way.

Representation submitted, but proposal turned down by Roads Committee

Inspector had approved caravan display at Humphreys. Agreed to request some screening of caravans via Civic Society

Representation made opposing attempts by certain organisations to change Local Plan to make some applications easier

Consideration of draft County Structure Plan. Outline acceptable – Chairman and Secretary to consider in more detail

### December 1994 – Newsletter #65

Planning – Several submissions for variations to Local Plan, relating to land on both sides of Puddledock Lane and land west of Plaisters Lane; also Haven Holiday Camp submission.

Society representation opposing these, stressing importance of green wedge (as stated by Inspectors) to separate SP from Preston and to preserve charm of Puddledock Lane. Also stressing importance of Jordan valley for drainage and flood prevention

### 16/1/1995 – Committee meeting – Sutton Lodge (Mr & Mrs Bugler)

Competitions – Simon Emblen will attend Britain in Bloom seminar in Exeter – cost £25



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Replacement tree planted at Preston Rd junction

Traffic – Letter written to Ian Bruce MP supporting CPRE campaign. He will put it before Minister

Social – Coffee Morning profit £24.59

Crop circle talk rearranged for 21/2

Wine talk and wine tasting at AGM, at cost of ~£45. Raffle to help defray cost

OBL residents decided against VE Day celebration

Tea on the Lawn perhaps in OBL this year

Possible talk topics – Joseph Weld progress talk; Ronald Waite on past days of the village;

Mike & Sarah Smith on trip to India

Millennium – Agreed to discuss possible Millennium celebrations with Street Fayre committee. Grant may be available

Finance – Current balance £211.84, but commitments of £197.71. Agreed to transfer further £45 from savings

Planning – Humphreys had agreed to tree planting to screen caravans

Representation supporting Borough in opposing changes to development boundaries.

Enquiry set for 15-16/2

Representation on County draft plan, agreeing in general and in particular supporting protection of green belt

### February 1995 – Newsletter #66

Social – Crop Circle talk postponed due to illness of David Kingston, now 21/2 Sutton Room Whist Drive in March

Advertisement for Wildlife Trust event 13/3 in Dorchester

Talk on wine by Eldridge Pope expert after AGM 4/4 Sutton Room

Competitions – Entering Britain in Bloom again

Planning – Inquiry on applications for changes to Local Plan 15-16/2

Society response on draft County Structure Plan emphasising need to protect landscape, wildlife, historic environment, AONB and coastline, need for adequate waste recycling, and need to limit immigration-led population growth [sic]. Response said “If villages become rowns, towns become cities, and county [sic] lanes become fully-fledged motor roads because of unreasonable population explosions, then indeed Dorset will cease to be its unique self and no longer attract visitors”

Village – Tree at Preston/Sutton Rd junction has died, and replaced by red Norway maple  
Correspondence with Wessex Water on future of Waterworks Museum; no intention to close it, but will revert to opening by appointment only

Traffic – Representation supporting CPRE request for integrated transport policy for South West – road building to have reduced role in strategy, full environmental assessments to be done, curbs on traffic to protect countryside. Copy sent to Ian Bruce MP

On Brown Route, Minister has written that Weymouth scheme not sufficiently advanced to warrant financial commitment

Cards – New card 10p from Eve Noden-Wilknsen or Joy Eves

### 27/2/1995 – Committee meeting – Little Acorns (Mr & Mrs Birch)

Cards - £21 received for sold cards

Competitions – Britain in Bloom application submitted. Agreed that children’s painting competition last year was not satisfactory, and we would organise our own this year

Village – Tree branch brought down by gales, at Puddledock/Sutton Rd junction, largely cleared by Mr Huddy. Hoping Electricity Board will deal with other dangerous branch  
Council to be contacted about building rubbish being deposited in Puddledock Lane and elsewhere

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Planning – Several representatives had attended Local Plan Inquiry. Result would be known in the summer

Application for “land near The Cottage, Puddledock Lane” considered. Not objecting in view of undertakings made by agent

Representation to be made opposing applications to introduce touring units (caravans, tents and motor homes) at Weymouth Bay and Seaview – contrary to local plans and with damaging visual impact

Traffic – Helpful response from Minister of Railways and Roads

Borough Engineer to be contacted re spring under Sutton Road near Camelot

Social – 50 people attended talk on UFO’s and corn circles on 21/2, Profit of £2

Whist Drive arranged for 23/3 in Sutton Room

Teas on the Lawn arranged for 29/7 in OBL. Charge £1.20

Society – Request by Adm John Croydon for financial help for Trimar – not felt able to help charities at present

### 4/4/1995 – AGM – Sutton Room

39 members present

Village – Number of successes referred to – Village Fayre, Mill House award, Northdown Farm development, seat at knoll, architectural dig, Britain in Bloom, social activities, cards etc. etc.

Finance – Balance of £33.40

Subscriptions increased to £2 (£1 for sole occupants)

Committee – Mrs Tebbutt stepping down. Peter Jones and Maureen Morris elected, along with other existing committee members

Traffic – Request to Committee to try again to deal with speeding in Plaisters Lane

Request also to try again to get footpath along Sutton Road

Footpaths – Question about whether some local footpaths had been upgraded to bridleways. Not thought to be so, but would check

Social – Talk about wines by Jack de Cartaret. Raffle raised £23.50

### April 1995 – Newsletter #67

Committee – Tony Bugler (Chairman), Joyce Litschi (Vice Chairman & Membership Secretary), Ken Knight (Secretary), Simon Emblen (Treasurer), Richard Backwell, Ron Birch, Clive Brown, Peter Jones, Richard Meech, Maureen Morris. Dee Tebbutt resigned because of other commitments

Social – Talk by Jack de Cartaret, Master of Wines, after AGM. Raffle raised £23.50

Summer walk 15/6, led by Richard Backwell from New Inn, West Knighton

Dorset Cream Teas 29/7 on front lawns of Old Bincombe Lane

Whist Drive 23/3 again not well supported

Village – Small plaque, designed by Weymouth College students through Michael Drake, on small barn at Northdown Farm, emphasising Thomas Hardy connection

Ideas being generated for Millennium Fund e.g. another archaeological dig

Society – Subscriptions now £2 per household (£1 for single members). First increase for many years, partly to reflect expenditure on Britain in Bloom and partly because no recent major fund raising events

Traffic – Further representations to Council about speed restriction and footpaths on road through

Competitions – SP is one of 11 small villages in South West entering Britain in Bloom. Plea to keep high standards

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### 19/4/1995 – Committee meeting – Old Stables (Mr & Mrs Knight)

Committee – As previous year

Collectors' rounds as before, with Peter Jones and Richard Backwell dividing Plaisters Lane Village – Plaque now fixed to Courthouse wall

Confirmed that Council cannot clear rubbish in non-adopted roads, or more than a metre from any road

Millennium – Possible Millennium Fund projects discussed. Further archaeology after important finds of 1993/4, or development of Sutton Room, or children's facilities. Fund to be contacted for comments

Competitions – At Maureen Bond's suggestion, art competition associated with Britain in Bloom extended to any form of art. George Shires and Mabel Manning possible judges. Need to clear wind-damaged trees by Puddledock/Sutton Rd junction

Traffic – Work has been done to Sutton Road near Camelot

Previous representations on traffic calming will be repeated, including contact with police

Previous representations on footpath at side of Sutton Road will also be repeated

In light of reports of compulsory purchase action, opposition to Brown Route will be reiterated, including to MP and Dorset CC

Footpaths – Not believed any footpaths have been converted to bridleways

Planning – Applications relating to car park behind church and bungalow off Puddledock Lane both withdrawn

Society – Society note paper and envelopes to be purchased

Social – Whist drive again poorly attended

Discussion of route for summer walk 15/6

Talk agreed by Bryan Cassidy MEP on fact and figures about Europe

### 11/5/1995 – Sub-committee meeting – Springhead

Planning – Letter from S Embley seeking support against church development of new hall and car park. Application withdrawn, so no action needed

Competitions – Emblens not able to put as much time into Britain in Bloom this year Letter to villagers asking for efforts

### 30/5/1995 – Committee meeting – Wyndings (Mr & Mrs Emblen)

Traffic – Response from Highways Agency on traffic calming, saying roads not priority because of good safety record. Agreed to seek meeting with Borough Engineer

Response saying footpath on Sutton Road now even less affordable than before and unlikely to happen

Letters from County Council and Ian Bruce MP on Brown Route. No decision yet, and Weymouth relief road has stiff competition for limited funds

Planning – Correspondence with CPO on church car park and state of Manor Farm building – CPO may take action over Manor Farm

No comment on small conservatory at Lynden Lea

Application for extension at Cartref to be considered

No comment by Society on development at Coastguard Cottages, Bowleaze

Competitions – Britain in Bloom – Clearance of timber by Puddledock bridge will be done by villagers – Mr Diment happy but not willing to pick up more cost. Frame by Mrs Harbour will be renovated. Hope also to renovate Society notice board. Plans for children's art competition, with George Shires judging

Village – Correspondence with person called E Brown over Lloyds Bank account in name of "Preston Sutton Poyntz & Osmington Memorial Playing Field Fund". Thought might have something to do with Osmington church

Society – Letter of condolence to widow of Ron Gates

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Finance – Balance £100.72

Social – Walk 15/6, with food at New Inn, West Knighton

Teas on OBLane 29/7

Talks by Mike & Sarah Smith on India in October, and by Ronnie Waite on Old Sutton Poyntz in November

Idea of car boot sale at pub – Simon Emblen to talk to Jim White

### **27/6/1995 – Committee meeting – Hampton Lodge (Peter & Sue Jones)**

Traffic – Meeting arranged on traffic calming 5/7

Competitions – Clearance and renovation work under way for Britain in Bloom. Judging date not yet known, but will be different judge

Village – No definite information on Lloyds bank account

Report of bulls in fields around village but not believed to be dangerous

Planning – Northdown Farm conversion to be recommended to Civic Society for award

No comment on Cantref extension

No comment on new cottage proposed next to Barleycorn Cottage. Some members thought we should respond

Finance – Balance £166.23

Social – 18 on walk

Springhead would be willing to host car boot sale

Agreed to hold Barn Dance next spring

### **August 1995 – Newsletter #68**

Competitions – Village joint 2<sup>nd</sup> in West Country small villages section of Britain in Bloom, winning Gordon Ford Cup. Judge's notes said how pleasing to see care given to areas that could be neglected, such as river. Margaret Tambling again won award for her garden.

Children's art competition with 18 entries in 3 age groups, won by Kirsty Eveleigh, Elizabeth Newland and Holly Jesty. Judged by Geore Shires, who also donated some prizes

Social – Dorset Cream Teas hosted by residents of Old Bincombe Lane, masterminded by Jim Willis. 138 people attending, a record. £190 raised, with donation being made to a local charity

Summer walk starting and ending at New Inn, West Knighton, led by Richard Backwell

### **8/8/1995 – Committee meeting – Little Acorns (Ron & Aviv Birch)**

Traffic – Meeting held. Response awaited

Suggestion by Dave Caddy of "no through-road" sign by Skinner's cottage. Standard metal one not thought suitable. Dave Caddy to be asked to source wooden sign

Village – View expressed that exhibits from archaeological dig should stay here rather than go to Dorchester or Salisbury

Note of dog bins introduced at Southill. Chief Environmental Health Officer to be contacted  
Discussion of use of land behind Mission Hall Lane for children's play area. To be raised at AGM

Competitions – Sutton Poyntz second in Britain in Bloom class, winning Gordon Ford Cup.

Letters of thanks to George Shires, Mr & Mrs Eves, Jim & Julie, and Michael Drake.

Congratulations to Margaret Tambling who came first in ??last of the Wey competition

Finance – Balance £181.56

Social – Cream Teas profit £227 (some cost possibly still to be paid). Agreed to donate £5 to Mission Hall and to Preston Village Hall for loan of equipment. Discussion of donation to charity, but decided against

Car boot sale to be organised for a Saturday in October by Simon Emblen and Margaret [sic] Morris

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Coffee & Mince Pies 14/12

Barn Dance 30/3

Planning – No comment on extension at 51 Sutton Rd

### September 1995 – Newsletter #69

Village – Council have employed student to study state of River Jordan, and to progress land drainage scheme. Riparian owners will be asked to keep their parts of the river free.

Intended to produce computer model of the river to enable technical report to NRA  
Replacement tree at Sutton/Preston Rd junction suffered in drought, and will be replaced

Traffic – Copy received of County Council report on Weymouth Relief Roads. Inquiry expected later in year. Society representation again asking for Brown Route to be abandoned

Competitions – Springhead (Jim & Julie White) second in pub section of local floral decoration competition

Social – Talk by Michael & Sarah Smith on journeys through India 17/10 Sutton Room

Talk and film by Ronnie Waite (former landlord of Springhead) on Old Sutton Poyntz 14/11 Sutton Room

Car Boot Sale 14/10 at Springhead £4 per car. Contact Maureen Morris

Coffee morning with mince pies 14/12 Sutton Room

Barn Dance 30/3 at Preston Village Hall, with Jump to the Sun

Committee – Distributors Joyce Litschi (Sutton Rd south from Cart Shed), Simon Emblen (Plaisters Lane Wyndings/Purbeck Lodge up), Peter Jones (Plaisters Springbank/Inmosthay up), Richard Backwell (Sutton Court Lawns, Sutton Close, Brookmead, Plaisters east between Waterford House and Pentreath), Maureen Morris (OBL, Plaisters west between Dolphins & Clyffe), Ron Birch (Puddledock Lane, Cornhill, Sunnyfields), Richard Meech (Seven Acres and beyond Sunnyfields), Clive Brown (Mission Hall Lane & north of pond), Ken Knight (Silver Street and Sutton Rd fork to pub, and other people outside village)

### 11/9/1995 – Committee meeting – The Mill (Maureen Morris)

Millennium – Discussion with John Willows of Wessex Water re Millennium Fund. John considered additional excavations would be worthwhile, and would cost ~£30k. Could be other grants from Local Government or EU

Village – Tree at Preston Rd junction will be replaced by Council

Noted that Springhead came second in local best pub competition

Reply from Environmental Health Officer saying dog bins have to be sponsored at £160 per year (plus £90 in first year). Decided to ask Ray Aggatt [sic] about making one (approx cost £20). Siting to be considered later

Competitions – Britain in Bloom cup would be presented at ceremony in Council Office, and then displayed in Mill window

Traffic – Copy of Dorset CC submission on Brown Route received. Agreed to send counter-submission to Dorset CC, MP and Minister

New pathway created by Joyce Pitman south of Verlands Road. CPO to be contacted

Society – Bag of finance papers received from Eve Wilkinson. Agreed to keep account book, but other papers could be destroyed.

Social – Talk on India 17/10

Talk on old Sutton Poyntz 14/11

Hall booked for Christmas coffee 14/12

Preston Village Hall and Jump to the Sun booked 30/3

Car boot sale 14/10, charge £4 per car. Villagers to be invited to hold garage sales on same day. Police to be notified

Various ideas discussed for talk in February

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Possibly another wine tasting at the AGM

Planning – No comment on indoor swimming pool at Upton Barn

### **9/10/1995 – Committee meeting – Old Stables (Mr & Mrs Knight)**

Competitions – Britain in Bloom award ceremony 14/11. Agreed to call village meeting in January to consider next year, with speaker from Kingston Maurward. Agreed that up to £200 could be spent on flowers for Britain in Bloom next year

Village – Dog bin available from Wareham and Ray Agatt [sic] willing to make frame

Reported that some house names on Plaisters are hard to read

Footpaths – Sign has appeared by Waterworks field saying “Bull – keep out”. Footpaths Officer confirmed this is illegal. Will Bond contacted and sign has been removed

Society – Agreed to donate £10 to Dorset Wildlife Trust in connection with their move to Forston

Traffic – Understood inquiry on Brown Route will start in January

Miss Pitman’s widened access onto Sutton Road – CPO referring to Committee, recommending enforcement action

Finance – Balance £394.64

Social – Richard Backwell will be talking to Christopher Pope about wine tasting at AGM

Hugh Jaques willing to give talk, perhaps end of February in Sutton Room

Planning – Representation sent against application by Haven for 19 caravans on old school land. Agreed policy of always objecting to extension of caravanning

No objection to garage for Mill House

Village Fayre – Next Fayre on 30/6

### **27/11/1995 – Committee meeting – Sutton Lodge (Mr & Mrs Bugler)**

Traffic – Response from Council on traffic calming. Speed checks to be arranged, and signs on Plaisters to be removed

Hedge by Plaisters Lane will be cut back

Discussion of mud on road from farm traffic, but thought to be unusual due to wet weather

Access to Sutton Road – owner has claimed existing access. Being chased by Planning Office

Millennium – Decided to concentrate on village Millennium project, rather than one with Wessex Water

Village – Dog bin acquired

Civic Society certificates of merit awarded for Northdown Farm conversion and for water treatment plant

Rubbish disposal questionnaire completed and returned to local authority

Competitions – Planting being done for Britain in Bloom. Willow pollarding will be discussed with Council. Council will be asked about re-planting of tree. Talk by Kingston Maurward representative 25/1

Finance – Balance £432.76

Planning – Discussion of rehabilitation centre at Greenhill Barton which had received planning permission. Appeal in Echo for funds. Agreed to contact WDDC to make sure this would not be precedent for more development in the area

Application for 5 houses plus open space on old school site. Representation saying open space is essential

Social – Car boot sale profit £37 after Echo advert

Film show by R Waite well attended and enjoyed. Agreed to donate £10 to charity of Mr Waite’s choice (Trimar)

No admission charge for Christmas coffee morning, but raffle. Ladies to be asked for 8 dozen mince pies

Talk by H Jaques now 22/2



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Village Fayre – Agreed to run tombola again

### December 1995 – Newsletter #70

Competitions – Gordon Ford cup awarded in July, and on display at Mill window

General Meeting 25/1 in Sutton Room to discuss entry for 1996

Village – Civic Society Certificates of Merit to Wessex Water for new plant, and Will Bond for Northdown Farm conversions

Traffic – Further meetings with Council on traffic calming. Some minor works done

Weymouth Relief Road inquiry starting 3/1

Social – Enjoyable talk by Michael & Sarah Smith on back-packing around India

Successful car boot sale. Thanks to Jum White for use of pub

Crowded Sutton Room for Old Sutton Poyntz talk by Ronnie Waite

Talk by Hugh Jaques, County Archivist 22/2 Sutton Room

Barn Dance 30/3 Presto Village Hall, Jump to the Sun

Note of WA course of 6 lectures by Gordon Le Pard on Arts & Crafts movement in Dorset

Sutton Room £16. Contact Margaret Brown

Street Fayre – Society will do tombola. 3 charities to benefit

Planning – Application for 5 houses on part of old school site

### 8/1/1996 – Committee meeting – Richard Backwell's

Competitions – Britain in Bloom - Ash tree planted by Council at Preston Rd junction.

Willows trimmed (Council advice that they are not suitable for pollarding, and should be "alternatively removed" to promote growth)

Village – Victorian post-box door has been destroyed by vandals. Tony Eves soldering for post office, so they can restore it. Thanks expressed

Planning – Agreed that noise from Russian ships in bay is not a Society matter

Application to extend current use of Cart Shed supported

Plans for extension at Clyffe to be examined

Social – Fairly thin attendance at Christmas coffee morning, maybe because of charity coffee morning for Crisis close to the date

Barn Dance theme roaring 20's. Price perhaps £6

£70 allocated for wines for AGM wine tasting – preference for New World wines

Committee – Ken Knight stepping down as Secretary

Finance – Balance £366.77

### 25/1/1996 – Britain in Bloom meeting – Sutton Room

Competitions – Open meeting attended by 22 members, addressed by Nigel Hewish of Kingston Maurward. Agreed Society should enter again this year. Committee agreed to commit £150 for expenditure

### February 1996 – Newsletter #71

Competitions – Village Meeting heard talk by Nigel Hewish from Kingston Maurward talk about planting of hanging baskets etc.; agreed another Britain in Bloom entry. £150 allocated for plants, containers etc. Colour scheme blue/white (winners are known to adopt colour coordination in their strategy) – advice available from Simon Emblen. Emphasis on cleanliness, condition of hanging baskets, involvement of local organisations, and effort by residential and non-residential owners

Social – Talk by Hugh Jaques postponed

Barn Dance 30/3 Preston Village Hall Jump to the Sun

Village Fayre – Village Meeting 13/2 Sutton Room. Chosen charities Water Aid, Breakthrough and Joseph Weld Hospice

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Village – Letterbox at Cart Shed vandalised before Christmas. Thanks to Tony Eves for re-welding bits, so it could re-open 27/1. Still to be painted by Post Office

### **6/2/1996 – Committee meeting – Sutton Mill (Maureen Morris)**

Village – Dog poop bin nearly complete, and will go near Mill. £12 donated to Guide Dogs for the Blind in lieu of payment to Mr Agatt

Repaired letter box reinstated. Thanks to Mr Eves in Newsletter

WI not happy for other organisations to use their table cloths at Sutton Room.

Beach Clean 14/4

Society – AGM 16/4, with talk on wines by Mr Christopher Pope

Finance - £360.07

Planning – Planning consent for Greenhill Barton rehabilitation centre to be renewed in December. No action until then. Press report on financial difficulties

No comment on watercourse diversion at Waterside

Request to be submitted for free copy of County Structural Plan

No comment on work (mostly internal) at Clyffe

Social – Talk by H Jaques put off to autumn

Arrangements for Barn Dance 30/3 – tickets £5, no free drink, meal cost ~£2.30, attendance limit 100. Wine 80p, beer £1.40, soft drink 30p

### **19/3/1996 – Committee meeting – Hampton Lodge (Peter & Sue Jones)**

Village – Dog poop bin will go on wall opposite pond information board. Decided against seeking planning permission, but Planning Office will be notified

Route of possible Osmington bypass obtained from CC. Valley towards Osmington not affected

Details being sought of National Spring Clean event 12-21/4

No progress on hedge cutting on Plaisters Lane. Borough Surveyor to be contacted

Society – Society banner will be displayed at AGM

Committee – Don Brierley agreed to serve on Committee, probably as Secretary. Clive Brown stepping down

Social – Idea being progressed of turning Ronnie Waite's film of Old Sutton Poyntz into a video

David Sales to be asked for pot plants for Barn Dance. Agreed to spend £12 on raffle prizes and £12 for programmes

Summer programme with walk, Teas on the Lawn and perhaps coffee morning with WI

Pond – Letter from Shires to Council challenging their proposed treatment of willows.

County Trees Officer asked for comments. Mike Shepherd (former Trees Officer) to be asked

Cards – No need for more cards at present. To be sold at Village Fayre

Planning – Observations submitted on County draft Structure Plan

### **16/4/1996 – AGM – Sutton Room**

48 members present

Village – Reference to Britain in Bloom, social programme, Civic Society awards, footpaths, willows, post box vandalism, Brown Route, Millennium Fund, dog bin

Questions about Greenhill Barton and traffic calming

Finance – Balance £475.32, savings £2120.96

Subscriptions unchanged

Committee – Clive Brown stepping down. Miss Christine Gates and Mr Don Brierley elected, along with other existing members

Ken Knight thanked for 13 years as Secretary

Traffic – Discussion of widening of Preston Rd south from Chalbury Corner

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Social – Mention of Margaret Brown’s tour of local churches

Talk by Christopher Pope. Wines cost £138, part defrayed by sales of excess for £41

### **23/4/1996 – Committee meeting – Little Acorns (Mr & Mrs Birch)**

Committee – A R Bugler (Chairman), Joyce Litschi (Vice Chairman and Membership Secretary), D Brierley (Secretary), S Emblen (Treasurer), no Social Secretary appointed  
Collectors’ rounds: As before, with Christine Gates taking Maureen Morris’s round, and Maureen taking Clive Brown’s

Jack de Cartaret appointed village Footpaths Officer

Competitions – Colour scheme of blue/purple and white. Surfinia and purple bells available for hanging baskets. Usual pre-judging procedures

Village – Dog bin installed

Saunders have trimmed Plaisters Lane hedge

Complaints about rook nuisance north of pond. Environmental Health to be contacted

Mission Hall – Churchwardens agreed to Rotaract redecorating Sutton Room. Society agreed to pay for paint

Society – DNHAS subscription has not been paid for 4 years. Agreed to let membership lapse

Finance – Disagreement with NatWest over bank charges – they have agreed not to charge

Planning – Representation on proposed caravan development at White Horse Caravan Park

Social – 60 people at Barn Dance. Still profit of £101.11. Agreed to donate £25 to Graham Hill Fabry Disease Fund

Summer walk 12/6 from Royal Yeoman at Grimstone

Springhead may arrange “French occasion” with lunch and boule 14/7

Teas on the Lawn 3/8, at Millstream (using Miss Saunders’ lawn)

H Jaques talk possibly 24/9. Talk by Brian Searle on Weymouth shipping possibly 24/10

Christmas evening early December, with Purbeck Quire

### **May 1996 – Newsletter #72**

Committee – Clive Brown resigned. Don Brierley and Christine Gates elected. Ken Knight stood down as Secretary after 13 years, replaced by Don Brierley. Christine Gates taking Maureen Morris’s distribution area, and Maureen Clive’s.

Competitions – Hope that hanging baskets will use preferred blue/mauve and white. Plants available free from Simon Emblen – donation to Great Ormond Street hospital for plants used. Video being made in period up to judging, to show to judges

Pond – Council consulting Society and residents over care of willows

Social – Barn Dance not well attended, but made profit of £101.11. £25 donation to Graham Hill Fabry Disease fund. Thanks to helpers and to Ivan Hoath for help with programmes

Walk 12/6 at Grimstone led by Richard Backwell

Dorset Cream Teas on the Lawn 3/8, probably in the area by the pond

Thought of “French Occasion” at Springhead in July, talk about Weymouth’s shipping, Christmas evening with choir

Street Fayre – Society running tombola – prizes sought by Ron Birch. Also donations sought by Maureen Morris for other stalls – bottle, bric-a-brac, linen & lace, plants, filled jars. And cakes, cakes and even more cakes!

Village – Discussions between various parties about redecoration of Sutton Room. Rotoract willing to do painting

Footpaths – Jack de Cartaret taking over from Tony Bugler as village Footpaths Officer

### **21/5/1996 – Committee meeting – Old Stables (Ken & Marion Knight)**

Committee – Maureen Morris appointed Social Secretary

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Traffic – Response from Borough on traffic calming. Will be informed of disappointment at lack of any progress

Letter from CPO asking if there had been long-term vehicular access to field from Sutton Rd.  
Response to say not

Village – Borough Council will not take action against rooks, but said villagers can

Mission Hall – Sutton Room redecoration by Rotaract 1/6. Working Party planned 9/5  
Consideration being given to application for grant funding (Lottery or Millennium) for Sutton Room improvement. Further information to be got

Competitions – About 80 free plants distributed. Road sign flower boxes in place ready for planting. Video being produced. Judging ~15/7; Council cleanup and village work party shortly before

Social – Christopher Pope has agreed to give talk in Autumn

Village walk route has been changed – correction slips to go out with Newsletters

French occasion – “Communication difficulties had almost led to a breakdown of the entente cordial with Mons. Jaques Blanc. Simon Emblen was appointed as plenipotentiary with fully delegated powers to re-establish diplomatic relations and to make arrangements for the event on 14 July” [sic]

Talk by H Jaques 26/9 in Sutton Room

Talk by Brian Searle proposed 24/10

Purbeck Quire 2/12 or 5/12 at Preston Village Hall

Colin Pomeroy recommended as speaker for Spring

Planning – Borough have approved increase in caravan numbers at White Horse Caravan Park

Plans for conversion of outhouse at Old Dairy House for residential purposes. To be reviewed

Pond – Meeting arranged with Council Officer on willows

Society – CPRE subscription agreed £8

Finance – Balance £374.16

Village Fayre – Volunteers sought to sell programmes (£1)

### June 1996 – Newsletter #73

Street Fayre – Programmes now available. Still time to donate for various stalls via Maureen Morris, or for tombola via Ron Birch

Competitions – Working party to tidy village – volunteers sought, contact Simon Emblen or Tony Bugler

Social – Summer walk with Richard Backwell 12/6 with 27 people in area around Frampton, finishing with refreshments at Winterbourne Abbas

Talk 13/7 Sutton Room – “A new view of Dorset” by Gordon Le Pard, including history, place names, wildlife, geology, literary and artistic connections. Fee £8 – contact Mararet Brown  
Teas on the Lawn 3/8 on Miss Saunders’ lawn

Talk by Mr H Jaques, County Archivist 26/9 Sutton Room

Talk by Brian Searle 24/10 Sutton Room on “Passengers, ships and car ferries in Weymouth Harbour 1960-1990”

Purbeck Quire 9/12 at Preston Village Hall

### 18/6/1996 – Committee meeting – Sutton Lodge (Tony & Pat Bugler)

Mission Hall – Sutton Room redecoration done and letters of thanks sent

Discussion of possible grant-funded schemes, including development of Sutton Room, playing fields, and further archaeology. Will await decisions by PCC

Request for information about Ship’s Bell at Sutton Room. Believed to have been gifted by Bob Fenton to Society. To be checked

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Social – Very successful walk

Misunderstandings over French Occasion cleared. Looking for date in early Autumn  
Purbeck Quire 9/12 at Preston Village Hall

Village Fayre – Rota for Tombola.

Cards – Notelets to be sold at Village Fayre

Planning – Letter of opposition against caravans at old school site. Will be copied to Civic Society and CPRE

Pond – County Council trees expert had not come to planned meeting on willows  
State of pond has deteriorated, with fish dying and pond silting up. Secretary to discuss with Borough to get remedial action

Finance – Balance £446.23

Competitions – Reported that 2 flower tubs on Sutton Rd had been stolen

### 15/7/1996 – Committee meeting – 3 Sutton Close (Irene & Don Brierley)

Traffic – Letter to Cllr Weaver on traffic calming, an response with helpful tone

Competitions – Village in good state for judging 17/7

Cost of 194 plants distributed was £135.80

Pond – Visit by DCC trees expert, and report on willows to follow

Environment Agency test of pond water – no contamination found. Has asked to be informed if any fish die. Pointed out that ducks and willows could be damaging to fish environment

Mission Hall – PCC meeting had discussed Sutton Room, but no decision yet  
Discussions with Ms Fenton and Mr Randall had failed to establish origin of ship's bell.  
Approach to be made to Bill Thomas

Village – Reports of increasing vandalism in village. Police to be informed, asking for greater presence

Planning – Comment to be submitted on road visibility from proposed new road access from Clyffe

Objection to proposed new farmhouse on Puddledock Lane, on same grounds as previously  
Agreed to attend inquiry into Dorset Structure Plan

Village Fayre – Tombola had raised £740, and sale of Notelets £25. Agreed that late donation from Greenalls should be paid into Society's fund

Finance – Balance £442.41

Social – Arrangements for Teas on the Lawn. Charge £1.25. Tables/chairs to be booked. Van to be borrowed. Working party to be arranged

### August 1996 – Newsletter #74

Competitions – Village awarded Abbiss Certificate – 2<sup>nd</sup> in class. Disappointment at not getting 1<sup>st</sup> prize, but Committee member who visited Catcott in Somerset, which won the class, noted “excessive use of baskets, boxes, mangers and troughs”. “Colour is there in abundance but it is verging on the vulgar”

Social – Dorset Cream Teas run by “pond dwellers”, led by John & Julia Allen, on Saunders' lawn – “probably the best venue in the village”

Talk by H Jaques 26/9 Sutton Room

Talk by Brian Searle on Weymouth ships 24/10 Sutton Room

Christmas event with Purbeck Quire 9/12 Preston Village Hall

Street Fayre – Presentation evening 3/10 at Waterworks Museum (£1 including cheese & wine)

Village – Redecoration of Sutton Room by Rotoract completed June (thanks to Norman & Margaret Brown). Donations by WI, Society, Keep Fit club and Mrs Harbour for materials

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Recent instances of vandalism and theft – letter sent to Dorset Police, who ask Neighbourhood Watch participants to report suspicious activity  
Traffic – Lots of correspondence and meetings with Council, but no action on traffic calming. New Councillor, Cllr Weaver, trying to get things done – suggested villagers write to him  
Correspondence with CPO about vehicular access to field off Sutton Road  
Planning – List of Planning Applications received every week  
Examination of County Structure Plan beginning October. Society will give evidence  
Objections submitted on applications for use of old school playing ground as caravan site, and building of 4-bedroom farmhouse off Puddledock Lane  
Pond – Concern about water quality and also about state of willows. Advice sought from Environment Agency (water quality) and County Council (trees). Water quality satisfactory, but build up of sediment needs to be controlled. Trees need action later in year – pollarding, extensive pruning, or reduction of tree numbers

### **16/9/1996 – Committee meeting – The Mill (Maureen Morris)**

Competitions – Britain in Bloom judges' report circulated. Decision about next year to be taken at next meeting  
Pond – Report received from DCC. Decided that preferred option was selective hand pruning. Visit of Council Officer to be sought, to get work done. Residents around pond to be informed before work done.  
Social – Teas on the Lawn raised £167.41  
Talk 26/9 Sutton Room by Mr Jaques on local archives  
Village – Response from Police on vandalism. Discussion showed some confusion about Home Watch – PC O'Shea to be invited to next meeting for clarification  
Vic Farrant has repaired post box. Thanks to be sent  
Comments noted on success of dog bin scheme  
Question about Lordship of Manor. Write to Weld Estate to enquire  
Mission Hall – Arrangements to clean ship's bell in Sutton Room. Decided to get picture of HMS Bandit to display with bell  
Planning – Response on new house in White Horse Lane, requesting that its design should fit with conservation area  
No objection to improvements to car park and patio [sic] at Springhead  
Inspectors report on Local Plan has reassured over possible threat to agricultural land west of village, and along river valley  
Chairman will represent Society at County Structure Plan examination  
Mike Pressly and Peter Jones to attend County "Agenda 21" meeting, on environmental improvements  
Finance – Balance £441.79  
Village Fayre – Presentations at Water Museum 3/10  
Committee – Agreed to co-opt Maureen Tepper

### **14/10/1996 – Committee meeting – Hampton Lodge (Peter & Sue Jones)**

Village – Discussion on Home Watch with PC O'Shea. Areas not currently covered are Sutton Close, area from pond down to Puddledock Lane junction. To be covered by Maureen Morris, Maureen Tepper, Ron Birch and Don Brierley. Society will call village meeting with PC O'Shea invited to describe scheme  
Confirmed that Welds are still Lords of the Manor. Agreed to invite Wilfred Weld to speak at future meeting  
Complaints about bonfires and about dog mess – items for next Newsletter



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Pond – Meeting with Borough representative on willows. Agreed that some trees need to be removed over long period. Fear that this would be unpopular – Borough should carry out work “with sensitivity”

Borough will also clean out pond. Request that fish should be safeguarded, and material should not be flushed down millrace

Competitions – Agreed village will not enter in 1997. Flower boxes will be kept in place permanently so village looks good all the time

Planning – Report on Dorset Agenda 21 to be included in next Newsletter

Finance – Balance £488.29

Social – Profit of £21.50 from raffle at Jaques talk. Donation of £15 to Dorset Archives  
Talk by Brian Searle 24/10

### November 1996 – Newsletter #75

Village – Meeting with Rick O’Shea, Community Policeman 14/10 to discuss security. Agreed some additional Neighbourhood Watch volunteers (Ron Birch, Maureen Morris, Don Brierley) for areas without. Open meeting on Neighbourhood Watch to be arranged  
Complaints about dog mess, particularly in Old Bincombe Lane, and also Plaisters Lane and Mission Hall Lane

Complaints about people having bonfires at times and in quantities that annoy, without due consideration

Letter box back in action after vandalism, thanks to work done by Vic Farrant

Pond – Borough have agreed action needed on trees. Weaker trees will be removed, with general pruning

Mission Hall – HMS Bandit ship’s bell hung outside at back. Now at Peter Jones suggestion cleaned by Graham Smith and hung inside

Social – Purbeck Quire 9/12 Preston Village Hall £1 including refreshments

Talk by Roy Spring, former Clerk of Works at Salisbury Cathedral 20/2 Sutton Room (organised by St Andrews Wives Group)

Planning – Meeting on Agenda 21 at County Hall attended by Peter Jones and Mike Pressly. Broadly environmental theme for 21<sup>st</sup> Century

### 3/12/1996 – Committee meeting – Little Acorns (Mr & Mrs Birch)

Social – Arrangements for Purbeck Quire including makers of mince pies, raffle prizes (£25 allocated), wine, containers for punch

Note of talk by Roy Spring on medieval churches 20/2, organised by St Andrews Wives Club  
Crime Prevention talk by PC Rick O’Shea 20/3

AGM 17/4 with talk by Christopher Pope on family links with Sutton Poyntz.

Talk by Wilfred Weld to be arranged

Village – Offer by Mr Grant-Jones to make bracket for ship’s bell, free of charge

Agreed to sponsor two Duke of Edinburgh Gold expedition candidates £15 each, if they will speak to future Society meeting

Discussion again of overhead wires – suggestion that Millennium Fund money could be sought. Letters to SEB and BT asking why nothing had been done

Planning – Letter to CPO saying no objection in principle to horse shelter in field by Verlands, but suggesting better site at top end of field where there had been a building some time before

Society representation to Dorset Structure Plan examination had stressed need to keep housing development “within reasonable bounds” [sic]

Competitions – Britain in Bloom awards ceremony attended and reported in Echo

Traffic – Inspector had recommended Brown Route as most suitable

Pond – Letter of thanks to Miss Saunders for pruning bushes around pond

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Discussions to be arranged with Borough about clearing of sediment in pond

### 4/2/1997 – Committee meeting – Sutton Lodge (Pat & Tony Bugler)

Mission Hall – Ship's bell to be rehung in time for AGM. Picture of HMS Bandit obtained  
PCC had recommended selling cottage next to Sutton Room, and Sutton Room refurbished.  
Planning permission to be sought for land at rear. Meeting with PCC to be sought to look at  
long term future of Sutton Room

Village – Letter of thanks from DofE girls for sponsorship

Beach Clean 25/4

Social – Rick O'Shea talk 21/3. No raffle

'Chinese' raffle at AGM

Ideas of talks by Colin Pomeroy on Dorset militaria, Terry Herring on the Mary Rose, Wilfred  
Weld, DofE girls sponsored by Society

Pond – Borough confirm cleaning will be done before Spring

Planning – No objections on refurbishment of 3 cottages off Sutton Rd, and on extension at  
Dairy House

Objection lodged against retrospective application for vehicular access to field at Preston  
Rd/Sutton Rd junction

Application for horse shelter refused by Borough. Alternative site being looked at in field  
behind Winslow Rd. Society would no object

Competitions – Weymouth considering entering national Britain in Bloom competition.

Seeking sponsorship from local organisations. More details sought

Letter from "Friends of Britain in Bloom" seeking members (£250 for corporate membership,  
£25 individual). Decided against

Planning – Council and the Community initiative by WPBC seeking better links to Councillors  
and Officers. Supported

Traffic – Agreed next Newsletter would encourage residents to write in about traffic calming  
measures for Plaisters

Finance – Balance £489.09

Society – Tony Bugler wishing to stand down as Chairman, but asked to reconsider

### March 1997 – Newsletter #76

Mission Hall – Will remain available for community use. Adjacent cottage and garden to be  
sold

Pond – Works carried out to dredge pond and thin willows

Ducks paying their way, but only just, from sale of eggs by Jim & Julie at pub. Some wild  
mallard have found their way to a free breakfast. Plea by Dave Caddy for more ducks (not  
drakes)

Planning – Inspectors report out on County Structure Plan, and refers to Chairman's  
contribution on need to control urbanisation

Two applications approved despite our objections: farmhouse off Puddledock Lane (needed  
for "herdsman" according to applicants) and access off Sutton Rd (allowed for agricultural  
use only)

Traffic – Cllr Weaver still trying, but no funds available; he suggests designating Plaisters  
Lane as a "green lane" as used in Jersey, with 15mph limit

Society – Correspondence with Council on regular meetings

Society sponsored Elizabeth Heathershaw and Natalie Rosekilly for DofE Gold Award,  
involving month at sea sailing from Dakar to Azores

Village – Southern Electricity replacing some cables, but say underground cables are 3 times  
the cost and more difficult (and slower) to repair

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Archaeological dig between rear of Springhead and White Horse Lane, showing signs of Iron Age and Roman activity. Unofficial digs at Wyndings and Cob Cottage have found human remains, probably Roman era

Plea to help toads get across roads safely

Competitions – Decided not to enter Britain in Bloom. Winning our class would need displays that we think inappropriate for our village

Street Fayre - £5100 to be distributed to Charities. Village stalls raised £4765.76

Social – Rick O’Shea on crime prevention 20/3 Sutton Room

Christopher Pope on family connection with Sutton Poyntz after AGM 17/4 Sutton Room

### 10/3/1997 – Committee meeting – The Rest (Kathy & Mike Pressly)

Mission Hall – Ship’s bell reinstalled. Unveiling ceremony at AGM

Decision by PCC to sell cottage and land behind. Meeting with PCC to be arranged when further details about sale and Sutton room refurbishment had been obtained

Agreed to continue planting in mangers on Sutton Room, despite not entering Britain in Bloom. Agreed to liaise with WI

Village – Reply from SEB noting cost of placing cables underground and then of maintaining them

Discussion on rumours of closure of Lodmoor Tip. Agreed to send letter of protest if rumours prove true

Competitions – Enquiry made about sponsoring hanging baskets in Weymouth. Told this is being done by local hoteliers, but Society could sponsor a flowerbed at Greenhill. Thought to be beyond means of Society

Planning – Lots of volunteers to serve on Dorset Agenda 21 committees – not known if anyone from Sutton included

No objection to Fox Cottage proposal, but changes should be in keeping

No comment on dormer windows at rear of The Willows

Reported that caravans continue to be parked [sic] in Waterside caravan site in winter.

Thought Borough enforcement was not effective

Social – Excellent talk by Roy Spring on Salisbury Cathedral

Talk by PC O’Shea on Community Policing and Neighbourhood Watch 25/3 (PC O’Shea on sick leave but intending to give talk). Felt that Neighbourhood Watch was operating patchily, and link people would be encouraged to attend

‘Chinese auction’ at AGM – star prize a bottle of vintage port donated by Philip Snook

Talk by DoE sponsors about their expedition Dakar to Azores 22/5 at Sutton Room

Summer walk being arranged by Richard Backwell

Agreed to allow Simon Grant-Jones to display work at AGM

Pond – Cleaning complete, but had caused some damage to retaining wall. Watch will be kept to make sure they carry out repairs. Agreed to purchase some iris plants to replace ones removed

Committee – Tony Bugler standing down as Chairman. Agreed that period of office for Chairman should be 3 years – motion to be put to AGM

Traffic – Request for “Green Lane” regulations in context of traffic calming. Mission Hall Lane also thought to be getting dangerous

### 7/4/1997 – Committee meeting – The Mill (Maureen & David Morris)

Committee – Nominations for Richard Meech as Chairman, but he declined

Planning – Some concern about proposed extension at 4 Puddledock Cottages, but view that Committee should not get involved in dispute between neighbours. Agreed to write to CPO emphasising historical importance of cottages, and asking that extension must be in keeping with existing proportions and materials

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No objections to proposals for Old Orchard, but response stressing that development should be limited to 2 buildings proposed, and also noting access difficulties  
Chairman had written about proposed new house on skyline at Stroudley Crescent, Preston.  
Derek Dodge as CPRE representative had sent similar letter. Society letter would be sent opposing proposal, and also asking who had been written to for comments  
Noted that Lodmoor Tip would continue to operate with enhanced facilities  
Letters written by Chairman about concrete pipes at Bowleaze Cove  
Borough Local Plan approved  
Social – Wine and refreshments to be provided at AGM  
Village walk 5/6  
Cream Teas 2/8, perhaps similar to last year  
WI organising visit to Tiverton. Some spaces available  
Traffic – Response received from Cllr Weaver to letter enquiring about “Green Lane” scheme  
Discussion of car parking on Silver Street by pond. Not thought to be Society issue  
Village – Maureen Morris taking over flowers for cart at Springhead, from Simon Emblen  
Agreed to write after 1/5 about inadequacy of Sutton Room as Polling Station  
Society – Request for membership lists to be returned to Joyce Litschi

### 17/4/1997 – AGM – Sutton Room

57 members  
Committee – Tony Bugler stepping down as Chairman, and would be replaced by Mike Pressly  
Committee membership as before  
Society – Chairman’s report – contributions to various planning and strategy inquiries – footpath preservation – Britain in Bloom, led by Emblens – social programme – support to village Street Fayres – sponsorship of 2 DoE Gold candidates, sailing from Dakar to Azores – Attempts to get traffic calming measures  
Members urged to try to persuade neighbours to join Society  
Finance – Balance £424.55, and savings £2243.51. Subscriptions £2 and £1  
Chinese raffle raised over £40  
Village – Debate on whether name plate should be put up to mark River Jordan. Doubt about what course the river followed. Fredy Litschi view that the Jordan was the one flowing down the valley from Osmington  
Social – Talk by Christopher Pope on Pope family

### 6/5/1997 – Committee meeting – 3 Sutton Close (C & I Brierley)

Committee – Mike Pressly (Chairman). Vice-Chairmanship deferred to next meeting in Joyce Litschi’s absence  
Collection rounds altered slightly, with Christine Gates taking Brookmead  
Planning – Revised plans for 3 Stroudley Crescent, but previous opinion confirmed  
Further unauthorised works reported at Waterside. Letters written by Tony Bugler and Mrs Audrey Thomas. Agreed to write to CPO  
Two large concrete pipes at Bowleaze still considered to be an eyesore  
Village – Reported that there were few problems caused by use of Sutton Room as Polling Station. Representation to Council to see if better alternative could be found  
Discussion of treating seat on Telegraph Hill, but agreed no action needed  
Letter to be written asking for removal of damaged lamp post on Mission Hall Lane, now replacement post has been put up  
Disappointment expressed that Neighbourhood Watch information was still awaited by new coordinators

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Mission Hall – Plea that Victorian railings at Sutton Room must not be lost during any refurbishment

Social – Cream Teas 2/8 to be organised by Mrs Allen, as last year

Society – Simon Emblen to attend “Mayor Making” on behalf of Society

Mr Windebank will not do printing for Society any longer, but Jefferies willing to

Agreed to produce Welcome notelet to be given to newcomers to village

Traffic – Letter to be written to Cllr Weaver about advisory 20mph limits

Pond – Mike Pressly agreed to repair seat by pond that has suffered vandalism

Ron Birch to repair “Do not feed ducks” signs

Discussion of funding for duck maintenance. Understood to be basically self-funding from sale of eggs

### June 1997 – Newsletter #77

Village – Unveiling by Tony Bugler of HMS Bandit bell, previously hanging outside, now cleaned and polished by Graham Smith and Peter Jones, with bracket made by Simon Grant-Jones

Committee – Tony Bugler standing down as Chairman, replaced by Mike Pressly. Tony staying on Committee and continuing as CPRE representative. Other Committee members Richard Backwell, Ron Birch, Don Brierley, Simon Emblen, Christine Gates, Peter Jones, Ken Knight, Joyce Litschi, Richard Meech, Maureen Morris and Maureen Tepper. Distribution: Simon Emblen (Plaisters Lane from Wyndings & Purbeck Lodge), Peter Jones (Plaisters Springbank/Inmosthay to Longmead), Richard Backwell (Sutton Court Lawns, Sutton Close, Plaisters east Pentreath to Waterford House), Christine Gates (Old Bincombe Lane, Plaisters west Dolphins to Clyffe), Ron Birch (Puddledock, Cornhill, Sunnyfields), Richard Meech (Beyond Sunnyfields and Seven Acres), Joyce Litschi (Sutton Rd south from Cart Shed), Ken Knight (Sutton Rd fork to 111 and Springhead and others outside village), Maureen Morris (Mission Hall Lane, 113 Sutton Rd and north of pond)

Planning – Objection sent to work by Waterside on hillside, excavating to make football pitch but disregarding environment and countryside

Objection sent to proposed house in Stroudley Crescent, because of impact on skyline

Traffic – Many letters sent but no progress. Green Lane idea not applicable on mainland.

Suggestion of ‘advisory’ 20mph limit being investigated by Cllr Weaver

Social – Walk 5/6 between Waddock Cross and Affpuddle, led by Richard Backwell, with refreshments at Frampton Arms

Cream Teas 2/8 on Saunders lawn as last year – thanks to Julia Allen and Elizabeth Saunders

### 3/7/1997 – Committee meeting – Myrtle Cottage (Maureen Tepper)

Village Survey – Meeting attended by Simon Williams, Borough’s Forward Planning Officer. Described how Local Plan was being drafted, to achieve 4550 new houses by 2011 as required in Dorset Structure Plan. Maintaining village character of Sutton Poyntz important – only infill would be allowed. Discussion of traffic generated by additional houses, but stated that not easy to deny individual applications on this basis. Agreed Borough would provide further information on Local Plan, statistics on developments in Sutton Poyntz and details of Jacob Report prepared for CPRE on sustainable growth

Questions for open meeting on Planning – How to strengthen Borough’s case against overdevelopment – How to measure what is unacceptable traffic density – What account taken of traffic density in considering applications – Housing density policy for Sutton Poyntz – Any large-scale developments envisaged for Sutton Poyntz, or just infill – Confirmation that Local Policy will maintain village’s character and identity – Traffic calming measures to overcome dangers of Plaisters and Sutton Rd

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Planning – Noted that planning permission granted for 4 Puddledock Lane [sic], The Orchard, and 3 Stroudley Crescent

Correspondence on Waterside – reported that Council had given permission for change of use of some agricultural land, but could not now find paperwork

Objection had been submitted on behalf of Society on proposal for 4 houses next to 55 Sutton Rd

Letter of objection to be sent on proposal for new house in grounds of Cob Cottage

Time limits for developments to be checked

Agreed to set up rota of Committee members attending Council Planning Committee meetings to monitor planning processes

Village – Simon Williams asked if Society would help with drafting of local guide to village and surrounding countryside

Reply on use of Sutton Room as Polling Station. School had been considered as alternative, but Sutton Room thought to be more popular choice

Noted that Mr Allen looking after flowers in the cart

Committee – Richard Meech appointed Vice Chairman

Social – Van to be obtained for Cream Teas – otherwise arrangements in hand

Agreed to try to book Casterbridge Singers for 3/12 at Preston Village Hall

Finance – Balance £424.53

Society – Suggestion that new Membership Cards should be printed. Agreed to review wording

Village Fayre – Letter written jointly by Street Fayre Committee and Society to new owner of North Down Farm

### **26/8/1997 – Committee meeting – The Old Stables (Marion & Ken Knight)**

Planning – Disappointment at approval of 4 Puddledock Lane [sic] application, but as cottages not listed nothing more could have been done

Planning sub-committee created with delegated powers – Richard Meech, Joyce Litschi, Peter Jones, Maureen Morris, Tony Bugler and Mike Pressly. Each application would be allocated to a sub-committee member, who would track progress

Revised plans for 55 Sutton Rd, with only minor changes. Discussions with Planning Officers and with developer (Joliffe). Further letter of objection sent. Not hopeful of success

Village Survey – Open meeting with Planning Officers and Councillors 27/10 at Sutton Room

Social – Talk by Colin Pomeroy in February

Cream Teas made £261.05 including raffle. Letters of thanks sent to Mrs Allen and Miss Saunders, and Mr Willis will be thanked verbally. Donation of £10 agreed to Preston Village Hall for loan of equipment

Casterbridge Singers not available, but to be booked for Christmas 1998 at Preston Village Hall (tickets £2)

Talk by Wilfred Weld, with refreshments and carol singing, before Christmas 1997, at Sutton Room

Society Discussion on making donation to charity, but agreed that Cream Teas should be a primary source of funds to enable the Society to do its job

Discussion of membership – wish to have an estimate of the membership as a percentage of village population. Joyce Litschi to produce a membership register

Agreed to print membership card for new members (and old members who had never had a card), but to continue just to give receipts for annual subscriptions

Agreed to sign and return declaration of support for CPRE, and to send subscription

Finance – Balance £804.58. Transfer to savings account to be discussed at next meeting

Pond – Bench repaired

Footpaths – Discussion of poor state of path beyond Old Stables



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Village – Understood Northdown Farm being bought by Mr Seel  
Concern that Springhead may change in nature with new landlord, perhaps becoming more rowdy. Suggested individuals write to owners expressing concern

### **30/9/1997 – Committee meeting – Sutton Mill (Maureen & David Morris)**

Society – 169 households in SP are members of Society (86%), plus 18 outside village  
Membership cards printed

Jim White has donated some trestle tables to Society. Letter of thanks to be sent

Agreed to invite local Councillors to Committee meeting in December

Reminder that members able to visit Dorchester Museum without charge on certain days, as Society is affiliated member of DNHAS

Footpaths – Agreed that state of path behind Stables has improved

Planning – Site meeting 17/9 on land by 55 Sutton Rd. Plans approved by Planning Committee

Letter to CPO opposing plan by Miss Pitman to build house on land next to Evangelist church, in remaining green land separating SP from Preston

Plan by Miss Pitman for stable on land behind Verlands – concern at non-agricultural development

No comment on haybarn on Puddledock Lane

New application for alterations to The Cottage – to be considered

Letter to be sent, expressing concern that Planners were ignoring traffic implications of developments

Social – Public meeting 30/10 in Sutton Room – agreed refreshments not necessary

Wilfred Weld not now speaking 12/12 – agreed to arrange social with seasonal refreshments and music. Cerne Abbas Mummers to be invited

Talk by Colin Pomeroy 12/2 on WWII sites in Dorset

Talk by Wilfred Weld 12/3, probably with AGM

For Christmas 1998, Preston Village Hall only available Mondays, so Casterbridge and Portland Singers not available. Investigate availability of Pheonix Choir. Hall booked for 14/12/1998

Finance – Balance £803.58, savings £2365. Agreed to investigate other interest-bearing accounts to which to transfer £500

Mission Hall – PCC has decided to offer Sutton Room to Society on repairing lease, at nominal rent. PCC would retain right to use without charge. Sunday lettings would not be allowed. Boundaries being established – PCC intending to apply for planning permission for one house on land fronting Mission Hall Lane. Agreed to enter negotiations with PCC, with Society represented by Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer

Maureen Tepper unable to continue cutting grass outside Sutton Room, as no strimmer

Millennium – Discussion of suggestion by Fredy Litschi of Millennium Survey of village.

Information to be sought on similar project by Civic Society

Village Fayre – Reported that new owner of Northdown Farm willing for Fayre to use land beside pub next year

Traffic – Report of ‘near miss’ on Plaisters – to be topic for public meeting 30/10

Agreed with Council that signs warning of narrow lane will be put at top of lane (i.e. in West Dorset)

Pond – Mike Pressly, Simon Emblen and David Morris intending to prune trees where they interfere with overhead cables

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### October 1977 – Newsletter #78

Society – Open Meeting arranged with Council representatives 30/10 Sutton Room. List of questions prepared including housing density, over-development, preservation of character, traffic calming, impact of development on traffic

Planning – Application for 2 detached houses and 2 semi-detached next to 55 Sutton Rd. Opposed by Society on grounds of overdevelopment and traffic hazard. Approved by Borough (Cllr Weaver voting for)

Village – 1819 George III silver half-crown found by John Waghorn digging in his garden at The Barn

Jim & Julie White leaving Springhead at end September

Philip Seale has bought North Down Farm (already owns Diment farm). Will give talk on intentions for land 8/11 Sutton Room

Social – Evening Class “English domestic furniture from 18<sup>th</sup> C” by Steven Turner, starting 8/10 Sutton Room

Christmas social 12/12 Sutton Room

Talk by Colin Pomeroy “Military Dorset today” 12/2 Sutton Room

Talk by Wilfred Weld 12/3 Sutton Room on Weld connection with Sutton Poyntz

### 4/11/1997 – Committee meeting – Hampton Lodge (Sue and Peter Jones)

Mission Hall – Meeting with PCC on Sutton Room arranged for 24/11. CPO (Richard Burgess) agreed to attend. Agreed to ask PCC to consider use of land as open space and children’s playground

Discussion of need for replacement piano at Sutton Room, but no action until future of Room clearer

Millennium – Established that Civic Society millennium survey was photographic, so did not conflict with Fredy Litschi’s idea of survey of village inhabitants. Further clarification of FL’s ideas to be sought

Society – Report on CPRE local AGM. CPRE appealing for funds to help fight “closure and despoilment” of rural lanes – agreed to donate £20

Agreed not to subscribe to DNHAS

Planning – Agreed to send representation opposing Haven Caravans application to convert touring caravan/tent field to permanent caravans

Planning Sub-committee to consider Miss Pitman’s applications for house next to evangelical chapel and for stables in field by Verlands, and church application for house in Mission Hall Lane

Social – Christmas event in Sutton Room 12/12 – entertainment by Symonsbury Mummers and by Ron Burke on electronic keyboard. Tickets limited to 60, at £1. Raffle

Finance – Balance £735.53. Further investigations needed into interest-bearing account available to a Society

Traffic – Peter Jones had taken photographs of traffic, and would present ideas to next meeting. Agreed to try to find a traffic expert who could be used to strengthen case for traffic calming

A member had suggested that Police would record reported accidents even when no injuries. To be confirmed with Police

Discussion of car parking problems near Cart Shed. Agreed that Society would not get involved. JL offered to make an approach, as a friend rather than as a Committee member, to Cart Shed owner

### 2/12/1997 – Committee meeting – Little Acorns (Ron & Aviv Birch)

Mission Hall – Piano in Sutton Room has been disposed of

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After meeting with PCC on Sutton Room, SE had been investigating funding sources should the Society take on refurbishment of the Room

Question about using tables donated by Jim White at Sutton Room

Springhead car park – Damage reported to pillar at corner of Springhead subsidiary car park.

New landlord had been contacted, and volunteers would be sought to carry out repair

Village Survey – As suggested at meeting on 30/10, agreed to prepare submission for next Local Plan review. Some photos already taken. Schedule agreed: MP to prepare draft for consideration at April meeting, presentation to Society members in May, responses to be collected, final documentation for submission to Borough in October

Planning – Meeting 8/11 with Mr Seale, who had confirmed his position as a potential developer. Concern about possible agricultural complex off Puddledock – letter written to Planning Department.

No objection to principle of new house on Mission Hall Lane, but asking for size and materials to be appropriate, with preference for thatch

Footpaths – [In context of meeting with Mr Seale] concern about state of some footpaths – Jack de Cartaret to be contacted

Traffic – Presentation by PJ of research on traffic in Plaisters, with photos and suggested measures. Consensus view that traffic needed to be slowed. Police had confirmed that they only log incidents of injury or law breaking, and also that Sutton Poyntz was not priority area. Agreed that PJ should continue research using contacts in Police and Highways Authority, including both Plaisters and Sutton Rd

Finance – Balance £712.53

After further investigations, agreed not to open new savings account

Pond – Reported that some stones making the bank were loose. To be investigated

### January 1998 – Newsletter #79

Planning – Application by Philip Seal for large barn off Puddledock Lane – 60metres by 30 metres, of metal cladding and asbestos sheet roof, on large concreted area. Strong objection lodged on grounds of visual impact and flooding impact. Information available from Richard Meech or Michael Pressly

Village – Proposal for Millennium Survey of village will be considered at next Committee meeting. Information from Fredy Litschi

Death of Bill Mercer OBE, chairman for many years; resident for many years after retirement from Lancashire Police and then RAF Police

Street Fayre – Open meeting 29/1 Sutton Room

Social – Talk by Colin Pomeroy “Military history today” 12/2 Sutton Room

Talk by Wilfred Weld 12/3 Sutton Room after AGM, on Weld connection with Sutton Poyntz

### 14/1/1998 – Committee meeting – Sutton Lodge (Pat & Tony Bugler)

Traffic – Meeting with Tim Westwood, Transportation Manager for DCC

Village Survey – Reported that submission for Local Plan review would be more complex and take more time than initially thought

Planning – Outline planning permission granted for cottage in Mission Hall Lane; cottage style in stone – hedge along Lane to be retained. Society to write asking again for thatch Representations by CPRE, Civic Society and Society against proposed agricultural building in Puddledock Lane. Concern over increased risk of flooding, and discussion of where liability lay – agreed to consult flooding expert and solicitor, if necessary paying for consultancy. Thought that Planning Committee would not consider application until March

Question asked by Council about naming of site next to 55 Sutton Rd. Developer (Joliffe) proposed “Valley View” – Committee thought that banal, but had no alternative, and preferred use of Sutton Rd numbers

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Footpaths – Concern about path to White Horse to be reported to Jack de Cartaret  
Mission Hall – Agreed to tables donated by Jim White being stored at Sutton Room for use there, subject to being marked at Society property  
Meeting planned with Dorset Village Halls Adviser to discuss funding sources should Society take lease of Sutton Room  
Millennium – Agreed that proposed Millennium Survey would not be Society project, but Society would let Newsletter be used, and provide grant of £30 towards costs. Agreed to write to Fredy Litschi expressing concern about listing occupations in survey  
Social – Preston Village Hall booked for 14/12, but discussion on whether villagers would prefer Sutton Room. Agreed to move booking. Hoped Mrs Chris Galpin would produce Christmas [joint?]  
Colin Pomeroy 12/2 at Sutton Room on military sites in Dorset  
Society – 167 households – 149 in village and 17 nearby  
Two WI events to be advertised in Society newsletter  
Letter of thanks for donation to Cancer Research in respect of late Bill Mercer  
Village Fayre – Society will run Tombola again  
Discussion of whether some Fayre profit could be retained for village projects – can be discussed at Fayre open meeting 24/1  
Agreed that Society will sponsor advertisement for Fayre in Echo (cost £23.62)  
Competitions – Britain in Bloom certificates to be given to Springhead for display  
Footpaths – Footpath at Waterside relocated. No action needed

### **18/2/1998 – Committee meeting – 3 Sutton Close (Don & Irene Brierley)**

Footpaths – Jack de Cartaret to be asked to contact Mr Seal about state of path towards White Horse  
Village – Reported that funds of up to £5000 could be got from Lottery for village hall improvements. Would need committee to be set up representing all interested parties, and would need lease of at least 30 years  
Agreed to try to obtain copy of photo of village that appeared in recent edition of 'Dorset' magazine  
Details of Countryside March to be posted on noticeboard  
Millennium – Fredy Litschi had intended Millennium Survey as Society project, and now Society was not going to be involved, would abandon plans  
Idea floated of gathering village photo collection as Millennium project  
Appeal from W&PBC with regard to 'Millennium Quilt', but not enough information to support it  
Pond – MP and TB to meet to investigate pond banks and also willows  
Village Fayre – Open meeting had decided against funding for village project  
Planning – No objection to extension at 1 Sutton Close  
No objection to extension at Hillside  
Reported that proposed addict hostel at Greenhill Barton had been abandoned, and new application for riding and walking centre, with warden accommodation – to be investigated  
Application for barn on Puddledock would not be heard at March Planning Committee meeting. Large number of objections, and critical report by County Land Agent Department.  
Meeting with Planning Department agreed  
PJ had attended Weymouth & Portland Strategic Plan evening at Weymouth Pavilion  
Village Survey – Examples obtained and reviewed of other village Plan documents. Reported that financial help available from e.g. Countryside Commission. MP to produce template for Plan and discuss with Planning Officers  
Finance – Balance £652.17  
Request that bills be settled quickly, following complaint by Mrs Allen of Sutton Room

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Social – Sutton Room booked 11/12 for Christmas Social. Mince pies and mulled wine.  
Entertainment and carols led by Mrs Chris Galpin's group  
Barbecue in September to be investigated  
Wine to be served after AGM  
Richard Backwell to arrange walk in June  
Cream Teas 1/8 – location to be agreed  
Competitions – As Society not involved, JL was uncomfortable representing Society at Town Britain in Bloom committee. To be discussed at next meeting

### March 1998 – Newsletter #80

Traffic – Meeting with Tim Westwood, County Transportation Manager to discuss traffic through village. Points made that our problems are not unique, speeding is a universal problem and our problem is less than some because of narrow roads, only solution to increased traffic volume would be a national one. Advised against passing bays and road widening, which would increase speed. Rumble strips only allowed remote from houses. Householders should be cautious about obstacles to prevent encroachment, since damage could become their responsibility. 20mph limit can only be granted by Secretary of State. Advised against "Drive slowly" signs as unlikely to have any effect, and waste of village's money  
Street Fayre – After village vote, Water Aid, MRI and CLIC will be main charities supported. This year's Fayre 28/6. Society will run tombola – prizes sought by Peter Jones  
Planning – Many individual representations against large barn application. Planning Committee consideration postponed to April. CPRE also against  
Social – Wilfred Weld talk after AGM 18/3  
A day of 1000 cakes – Village WI event 21/3 Sutton Room – opportunity to buy cakes, jams etc. £1. Refreshments. Raffle  
Talk on Wilton House by the Estate Manager ¼ Sutton Room (WI event)

### 12/3/1998 – AGM – Sutton Room

41 members present  
Committee report – Special note of development by 55 Sutton Rd and barn in Puddledock. Negotiations to secure future of Sutton Room  
Finance – Balance £636.70 plus savings £2365.13  
Subscriptions unchanged  
Committee – Christine Gates stepping down. Otherwise existing Committee elected, along with Alan Simpson  
Millennium – Request for ideas of Millennium project. Noted that other village groups were already considering this with the danger of competition reducing overall success. Society would coordinate with these groups  
Mission Hall – Request by Pat Bugler for better boiler for Sutton Room will be considered, but other refurbishment work would be unwise until future of Sutton Room was settled  
Social – Request for reinstatement of waitress service at Teas on the Lawn, instead of self service as at last year's. To be considered  
AGM followed by talk by Wilfred Weld on Lulworth Estate

### 8/4/1998 – Committee meeting – Wyndings (Simon & Dorothy Emblen)

Society – Presentation by PJ on CPRE. Thought that this could be part (but not whole) of village talk. PJ to discuss with CPRE  
Mission Hall – Meeting to be called of all interested parties to discuss village lease from Church of Sutton Room

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Village – Discussion on use of garden machinery on Sundays. Agreed that a tactful approach was necessary, to avoid antagonising people who worked all week, with note in Newsletter about “restoring old tradition of not using machinery post-lunch”

Echo report had contained comment by Cllr Brian Ellis about provision of village green in Sutton Poyntz – nothing known

Planning – Revised barn plan submitted, with barn moved to site of existing silos and barn. Objections maintained. Meeting held between Society (plus a consultant Ron Salinger), residents representative, and Planning Officers (Richard Burgess and Rick Slatter). Expected that Planners would oppose plans, but also expectation that it would go to appeal

Report on Greenhill Barton application, but no action required

Application to convert 11 Sutton Rd from store to dwelling. Welcomed in view of present run-down condition

Competitions – Understood there was little interest in the Borough, and a Britain in Bloom entry would probably be abandoned. No action needed

Social – RB organising walk on Portland 4/6, with refreshments at Portland Heights

Mrs Allen to be approached about running Cream Teas again, on 1/8

Barbecue at Springhead 13/9

Finance – Balance £502.90

Suggestion of delaying subscription collection to allow Street Fayre information to be delivered at same time. Left up to individual collectors

Village Fayre – Arrangements for Tombola, with Committee members seeking prizes from local shops

### **28/4/1998 – Committee meeting – The Stables (Ken & Marion Knight)**

Mission Hall – Meeting of all regular users of Sutton Room arranged for 27/5

Planning – Application for house in White Horse Lane behind Springhead. Already outline permission, so no point in objection, but thatch would be requested

Application for bungalow in Stroudley Crescent to be investigated

Barn application to be heard 24/4. Discussion of fee of £296 from Consultant (Mr Salinger), but agreed this was appropriate for a major application. Consultant's report to be circulated

Application for land by Evangelical Church had been refused

Outcome of previous planning application by Haven Caravans to be established

Social – Cream Teas will be arranged by Julie [sic] Allen

Concern that carpark alterations at Springhead could cause difficulties for barbecue. To be investigated

Finance – Balance of about £156

Gift agreed to Richard Meech after operation

Society – CLA literature to be considered at future meeting

Footpaths – Path to White Horse still not marked. Further request to be made

### **May 1998 – Newsletter #81**

Mission Hall – PCC have been considering future of Sutton Room. Hoping village will take it over on short-term lease. Society not able to, but advice from Lois Ray of Dorset Community Council suggests there is a good case for creating a village hall management body eligible for lottery funds. Meeting 27/5 Sutton Room to hear Lois Ray and consider the Hall's future

Street Fayre – Society running tombola – prizes sought by Peter Jones

Finance – Subscriptions unchanged, and due by end of June

Planning – Society arranged meeting between flooding expert and CPO on large barn application

Outline planning permission granted for house on site next to Sutton Room; Church putting land up for sale



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Application for house behind Springhead (outline permission already granted)

Village – Complaints about garden machinery noise, particularly on Sundays, and request to include item in Newsletter. “Apparently an old tradition in Sutton Poyntz” for quiet after lunch on Sundays

Social – Summer walk 4/6 on Portland with Richard Backwell

Cream Teas 1/8

Barbeque at Springhead 13/9

Committee – Distribution: Simon Emblen (Plaisters Lane from Wyndings & Purbeck Lodge), Peter Jones (Plaisters Springbank/Inmosthay to Longmead), Richard Backwell (Sutton Court Lawns, Sutton Close, Plaisters east Pentreath to Waterford House), Christine Gates (Old Bincombe Lane, Plaisters west Dolphins to Clyffe), Ron Birch (Puddledock, Cornhill, Sunnyfields), Richard Meech (Beyond Sunnyfields and Seven Acres), Joyce Litschi (Sutton Rd south from Cart Shed), Ken Knight (Sutton Rd fork to 111 and Springhead and others outside village), Maureen Morris (Mission Hall Lane, 113 Sutton Rd and north of pond)

### 9/6/1998 – Committee meeting – The Rest (Mike & Cathy Pressly)

Footpaths – Concern about state of path to White Horse and also path behind Old Stables.

Agreed to contact Council Officers

Springhead car park – Pile of stones at corner of Springhead small car park to be tidied

Pond – Agreed that open top bins by pond should be bird-proof. Approach to be made to Borough

Mission Hall – First meeting of ‘shadow’ Sutton Room management group planned for 15/6. Discussion of water heater – matter will be raised with PCC representative at meeting on 15/6

Planning – Barn application had been turned down

House next to Evangelical Church also turned down

Building next to 3 Stroudley Crescent also turned down

Meeting with representative of Waterside to try to develop better relationship. Stated that poor relationship in past had been due to Waterside habit of doing things before getting planning permission. Waterside had donated bottle of Scotch for Tombola

Application noted for various works at Bridge Inn. Civic Society had expressed concerns. To be investigated

Agreed to write to CPO about poor state of Manor Farm House

PJ to respond to Agenda 21 questionnaire from County

Village Survey – Meeting 16/6 with Simon Williams (WPBC) and Dorset Community Action Group on Village Plan

Finance – Balance £188.24

Village Fayre – Agreed to donate £10 to Scouts and to RNLI for loan of equipment for Tombola

Social – Village walk very successful

Discussion of open top bus ride next year to Portland Bill next year with cream teas at Lobster Pot

### 9/7/1998 – Committee meeting – Hampton Lodge (Peter & Sue Jones)

Footpaths – Path towards White Horse has been cleared

Understood that landowner does not have responsibility to clear ground cover obstructions such as weeds – to be confirmed

Mission Hall – Agreed not to fund new water heater at Sutton Room while discussions are at early stage

Report on ‘shadow management group’ meeting 27/5. Freehold of Sutton Room vested in St Andrews Church since they took it over in 1925. PCC willing to lease for 30 years at £100 per

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annum, renewable at 5 year intervals. Covenants did not prevent charging for use. John Allen invited to join for financial expertise in preparing business plan for next meeting on 18/8

Competitions – Little enthusiasm for Britain in Bloom entry or Open Gardens. Suggestions of Water Festival, or exhibition of photos and memorabilia at Water Museum. TB and AS tasked to investigate

Village Fayre – Donation made to Scouts, but decided against donation to RNLI

Springhead car park – Proposal to build flower bed around noticeboard at Springhead overflow car park. To be discussed with pub landlord

Planning – Letter written expressing concern about inadequate tree screening, likelihood of noise, impact on neighbours, and increased flooding risk, from proposed works at Bridge Inn  
Letter to be written with concerns about proposed stable at Valley Cottage – smells, waste, flies, access

Haven Caravans application had been turned down

Favourable comment about use of thatch on new house (Mr Seal)

Village Survey – Meeting on Village Plan 16/6 – example from Milton Abbas received.

Council would provide assessment of Sutton Poyntz they had done, along with summary of recent planning decisions

Social – Agreement from Julie [sic] Allen and Miss Saunders to Cream Teas 1/8 – charge £1.50. Agreed £10 donation to charity of Miss Saunders' choice. Jim Willis to be asked for loan of van. Raffle

Barbecue 13/9 at Springhead. Springhead will provide barbecue and Society desserts. Charge £5. To include presentation of Village Fayre donations to charities

Village Fayre – Tombola raised £597. Letter of thanks received from Village Fayre Committee  
Proposed and agreed to send bottle of malt whiskey to Dave Caddy in recognition of his charitable work organising the Street Fayre

Finance – Balance £286.69

### September 1998 – Newsletter #82

Social – Cream Teas 1/8 well attended at Saunders' lawn. Thanks to Julia Allen and helpers, and to Elizabeth Saunders

Barbecue at Springhead (thanks to Peter Smith) 13/9 £5 from Maureen Morris, including meats, salads and dessert; including presentation of Street Fayre donations – £6500 between them to Water Aid, CLIC, and the MRI Scanner appeal, plus £3700 to a total of 16 other charities

Planning – Application for large barn on Puddledock Lane turned down

Some householders have received letters from Mr Seal offering strip of land for sale in what is called "boundary rationalisation". Society has made enquiries, but does not offer any comment

Mission Hall – Working party set up on behalf of hall users, to negotiate lease with PC. Business Plan being drawn up, and will lead to proposals to be put to village meeting

### 3/9/1998 – Committee meeting – Little Acorns (Ron & Aviv Birch)

Footpaths – Confirmed that landowners responsible for overhanging obstructions and obstructions from crops, but not from weeds

Concern about state of paths from Puddledock and from Hunts Yard. Council to be contacted

Mission Hall – Next management meeting 7/9

Social – Cream Teas very successful. £10 sent to Diabetes Association. Some adverse comments about price, but costs only just covered. Same site would not be available next year

Final arrangements for village barbecue

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Request from "Talking Newspaper" organisation to come to talk to Society meeting. Not thought suitable for meeting, but publicity would be given in next Newsletter

Planning – Discussion of restriction on selling farm house on Puddledock, which had got permission on appeal on the basis of being needed for stockman. Understood from Richard Burgess that house could be sold to farmer or retired farmer

Valley Cottage stable approved

Stroudley Crescent – reapplication rejected again

No objection to shed at Hampton Lodge

Discussion on letter written on behalf of Mr Seal, offering land for sale for boundary rationalisation. CPO had stated that agricultural land purchased in this way could strictly not be used for garden. Letter to be written to CPO requesting that there should be no change of conservation boundary as a result

Village Survey – Slow progress on Village Plan. Objective to create village appraisal as Milton Abbas

Pond – Letter sent requesting covered bins

Millennium – List of ideas for Millennium drawn up by TB and AS. Focus should be on ideas to bring people together and to use Wessex Water facilities

Village – Letter to be written to BT about state of telephone box

Concern at state of cart at Springhead. To be investigated

Finance – Balance £402.42

Traffic – Concern at number of cars parked by building site in Sutton Rd. Contact to be made with Community Policeman

### **18/10/1998 – Committee meeting – 3 Sutton Close (Don & Irene Brierley)**

Pond – Response on waste bins, saying the Council thought the present ones satisfactory, as emptied regularly, and also saying insufficient funds. Agreed to keep watch next year

Village – BT had carried out some work to the telephone box. Felt that it still needed painting, and BT would investigate

Millennium – Agreed that Millennium celebration should be run jointly by Society, WI and Street Fayre

Footpaths – County Footpaths Officer contacted on path above Hunts Yard

Reported that new sign for path to White Horse had been vandalised twice, but re-erected

Reported that an offer to Mr Seal to improve signposting to the east of the village had received an unpleasant response

Planning – Correspondence with CPO on possible sale of land to adjacent householders. CPO had confirmed that this land would not be added to the dwelling's curtilage and could not be used for non-agricultural purpose. Some householders had met. Likely outcome was that nothing would happen, as Mr Seal was requiring all householders to agree to purchase

Letter written opposing barn on Puddledock, being appealed

Resubmission by Haven – letter of opposition to be repeated

Window at Mill – David & Maureen Morris had been assured by their architect that their new window was covered by an earlier planning application, so had gone ahead with the work. Retrospective application submitted, opposed by one neighbour. MM's offer to resign was rejected as unnecessary. Society view was that the change had little visual impact as far as the public were concerned

Noted that stone plinth being erected in White Horse Lane, with sign saying for farm vehicles only. To be investigated further

Village Survey – Meeting with Milton Abbas representative to discuss Village Appraisal.

Milton Abbas costs had been covered by North Dorset District Council and Dorset Community Action. Concern that some questions in the Milton Abbas questionnaire were intrusive

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Social – Talk by Terry Hearing on Victorian Dorchester 29/10

Mission Hall – John Allen, acting Treasurer for the management group, was investigating grant availability

### **17/11/1998 – Committee meeting – The Rest (Mike & Cathy Pressly)**

Village – Phone box scheduled for repainting in summer 1999

Millennium – Ideas for millennium celebration, discussed between Society, WI and Street Fayre: photo-montage; Millennium book for villagers to sign; midnight barbecue and torchlight procession; stone plaque (offer from Mr Joliffe to provide stone); exhibition of old photographs; tree planting; large Christmas tree; music festival; production of souvenirs; village scrapbook. TB to continue discussions and come back with a shortlist of firm recommendations. Agreed that Society would contribute funds to selected project

Mission Hall – Sutton Rooms business plan had been written

Village Survey – Discussion of applicability of village appraisal to non-parished village. PJ had Countryside Commission document giving advice – agreed to obtain more copies to inform decision. Agreed that if we go ahead, whole village must be involved. Subcommittee (RM, PJ, MP) to gather views. Agreed to find out if SP could have a parish council

Planning – No objection to extension at 32 Sutton Rd

Rumour that not all representations had been sent to Inspector hearing the Barn appeal – to be checked

Bridge Inn alterations had been done

The Mill alterations approved. Correspondence between Society and a neighbour of The Mill Further discussion of state of Manor Farm Cottage

Concern that new building in White Horse Lane was larger than applied for. Need to exercise care in checking future applications, and in understanding of regulations

Social – Decided not to invite Governor of HMYOP, or of HMP Dorchester, to speak.

Possibility of talk by Mr T Turner of HMP The Verne to be investigate

Arrangements for Christmas Party, 11/12 in Sutton Room. Entertainment by Chris Galpin's panto troupe. Charge of £2. Chinese raffle

Finance – Balance £460.79

Traffic – Further consideration of stone plinth and sign on White Horse Lane. No action to be taken

Pond – One tree removed – comment that this had been done badly

### **December 1998 – Newsletter #83**

Social – Christmas party 11/12 Sutton Room £2 including mulled wine and entertainment by Chris Galpin's Panto Group

Society – Appeal on behalf of South West Dorset Talking Newspaper group

Mission Hall – Still working towards proposal

Village – Society complained to BT about state of telephone box – now cleaned and broken pane replaced

Footpaths – Several complaints about footpath state passed on to authorities. Advice to keep using footpaths

Planning – Appeal lodged by Mr Seal over application for large barn

### **2/12/1998 – Village appraisal meeting – The Mill (David & Maureen Morris)**

Village Survey – Booklet "Helping you to understand your Community" had been distributed. After lengthy discussion, decided against undertaking village appraisal. However, strong support for idea of responding to original request from CPO for village input to Local Plan review. Agreed that sub-committee of MP, RM and PJ would propose structure for this.

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Village – Suggestion that cart at Springhead should be given handed over [sic] to landlord. SE to talk to Pete Smith. Support for idea of displaying named back plate of cart at Sutton Room

### **19/1/1999 – Committee meeting – Sutton Lodge (Tony & Pat Bugler)**

Social – Governor of HP The Verne to be invited to give talk in February

Discussion of annual pattern of events, with some (e.g. Christmas Party) not well attended.

Agreed programme consisting of summer walk, Cream Tea, autumn event (possibly Barn Dance), plus speaker at AGM. Mr G Poole would be invited as speaker at AGM (20/4), or failing that Mr Roy Adams of Society of Dorset Men

Suggestion of outing to Iron Acton and Berkeley Castle, perhaps in summer 2000

Skittle match against Upwey Society to be organised in March

Springhead car park – Concern about cars parked in Springhead overflow car park. Landlord had requested that ones parked by Cart Shed should be removed. Another car had already been removed

Pond – Stump of cut down willow had now been removed by Council

Village – Agreed that cart should be left in the care of Springhead landlord

Mission Hall – Sutton Room working party had agreed in principle to a 30 year lease. Public meeting 4/2, to obtain approval for scheme and appoint Management Committee

Planning – No objection to proposed extension at Bridge Inn, but representation asking for care over site traffic and noise

No objection to extension to cottage in Bridge Inn Lane

No objection to 3-bedroom house in Mission Hall Lane, but request for thatch, and concern over traffic

No objection to new garage at 68 Sutton Rd

Third application for house next to 3 Stroudley Crescent had been turned down

Concerns expressed over height of some new houses (e.g. in White Horse Lane and next to Old Orchard). Planning sub-committee to pay particular attention to this

Concern at partial demolition of wall in Mission Hall Lane, belonging to Mrs Coombes. Legal situation to be checked with Planning Department

Finance – Balance £448.59

### **2/3/1999 – Committee meeting – 3 Sutton Close (Don & Irene Brierley)**

Social – Governor of The Verne not available

Skittle match with Upwey Society 11/3 at Masons Arms

Plans for Barn Dance in Sept/Oct

AGM 15/4 with Geoffrey Poole as guest speaker

Cream Teas 31/7 or 7/8, perhaps at The Rest or front garden of Old Stables

Village Survey – Ideas for Village Structure Plan circulated and discussed. Some specific points: name of Sutton Room/Mission Hall; need to encourage thatch; use of photographs in final document. Agreed that document would not suggest specific sites for development.

Estimated cost of production £223; at least 50 copies would be required. Agreed to carry on, with draft to be presented at AGM

Planning – Further letter to Planning Office asking that height of new house in Mission Hall Lane should not exceed that in plans

New application for development at rear of 15/17 Verlands – to be considered

Assurance that all representations on the Barn had been passed on by Planning Office

Millennium – Joint village group had not met to discuss Millennium celebration. TB hoping newsletter could be circulated with questionnaire inviting ideas and comments. TB discussing tree planting scheme, and also showed artist's impression of stone village sign – well received

Suggestion that PCC should erect flagpole to mark Millennium

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Village – Rumours of introduction of “smokeless zone” status to be investigated

Mission Hall – Village Hall Committee appointed at village meeting 4/2. SE as Society representative. About £1500 would need to be raised for the project to go ahead.

Discussions held about legal arrangements

Request that Whist Club card tables should not be used by other organisations. Meeting to be arranged

Finance – Savings £2619.86

Agreed that subscriptions should be unchanged

Footpaths – Noted that farmer had given personal permission to some riders, which does not contravene status as footpaths

Pond – Approach from model boat club wanting to use pond, once or twice a year. Response that Society had no authority to approve this, but that neighbours had given cautious approval

### April 1999 – Newsletter #84

Social – Talk by Geoffrey Poole on “Dorset you may not have noticed” after AGM 15/4  
Mission Hall

Summer Walk to be arranged by Richard Backwell in June

Cream Teas being organised

Barn Dance to be arranged

Any other ideas to Maureen Morris

Planning – Society invited to submit proposals for Sutton Poyntz for consideration for revised local structure plan. Final draft nearing completion, and will be displayed at AGM

Appeal for large barn turned down

Village – Volunteers sought to help National Spring Clean (anti-litter campaign)

Millennium – Working party has been set up to look at ways of celebrating Millennium; representatives from Street Fayre, WI and Society, with Dave Caddy Chairman. List of ideas being circulated

Mission Hall – Management Committee set up with Norman Brown as Chairman. Society’s representative is Simon Emblen

### 15/4/1999 – AGM – Mission Hall [sic]

52 members present

Report – Social events including summer walk, cream tea, barbecue and Christmas Party. Very successful Street Fayre for which Society ran tombola. Ideas being formulated for Millennium celebration – Newsletter sent out. Planning applications dealt with including Barn development, for which consultant had been employed – appeal had been turned down; house on White Horse Lane; house on Old Orchard site.

Planning – Application for development behind Mission Hall, despite reassurances received from PCC at meeting on 24/11. Meeting planned with Vicar 21/4

Village Survey – Draft of Village Survey on display. Copies will be sent to Planning Department, and will be available for villagers to buy

Mission Hall – Report by Norman Brown, new Chairman of Village Hall Management Committee – awaiting some legal clarification of some points before applying for grants. Hall to be known as Mission Hall

Finance – Accounts presented

No change to subscription

Committee – Maureen Tepper had resigned but other members as before. Julie [sic] Allen volunteered and was elected with existing committee

Social – Wine served, followed by talk “Dorset you may not have noticed” by Geoffrey Poole



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### 5/5/1999 – Committee meeting – Old Stables (Ken & Marion Knight)

Committee – Mike Pressly (Chairman), Don Brierley (Secretary), Simon Emblen (Treasurer), Maureen Morris (Social Secretary), Richard Meech (Vice Chairman), Joyce Litschi (Membership Secretary)

Village – Request from Wessex Water for plan of proposed tree planting in field next to Waterworks. Proposal likely to be supported

Possible source of replacement cart wheels, but not for sale

Millennium – Strong support for proposal for stone village sign for Millennium. Mr Joliffe prepared to donate stone – letter carving by Weymouth College. Agreed in principle to fund this, but cost not yet known

Also support for large Christmas Tree to be erected in Springhead subsidiary car park

Planning – Appeal on barn application refused

No objection to garage at 68 Sutton Rd

No objection to conservatory at Old Orchard

No objection to proposed cottage at junction of Mission Hall Lane and Plaisters

Strong objection to proposed house behind Mission Hall. Planning Committee hearing 26/5

Check to be made whether any revisions to Dorset Structure Plan concerned Sutton Poyntz

Village Survey – Village Survey distributed and reviewed. Praise for work by MP, RM and PJ.

Agreed to provide copies to Planning Department (3 copies), Civic Society, CPRE, DCC, Rector, and County Records Office. Proposed to offer presentation to Borough Officers and Councillors. Grant to be applied for from Dorset Community Action. Discussion of price agreed to charge £7. Print setting-up costs of £275 to be paid, and 30 additional copies to be printed

Mission Hall – Village Hall Committee letter to Vicar about proposed development behind Hall, with other possible uses of land

Agreement to make contribution to cost of flagpole

Social – Barn Dance at Preston Village Hall 2/10

Cream Teas at Old Stables 31/7

Village walk 14 or 15/6, from Ship Inn, Upwey

Arrangements for open top bus ride Overcombe to Portland 6 or 13/7

Pond – Agreed to discuss state of pond at next meeting, with working party

Concern about scum in stream at fork, but Borough had said it was probably decaying algae

Thanks expressed to 2<sup>nd</sup> Preston Brownies and Mrs M Bond for a litter pick in the area of the pond

Footpaths – Agreed to discuss path between Fox Cottage and Plaisters at next meeting

### June 1999 – Newsletter #85

Committee – Michael Pressly (Chairman), Richard Meech (Vice Chairman), Don Brierley (Secretary), Simon Emblen (Treasurer), Maureen Morris (Social Secretary), Julia Allen, Richard Backwell, Ron Birch, Tony Bugler, Peter Jones, Ken Knight, Joyce Litschi, Alan Simpson. Maureen Tapper [sic] had resigned, replaced by Julia Allen.

Social – Talk after AGM “Dorset you may not have noticed” by Geoffrey Poole

Summer Walk 15/6 at Old Ship Inn, Upwey

Outing to Portland Bill by bus, with walk and Dorset Cream Teas at Lobster Pot 6/7

Cream Teas 31/7 at Old Stables (Marion & Ken Knight)

Barn Dance 2/10 at Preston Village Hall

Planning – At meeting with Council in 1997, Richard Burgess, CPO, suggested Society could prepare report on Sutton Poyntz, to feed in to Local Structure Plan revision. Working party consisting of Michael Pressly, Richard Meech and Peter Jones. Draft displayed at AGM and welcomed. Final version now printed and sent to Borough, County, CPRE and others.

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Congratulations received from CPO, and proposal for Working Party to present to officers and councillors. Copies of Village Survey available for £7

Outcry against application to develop site at rear of Mission Hall caused Rector to call open meeting. Society lodged strong objection, and will speak at Planning Committee meeting  
Society supported application to replace industrial unit at corner of Mission Hall/Plaisters with house

Village – Thanks to Maureen Bond and 2<sup>nd</sup> Preston Brownie Pack for litter pick

Pond – Working party being assembled to clear debris from pond. Contact Julia Allen

### 16/6/1999 – Committee meeting – The Rest (Mike & Cathy Pressly)

Planning – Nothing relevant in County Structure Plan revisions

Waterside application to extend period of use of touring caravan area. Objection, pointing out that this conflicted with the Local Plan

Response from Rector on house behind Mission Hall – application has now been withdrawn.

Agreed to respond stressing the importance of the orchard and of the land as amenity. Also agreed to discuss response with the Village Hall Committee

No objection to proposed Church Hall next to Manor Farm

Village Survey – Meeting arranged to present Village Survey to Councillors and Officers at Mission Hall 7/7. An extra copy had been sent to CPRE; also agreed to end a copy to village WI. Delegated power to Chairman to order more copies if necessary. Sales to start 1/7

Social – Agreed to go ahead with Barn Dance plan, booking band, obtaining licence, ordering drink, etc. Fish & chips from Littlemoor. 100 tickets at £7 including food and glass of wine.

Discussion of donating profits to Mission Hall fund, but agreed to not have direct link

Very successful walk 15/6

Bus ride 6/7 (unless weather bad)

Village – Christmas Tree on Springhead overflow car park, or on Mrs Harbour's lawn. Rector had agreed service with procession and choir – date to be agreed. WI planning ploughman's lunch event to raise money for tree.

Millennium – Strong Millennium Book will be placed in Mission Hall for signatures. Plan for photographic exhibition

DCC Trees Officer and Wessex Water liaising about proposed Millennium tree planting.

Favoured site was in the second field up from Fox Cottage

Proposal for a New Year's Day walk to mark the bounds of the village

Pond – Concern about state of pond banks. Working party organised to clear rubbish from accessible parts of pond. Report to be written on state of pond

Footpaths – Decided against any action on path behind Mission Hall

Finance – Balance 352.32. £480 owed for Village Survey printing – subscription collecting therefore urgent

Traffic – Concern about old wagon and cars on Plaisters

### 20/7/1999 – Committee meeting – The Mill (Maureen & David Morris)

Footpaths – Further discussion on path behind Mission Hall – agreed to await decision on possible development

Pond – Visit by Dorset Wildlife Trust representative – holes in bank made by water voles – further report awaited

Mission Hall – Lease not signed as boundaries awaiting definition

Planning – Understood that a revised planning application will be submitted by PCC, on instructions of Diocese, for land behind Mission Hall

Successful appeal for development at 3 Stroudley Crescent

Application relating to 5 Sutton Close referred to Planning Sub-committee

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Information to be sought about village greens, to see if land between Puddledock and river could be registered

Millennium – Christmas Tree price £50-£60

Investigating transportation of stone sign for letter cutting at Weymouth College. Planning permission would be needed

Village Survey – 80 copies sold or distributed. Further 30 copies ordered. Grant obtained of £160 from Dorset Community Action

Meeting with Councillors and Officers 7/7 – slight concern that responses had been vague, particularly on problem of flooding. Suggestion of survey of river to provide report to WPBC on potential problem areas, but no action agreed. Agreed to conduct traffic survey. Further meeting intended in October

Social – Enjoyable bus trip to Portland 6/7

Cream Teas planning – loan of Jim Willis's van – raffle – bunting

Finance – Balance £69.23

Traffic – Noted that sand had been dumped on road by supplier to Joliffe building site, but steps being taken to remove it

Village – Mrs Harbour's display cabinet to be refurbished

Society noticeboard had been refurbished

Report that rubbish had been dumped on ridgeway track towards Broadmayne road. WDDC to be alerted

Complaint of increasing amount of dog mess

### **2/9/1999 – Committee meeting – Julia Allen's house**

Cards – Agreed to get repeat order of village postcards

Millennium – WI had raised enough money for Christmas Tree

Tree planting agreed by all parties, in second field. Letter to be sent expressing Society's preference for first field. Liaison with DCC over supply of oaks. Society to be responsible for maintenance of fencing around trees

Idea that photo exhibition will include photos of villagers when young, as a competition

Traffic – Survey carried out 23/8 – analysis to show volumes of local traffic, traffic flowing through the village, and traffic visiting the village

Pond – DWT report received and reviewed. Thought that wider consultation needed before taking any action. Sub-committee enlarged. Enquiries to be made about availability of funding

Village Survey – 108 copies sold or distributed, with 6 still available. Agreed to order 10 more

Planning – Application for house at rear of Mission Hall turned down by Planning Committee

Application to extend dates of touring caravans at Waterside approved. Disappointment expressed

Discussion of work at old Chapel, following representation by neighbour. Agreed that Society did not need to get involved

Noted that use of thatch wherever possible on new properties was the Society policy

Mission Hall – Negotiations on lease continuing. Lease will allow additional land to be added if development application is eventually unsuccessful

Social – Arrangements for Barn Dance 2/10 all in hand. Wine £1 per glass or £5 per bottle; beer £1.50 per pint. Terry Tebbit [sic] to be asked to organise raffle

Cream Teas very successful. Agreed to organise late in August next year

### **October 1999 – Newsletter #86**

Social – Barn Dance 2/10 Preston Village Hall with Jump to the Sun £7 from Maureen Morris, including supper and initial drink

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Millennium – Various ideas being investigated by working party – Stone sign at village entrance, large Christmas tree at north end of pond (WI has allocated funds for tree, hoped for carol singing service), photographic exhibition (photos to Dave Caddy, Tony Bugler, or WI Committee), book for residents to sign, avenue of oaks by track beyond Fox Cottage (negotiations well advanced with Wessex Water and County Council – first field not suitable because of archaeological importance), beating of bounds organised by Richard Backwell  
Planning – Plans for 4-bedroom house behind Mission Hall rejected by Planning Committee  
Objection submitted to application by Waterside to extend touring caravan season.  
Permission granted

Presentation made to Council on Village Survey. Richard Burgess, Director of Environmental Services, has prepared report, and Council will give formal response. Copies of Survey available from Mike Pressly

Traffic – Arising from Village Survey, proposal that Society conduct traffic survey

Mission Hall – Negotiations continuing with intention for 30 year lease. Cleaner sought – contact Maureen Morris

Pond – Working party have cleaned pond, but concern about long-term condition. Advice sought from Dorset Wildlife Trust, who commissioned report. Some interesting and some controversial recommendations e.g. removal of goldfish and reduction of duck numbers to encourage other wildlife. Report sent to Borough Council, Wessex Water and Environmental Agency

Duck eggs available from Dave Caddy

Village – Telephone box now repainted.

Jack Noden-Wilkinson has refurbished Society noticeboard

### **14/10/1999 – Committee meeting – Hampton Lodge (Peter & Sue Jones)**

Village – Farmer will remove rubbish tipped on ridgeway track, when he has finished ploughing

Traffic Survey – Second survey to be undertaken 18/10

Pond – Bronwen Bruce of DWT was supposed to be contacting interested parties and authorities. Progress will be checked. Agreed to send a copy of the report to WPBC

Millennium – Wessex Water agreed to transport sign to Weymouth College. Discussion of inscription, with preference for something simple, with date

10 oaks to be planted in second field. Cost £25 per tree including protective fence. Mr Lunn agreed to erect fencing. Agreed to fund this – offers of sponsorship from individuals already made

Society agreed to fund lights for Christmas Tree

Planning – Application to widen access onto Mission Hall Lane from the land next to Mission Hall had been refused

Social – Barn Dance cancelled due to poor response (only 16 ticket sales confirmed). Cost in excess of £75

Decided to run Cream Teas next year in Orchard behind Mission Hall

Visit to Wessex Water Museum to be organised 2/12

Finance – Balance £240.85

### **18/11/1999 – Pond meeting – Pondsides**

Meeting with representatives of DWT, WPBC and Environment Agency

Agreed to leave grass fringes longer as cover for water voles

WPBC intention to thin willow to four trees, which will then be regularly pollarded

Agreed not to restock goldfish, in order to encourage invertebrate life

DWT will approach Wessex Water for loan of machinery to dredge silt from pond

Noted that duck population increasing, including wild mallards

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DWT willing to provide “spikes and faggots” to allow planting of pond-side plants to protect edges

### **23/11/1999 – Committee meeting – Wyndings (Simon & Dorothy Emblen)**

Millennium – Planning permission not needed for stone sign, as classified as replacement for existing sign. Mr Joliffe to level site and install stone. Wording simply “Sutton Poyntz” – no room for date

Christmas Tree to be delivered 17/12. Millennium Committee to select light. Limit of £100 agreed, out of total of £500 allocated for Millennium activities

DCC Trees Officer absent from work, so progress on oaks stalled, but now going again through another County Officer

Wessex Water Museum opening 3/1

New Years Day walk to be arranged, with certificates for participants

Cards – Now discovered there were already numbers of the old cards unsold.. Agreed to sell for 20p via pub and other outlets

Traffic – Traffic survey analysis taking time

Social – Wessex Water Museum and coffee morning 2/12 – admission £1. Terry Tebbit [sic] to be approached about running raffle

Ideas sought for possible speakers in Feb/March

Planning – Local Plan consultation meeting at Mission Hall 25/11 – one of a series organised by Borough

Meeting to be arranged with Colin Ellis, Conservation Officer, on possible extension of Conservation Area

Mission Hall – Lease now signed

Discussion on water heater – Society could provide funds if asked by Hall Committee

Footpaths – Discussion of state of some gates and stiles and also at poor access for dogs to field behind Hunt’s yard – Jack de C to be contacted

### **January 2000 – Newsletter #87**

Millennium – Well attended events; stone sign and ten oaks in place in time. Congratulations and thanks to team – Dave Caddy, Judy Backwell, Pat Bugler, Maureen Reynolds, Tony Bugler and Richard Backwell. Also thanks to Wessex Water for allowing oak planting and transporting stone sign, Dorset CC for tree planting, Mr Lunn for fencing, British Gas for beacon by pond, Alan Joliffe for piece of Portland stone and for preparing site for sign, and Weymouth College and Alan Wolsey for letter cutting and dressing. Sponsorship of trees possible, at £25 per tree.

Richard Backwell organised two New Year’s Day walks – certificates available

Planning – Proposal by Borough Council to extend Conservation Area. Colin Ellis, Conservation Officer, to speak on subject 20/1 in Mission Hall

Traffic – Two traffic surveys complete and now being analysed by John & Julia Allen

Street Fayre – Open evening 27/1 Mission Hall to discuss 2000 Street Fayre

Village – Thanks to Fredy Litschi for making foundation for bus stop seat

### **18/1/2000 – Committee meeting – The Mill**

Cards – Have been on sale at 15p. Agreed to confirm 20p

Traffic – Analysis shows through traffic was 17% of total on the first survey day

Footpaths – Confirmed that there is no right of access for dogs

Mission Hall – Hall Committee not intending to carry out works at present

Charity status applied for

Planning – Meeting 20/1 to discuss extension to Conservation Area

Application by PCC for turning area at Mission Hall passed

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Pond – DWT intending to carry out work after end of February. Agreed to hold pond-side open meeting 19/2 to inform villagers

Millennium – Good response to appeal for sponsors for oak trees – Dave Caddy, Ken Knight, Richard Backwell, John Waghorn, Simon Emblen, Joyce Litschi, Maureen Morris, Mike Pressly, Morag Griffiths, Norman Brown, and the village WI.

Social – Discussion of Society's role, with other village organisations running social events. Agreed to maintain AGM, summer walk, cream teas and a Christmas event

Finance – Balance £136.70. Cost of stone will be taken from savings account

Village Fayre – Society to run tombola again

### **23/2/2000 – Committee meeting – 3 Sutton Close (Don & Irene Brierley)**

Planning – Extension of Conservation Area supported by Society had been approved by Environment Committee and now goes to full Council. If approved, Society would ask for extension into West Dorset

Resubmission of application for stable at Valley Cottage – earlier comments to be repeated  
Question asked about pig-keeping. Check to be made whether local authority permission needed

State of one cottage by pond discussed, but not in Society's remit

Pond – First stage of "spike & faggot" work complete. Next stage in April

Village – Dog mess notices put up, but impact seems modest

Owner of stable down Church Road will be contacted about damage to daffodils at Preston Rd/Sutton Rd junction

Society – Paper on future of Society circulated. Options considered (i) status quo – Committee elected by AGM who then appoint Officers – committee deal with planning, social functions (ii) Planning and environmental only, leaving social activities to other village organisations, avoiding competition particularly with Mission Hall Committee (iii) Amalgamation with Mission Hall Management Committee, allowing Society funds to be transferred to speed up development of Hall – possibility of Street Fayre Committee also combining (iv) winding up Society as having outlived usefulness. After discussion, agreed to maintain Society, acting as watchdog over official bodies, providing village communications, promoting good planning and environmental practice, and running some social events (as last meeting, perhaps with occasional events such as Barn Dance)

Agreed that AGM notice should invite nominations for Officers and Committee, with existing Committee members also needing to be nominated. Committee to be limited to 10 plus 3 officers. If no nomination for n Office, Committee would appoint

Social – Martin Fielding to be invited as guest speaker at AGM (6/4). Wine to be provided

Mission Hall – Architect commissioned to draw up plans for refurbishment

Traffic – Traffic survey data distributed

Owner of car parked by pond will be asked to move it

Finance – Agreed to make £10 donation to DWT

### **March 2000 – Newsletter #88**

Social – Talk by Martin Fielding "My life as a vet" after AGM 6/4 Mission Hall

Committee – Michael Pressly standing down as Chairman having served 3 years

Pond – Work bein done to improve pond by Dorset Wildlife Trust, introducing 'spikes & faggots' to enable planting.

Borough will manage willows and grass verges

Wessex Water to be asked for help dredging and removing silt



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### **22/3/2000 – Committee meeting – Little Acorns (Ron & Aviv Birch)**

Traffic – Report on traffic survey to be produced, and supplied to Borough Council at meeting to be arranged

Social – Martin Fielding will speak at AGM on his life as a Dorset vet.

Walk from Wareham Quay 17/5. Idea of day-long walk in July, perhaps along Ballard Down returning by railway

Cream Teas 5/8 – venue to be decided

Society – 14 nominations for Committee

Mission Hall – Management Committee had received Charity status

Agreed to suggest purchase on behalf of village of orchard behind Mission Hall

Planning – Some concerns expressed about extension to Skinners' house, but no objection to principle

Understood that developer was trying to change style of house at corner of Mission Hall Lane/Plaisters, using render/tile rather than stone/thatch. Also concern about damage to lane caused by excavations of footings

No objection to external alarm at Sutton House

Farmers do not need authority permission for pig keeping, but non-farmers would probably require a licence

Finance – Balance £274.15

Village – Proposal of stone village sign on Plaisters to be considered at later meeting

Idea of planting snowdrops around village

### **6/4/2000 – AGM – Mission Hall**

53 members present

Report – Village Survey, 108 copies sold, well received, arguably led to extension of Conservation Area – Responses to number of planning applications, of which development behind Mission Hall was most controversial – Pond report by DWT and works, but resisted recommendation to remove ducks – Traffic survey – Social events held, but Barn Dance cancelled – Millennium events, oaks, stone sign – Purchase of postcards

Finance – Exceptional items this year connected with Village Survey and Millennium celebrations

Subscriptions unchanged

Committee – Ron Birch, Richard Backwell and Mike Pressly standing down. Joyce Litschi (Chairman), Peter Jones (Vice Chairman), Simon Emblen (Treasurer), Don Brierley (Secretary) elected. Julia Allen, Tony Bugler, Clive Davis [sic], David Emery, Vic Farrant, Michael Haine, Ken Knight, Richard Meech, Maureen Morris, Alan Simpson and David Wynn-Williams all elected

Social – Talk by Martin Fielding on his life as a Dorset vet

### **13/4/2000 – Committee meeting – Hampton Lodge (Peter & Sue Jones)**

Village Fayre – Concern (as result of operation to Alan Simpson) about who was managing the Tombola

Planning – Letter from Mrs Skinner with complaint about Society comments on extension to 115 Sutton Rd. Reply to say that Society did not object to principle of extension, but wished to retain qualities of an important part of the village

Planning Office to be approached to check on any changes to plan for house on corner of Mission Hall/Plaisters Lanes. Also, BT to be contacted about plans for telephone wires crossing site

Questions of adequacy of soak-aways planned for stable at Valley Cottage

Planning sub-committee membership: JL, PJ, MM, RM, TB. Mike Pressly to be co-opted.

Social – Walk 17/5

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Cream Teas 5/8 at Emerys' garden. PJ to organise raffle

Committee – Revised collection areas agreed

Pond – Repairs to bench agreed

DWT will be planting marginals around pond 18-19/4

Society – Agreed to continue holding Committee meetings in members' houses, to avoid cost of hiring Mission Hall

### May 2000 – Newsletter #89

Committee – Retiring Chairman Michael Pressly thanked committee, especially Ron Birch and Richard Backwell who were retiring from committee.

Committee as above

Distribution: Simon Emblen (Plaisters from Wyndings/Purbeck Lodge up), Peter Jones (Plaisters from Longmead/Springbank/Inmosthay up), Richard Backwell & David Wynne-Williams (Sutton Court Lawns, Sutton Close, Plaisters Pentreath-Waterford), Christine Gates (OBL, Plaisters Dolphns-Clyffe), Clive Davies (Puddledock, Cornhill, Sunnyfields), Richard Meech (Seven Acres & beyond Sunnyfields), Joyce Litschi (Brookmead, Sutton Rd Cart Shed south), Julia Allen (Silver Street and round pond), Ken Knight (Sutton Rd fork-Northdown & outside village), Maureen Morris (Mission Hall Lane, north of pond)

Social – Summer walk 17/5 at Wareham, led by Richard Backwell

Day-long expedition in July, from Ballard Down returning by Swanage Railway

German lessons with Fredy Litschi starting 6/9 Mission Hall

Street Fayre – Society running Tombola, seeking prizes

### 24/5/2000 – Committee meeting – Sutton Lodge (Tony & Pat Bugler)

Village Fayre – John Sutherland had agreed to coordinate Tombola

Planning – Response from BT saying arrangements for telephone wires would be up to developer and then occupants

Revised plan being submitted for 115 Sutton Rd – to be reviewed. Agreed to make clear to Skinners that original plans not turned down because of Society, and to remind them of impact of living in Conservation Area

Agreed in future to offer for Planning Subcommittee to meet people submitting applications

No objection to proposed Mission Hall extension but request that materials should be in sympathy

Ditto for extension and conservatory for Church House [sic]

Objection to proposed telecommunications mast above Coombe Valley due to impact on AONB

Pond – Discussions with Council Officer about moving the bench to where the ground was firmer

Social – Successful walk 17/5

Finance – Balance £239.61

Village – Agreed that Society would get Christmas Tree this year. Cream Teas raffle to be devoted to this. Concern at siting last Christmas – preference for green outside Mrs Harbour's house

Agreed not to pursue idea of stone village sign at top of Plaisters

Discussion of trying to get funding for a village green at rear of Mission Hall. Probably more a Mission Hall Committee task, but agreed to contact Dorset Community Action for advice  
Suggestion of village (i.e. villagers) photograph

Agreed that village could not contribute anything useful to County's Dorset Architectural Heritage Week

Village Survey – MP had made up shortfall of £49 on sale. Agreed to reimburse him, while noting that he was to some extent responsible for the shortfall

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Mission Hall – Kitchen had been donated, and WI had raised £500, but no grants yet obtained. Agreed that Society would pledge a further £500

Traffic – Discussion of damage done by building contractors' lorries to Sutton Road. Vic Farrant to produce paper for future meeting

### 19/7/2000 – Committee meeting – Felix House (Ruth & Clive Davies)

Planning – Meeting with Mrs Skinner to try to clear the air.

Agreed that future Newsletter should explain planning process, and say that Society would be happy to meet potential applicants

No objection in principle to development next to Evangelical Church, but some concerns at increased traffic, flood risk, and loss of trees. Council to be contacted if site traffic parked on Sutton Rd caused any problem

Rumour that Mr Seal's stockman cottage had been sold. No information

Village Fayre – Tombola raised £851.15

Pond – Report that some enthusiastic people were planting inappropriate plants in pond.

DWT information to be included in next Newsletter

Village – Established that Lottery grants for village greens not now available. Alternative funding sources being investigated

Michael Drake had offered a flower box for the village stone sign, and to keep it stocked.

Accepted gratefully

Village photo discussed, but thought too difficult

Proposal that British Gas beacon donated for Millennium should be sited above village.

Wessex Water would want reimbursement of cost of legal agreement (~£100). Mr Lunn

willing to help with erection. Agreed that Society should not be involved

Social – Successful day walk organised by Richard Backwell 17/7

Arrangements for Cream Teas 5/8 at Fox Cottage. Price £1.50. Raffle. Tables and chairs from Mission Hall and other places

### August 2000 – Newsletter #90

Pond – DWT work to safeguard wildlife, particularly water vole, at pond on TV. Concerned about inappropriate species placed there by well-wishers, representing threat. List of these non-native species given

Planning – Talk earlier in year by Conservation Officer, and support by village for extension of Conservation Area. Now approved, with extension north and west

Clarification of Society's procedures – Society is notified by Council; Society's Planning sub-committee generates response and will discuss with applicant if requested; may consult experts for large or controversial proposals; seeks balanced view of each individual application; cannot be accused of negative view of all applications

Street Fayre – Raised £9000 for distribution – cheques to be handed out 12/9 at Waterworks Museum. Thanks to all helpers. Society raised £850 – thanks particularly to John Sutherland

Social – Day-long walk arranged by Richard Backwell – Corfe to Swanage returning by train, with cream tea. Well supported

Cream Teas 5/8 at Fox Cottage & Springfield Cottage. Raffle raised money for village Christmas Tree. Thanks to Emerys and Haines, and also to Julia Allen, Maureen Morris, and other tea makers, and to Jim Willis and transport team (Jim, with John Allen riding 'shotgun' had dashed to Osmington to rescue Mission Hall tables snatched by marauding fêters from Osmington)

### 9/10/2000 – Committee meeting – Julia Allen's house

Pond – Concern that DWT work was causing build up of chemicals, to detriment of wildlife.

Had seen dead vole, and feared fish numbers in decline. Agreed to seek DWT advice

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Village – Further discussion of resiting of beacon, but previous decision confirmed  
Understood that Pete Smith had applied for full entertainment licence just before leaving Springhead. Situation to be kept under review  
Request made to Pete Smith to return artefacts donated by Col Poyntz, currently displayed at pub. To be chased  
Dave Caddy willing to supply bins by the pond with lids. Borough Council to be asked to provide suitable container  
Millennium – Check to be made about plaques for millennium oaks. DCC Trees Officer to be contacted about state of one oak  
Believed Millennium Book held by Norman Brown, to be displayed in Mission Hall after refurbishment  
Social – Christmas coffee morning 5/12 in Mission Hall. Charge £1.50. Tea, coffee and wine. Raffle  
Invitation to be issued to Roy Adams to speak at AGM – 5 or 19/4  
Finance – Balance £592.79  
Signatories agreed  
Donation of £250 from Waterside Caravans will be passed on to Mission Hall  
Donation of £25 agreed to DWT Red Squirrel appeal  
Village Fayre – Surprise that only £1500 donated to Mission Hall  
John Sutherland to be approached about being Society representative on Street Fayre Committee  
Competitions – Agreed not to enter Britain in Bloom  
Traffic – In spite of numerous requests for Council to deal properly with springs emerging in Sutton Rd, only patch-work had been done  
Letter to be written to Highways Department, supporting request by Buckley's of Fuschia Cottage for Mission Hall Lane to be made 'access only'  
Council to be contacted about repainting of white lines at end of Puddledock  
Council to be contacted about village name sign on Plaisters  
Village Survey – Agreed to submit copy of report for Dorset Book competition  
Planning – Discussion of candidates for Civic Society award – Corner Cottage or refurbished cottages on Sutton Rd  
Mission Hall – Understood that Lottery Grant deadline had been extended, and that quotations were being obtained

### November 2000 – Newsletter #91

Social – Coffee morning 5/12 Mission Hall £1.50 with punch. Raffle  
Carols around Christmas Tree 21/12 followed by mince pies & wine in Mission Hall  
Roy Adam, Chairman of Society of Dorst Men, to speak after AGM 29/4  
Planning – Concern about land opposite Millers Close, possibly being prepared for development. New owner is tidying site, with no intention for planning application  
Flooding – Concerns after recent heavy rain, particularly for area near fork. Onus of keeping Jordan free lies with riparian owners – Borough can require owners to take action. Council have a plan for improvements, but no money  
Village – Congratulations to Lucy Emery for Young Environmentalist Award from Civic Society for research on silver-studded blue butterfly on Winfrith Heath  
Also to owners of Manor Farm Cottage for restoration work  
Website – Village has site on [www.uk.villages.co.uk](http://www.uk.villages.co.uk), thanks to Peter Jones

### 21/11/2000 Committee meeting – Alan Simpson's house

Pond – Assured by DWT that concerns about pond work not justified  
Council had agreed to provide bin with cover

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Offer from villager of fish for pond. Suggestion that lilies should be grown, as cover for fish. Explained that lilies had failed to grow in the past, due to water flow

Social – Roy Adams to speak at AGM on 18/4

Christmas coffee/punch party arrangements – raffle

Society will purchase village Christmas Tree, but not clear who will arrange Carol Singing.

Contact to be made with Mission Hall Committee

Richard Backwell to be invited to give talk on Mont Blanc

Traffic – Survey report had been sent to Council

Council had agreed to paint white lines

Village – Reported that Col Poyntz pictures still on display in pub, but new landlord was aware of ownership

Seminar on renewable energy at Preston Village Hall attended by Julia Allen. Only 3 people attended, and no one from Council

Congratulations to Civic Society award to Lucy Emery, for report on Blue-studded butterfly

Village Green grant not available from Countryside Agency

Repeated concern about damage by horses to verge at Sutton Rd/Preston Rd junction

Planning – Successful appeal by Skinners. Understood Council had not been represented when Inspector visited the site.

Concern at works being done to land above river (opposite Millers Close) recently bought by Mr Porter. Confirmed that Mr Porter had no development ambitions for land

Civic Society award to owners of Manor Farm Cottage

Rumours about sale of field next to Springhead to be investigated

### **17/1/2001 – Committee meeting – 3 Sutton Close (Don & Irene Brierley)**

Social – Richard Backwell to speak on Dorset Expeditionary Society work 8/3

Village – Discussions with Mr Seal's agents (Bradens), but no information will be released about land next to Springhead until detailed enquiry made. To be supplied

Correspondence between Peter Riley and Council noted, concerning flood prevention. Work to Jordan not likely

Noted that new bins had been placed around the pond, but they did not have lids. Further contact with Council requested

Committee – PJ, MM and DB will be resigning. MH to be proposed for Vice Chairman and JA as Social Secretary. John Sutherland to be approached as potential Secretary

Planning – Representation in favour of barn conversion at Northdown Farmhouse, but asking for thatch

Society had not received copy of new draft Local Plan. Will ask for copy, to be reviewed by Planning Sub-committee

Reported that Wessex Water developing plans for new filtration plant, but no specific proposal yet

Finance – Balance £536.64

Noted that Christmas Tree had cost £45 – estimate £30

### **28/2/2001 – Committee meeting – The Mill (Maureen & David Morris)**

Village – Understood that grant might be available from Countryside Agency's New Opportunities Fund for village green. CPO advice that Society commission a scheme. Agreed to write to Bradens to see if land by pub would be available to purchase

Discussion also of land behind Mission Hall as possible village green, but thought action now would be premature as the lease covers the main orchard area

Plaques will be placed on oak trees "when they mature"

Competitions – Agreed not to enter Britain in Bloom

Committee – John Sutherland willing to take over as Secretary

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Planning – Discussion again of Northdown Farmhouse barn after correspondence from owners, but agreed to stand by earlier representation

Agreed JA to replace MM on Planning sub-committee

Finance – Signatories agreed for National Savings account

Agreed to donate £50 to Lucy Emery as sponsorship for humanitarian expedition to Kenya

Footpaths – Concern that path across field behind Plaisters was becoming dis-used. No action to be taken during foot & mouth

Pond – Piece to be put in Echo about danger of attracting rats by feeding ducks

Request to be made to Council for pond silt to be dredged

### March 2001 – Newsletter #92

Social – Talk by Roy Adam of Society of Dorset Men after AGM 19/4 Mission Hall. Wine served

Talk by Richard Backwell on Dorset Expeditionary Society 8/3 Mission Hall

Committee – Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Social Secretary stepping down

Village – Problem with rats, exacerbated by people feeding bread to ducks (not right for ducks, but perfect for rats). Notices are ignored. Please report rat sightings to Borough Environmental Health Services

Council offering subsidised fridges and fridge-freezers to those reliant on state pension

### 4/4/2001 – Committee meeting – Old Stables (Ken & Marion Knight)

Village – New landlord at pub not willing to fund flowers in cart. Agreed to allocate £50 for this, plus £20 for mangers at Mission Hall

Information to be sought on Periodic Electoral Review by Local Government Commission

Agreed to purchase more daffodil bulbs for planting around the village

Footpaths – Letter of thanks to Mr Lunn for opening [permissive] path around Waterworks land

Pond – Meeting arranged with Council and DWT to discuss silting of pond

Social – Talk by Roy Adam at AGM. Raffle

Cream Teas 4/8. Approach to Mr & Mrs Riley to host it

Planning – Wessex Water application received

CD to replace PJ on Planning Sub-committee

Finance – Balance £411.61

Traffic – New resident had asked about dangerous traffic. To be discussed at a future meeting

Car parking near Cart Shed – agreed to speak to owner, asking for number of cars left on road to be reduced

### 18/4/2001 – AGM – Mission Hall

49 members

Report – Membership of 164 families – contacts with Borough on flooding, footpaths, roads, the pond, and planning. Hope to tap in to £12.5M grant made to Countryside Agency for green spaces – social events including Cream Teas, walks, coffee morning, carol singing – Street Fayre tombola – village flowers

Finance – Noted that National Savings account details do not include this year's interest Subscriptions unchanged

Committee – Joyce Litschi (Chairman), Michael Haine (Vice Chairman), John Sutherland (Secretary), Simon Emblen (Treasurer), Julia Allen (Social Secretary), plus Tony Bugler, Clive Davies, David Emery, Vic Farrant, Ken Knight and Richard Meech

Traffic – Concern at damage to Sutton Rd caused by site traffic for land by Evangelical Church



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Social – Talk by Roy Adam of Society of Dorset Men on “Village life in Dorset 70 years ago”

### **8/5/2001 – Committee meeting – Brookberry (Vic & Heidi Farrant)**

Village – No response from Bradens on village green suggestion. Will write again

No action needed on Periodic Electoral Review

Note of accumulated rubbish at SEB sub-station

Note that land in Plaisters Lane next to Corner Cottage being maintained by Corner Cottage occupants

Pond – Meeting being arranged with Borough Council and Dorset Wildlife Trust

Committee – Mrs Randall being approached

New distribution areas agreed

Social – Cream Teas to be at Sutton House (Bellis) 4/8

Spring walk will probably be abandoned because of Foot & Mouth. Richard Backwell to be approached for ideas

Idea of village walk with Fredy Litschi

Traffic – Traffic in Sutton Road to be reviewed again when new houses complete

Discussion of safety of cobbles in Silver Street. No action

Discussions with Tony at Cart Shed about parking. Situation thought to be satisfactory especially “if we want an active lived-in community” but will be reviewed in 12 months

Planning – Discussion of heights of new houses in Sutton Road. Suggested that Planning Committee needs to pay more attention to this, perhaps with artists’ views

### **May 2001 – Newsletter #93**

Committee – As above, plus Liz Randall coopted since AGM. Thanks to retiring members

Social – Talk by Roy Adam on village life in Dorset 70 year ago, after AGM

Spring walk abandoned because of Foot & Mouth

Richard Backwell arranging summer walk for August

Cream Teas 4/8 at Sutton House (Mr & Mrs Bellis)

Village – Discussion by Committee of problems with rats and rooks

Talks about purchasing field next to Springhead as village amenity

Survey last year by Fredy Litschi & Leila Simpson – 183 houses, 382 people, 6 other buildings

Society – Simon Emblen represents Society at Weymouth & Portland Environmental Partnership. Peter Jones is CPRE representative. Tony Bugler and Richard Meech attend WCS meetings. John Allen DWT.

Planning – Wessex Water planning to extend water treatment plant. Public meeting expected

Traffic – Survey undertaken, and results sent to Borough Council. Did not show excessive traffic flow

Mission Hall – Trust committee chaired by Norman Brown. Application for Lottery funding, but very slow response to applications

Race Night 30/3 raised £377 for New Kitchen Fund

Village BBQ 7/7 at Waterworks

### **26/6/2001 – Committee meeting – 99 Sutton Road (Julia & John Allen)**

Village – Response from Bradens. Mr Seal not offering any land. Agreed to approach Church Commissioners about land behind Mission Hall (Waterworks land also discussed as option).

Other land in that area belongs to Crisps, Squibbs and Frank Baldwin, but no approach to them at present

Discussion of rooks in trees at Waterworks, which neighbours said were a problem. Agreed to write to Waterworks

Pond – Advice from Council, proposing remedial action in autumn

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Finance – Details of paid up members to be sent to JL

Committee – Mrs Randall coopted

Social – Cream Teas at Sutton House 4/8. Tables to be collected from Mission Hall and plastic furniture. Posters. Bunting. Gazebo. Raffle. £1.50 as previous year

Spring walk cancelled because of Foot & Mouth. Summer walk led by Richard Backwell 8/9 to Osmington Mills and back (concern at length)

Christmas Coffee Morning 4 or 5/12

Planning – Plans for 8 Sutton Close to be reviewed.

Understood application imminent for exemption certificate to allow summer placement of 5 touring caravans at “Green adjacent to Puddledock”. Letter to be written to Richard Burgess strongly opposing

Possible 2 new houses near Puddledock/Seven Acres junction. Wait for planning application

Mission Hall – Discussion of fund raising. Agreed that this was responsibility of Mission Hall Trust

Traffic – Complaint that Sutton Road had been closed for 2 days with insufficient notice. No action to be taken

### 24/7/2001 – Committee meeting – Felix House (Clive & Ruth Davies)

Social – Fredy not willing to lead village walk at present, but offered walk along Frome at Stinsford. That area had been walked recently, so no further action

Plans for Cream Teas, coordinated by Julia Allen

Summer walk to Osmington Mills confirmed for 8/9

Planning – No objection to 8 Sutton Close plans

Discussions with Council on caravans at Puddledock. Planning approval or exemption certificate needed before any parking of caravans. Planning approval would probably not be granted. Exemption would require comments from neighbours.

Local Plan revision studied. Proposal to extend development boundary at top of Verlands would be opposed

Village – Letter written to vicar about land behind Mission Hall – no reply yet

Gardening work needed at village stone on Sutton Road

Street Fayre – Expected to continue

Traffic – Discussion of parking on Sutton Road, connected with building work. No action

### August 2001 – Newsletter #94

Society – Change of format to two columns

Committee – CPRE/WCS/DWT representatives as last Newsletter

Social – Cream Teas 4/8 at Sutton House (Mr & Mrs Bellis), with teas organised by Julia Allen.

About 100 attended – raised £150

Summer walk with Richard Bakwell 8/9 to Ringstead Bay via Poxwell and back along coast

Christmas Coffee Morning 4/12 Mission Hall

Village – Support for residents complaints about rooks around Pumping Station

Land next to Springhead not available as village green – other alternatives being looked at

Sponsorship sought for 420km cycle ride in India by Mr Albin, in aid of CLIC

Since previous Newsletter, Corner Cottage replaces one of the “other buildings”.

Sunnybanks has been demolished, and will be replaced by 4 houses

Request to think before lighting a bonfire

Planning – No comment on application 32 8 Sutton Close

Correspondence with Planning Office on possible touring caravans off Puddledock Lane, but landowner confirms there is no plan

Objection raised to proposal to vary Local Plan to include land at top of Verlands in development area

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Mission Hall – Application for lottery funding not successful. Will try again  
Tea and Cake Sale 16/9 – contributions via Pat Bugler or Norman Brown  
Safari Supper in October – contact Jill Caddy or Judy Backwell. [N.B. Idea borrowed from Milton Abbas]

Street Fayre – Volunteers to join committee please contact Michael Haine

Theatre Group – Southampton trip 21/7 to see “Spend Spend Spend”

### **4/9/2001 – Committee meeting – Southdown Cottage (Michael & Pat Haine)**

Mission Hall – Mission Hall Trust proposing kitchen area in corner of Hall with electric water heater, new floor for lavatory, doors painted, floor sanded, stage reduced in size, garden improvements. Funding being investigated. Events including tea & cake sale in September and Safari Supper 27/10

Planning – Further work and correspondence re touring caravans in green wedge. Caravan Club and Camping Club have not issued licence. Council have not seen any licence. Owner (Mike Jacobs) has stated he has no intention to use the land other than for grazing horses. No further action needed

No comment on Greendown application

Noted that Springhead have applied for 7 day music licence. No action to be taken

Social – Successful Cream Teas, raising about £150

Posters up for summer walk

Christmas Coffee Morning confirmed for 4/12

Date for Carol Service to be confirmed

Finance – Income £668, expenditure £43

Correspondence – Thank you from Lucy Emery, who has offered talk

Village – Area around stone to be trimmed in autumn

Noted that field behind Camelot up for sale for pasture

### **8/10/2001 – Committee meeting – Sutton Lodge (Tony & Pat Bugler)**

Planning – Application for two loose boxes in green wedge, submitted by P Rookes, son-in-law of Mike Jacobs. Decided to take no action

Noted that kerb at new houses seemed to encroach into road. After checking, kerbing is in correct place

Village – P Jones approaching Wessex Water about use of their field for village area. Noted that this area can get very wet

Reported that Wessex Water are holding public meeting 23/10 for briefing on cryptosporidium work

Area around village stone to be trimmed in Autumn – SE organising

Millennium Trees reported to be healthy. Plaque to be considered next year

Noted that plaque by tree at Sutton Rd/Preston Rd junction has disappeared

Leaflet obtained on snowdrops, with view to planting some in village

Social – About 25 on summer walk to Ringstead 8/9

Christmas Coffee Morning 4/12 – JA to organise

JA to liaise with vicar on Carol service date. Hook to be put up at Mission Hall for Christmas lights

Mission Hall safari supper 27/10

SE to enquire what arrangements in town for next year's Jubilee

Lucy Emery to be asked about a talk for after AGM

Date and venue of next Cream Teas to be considered

Mission Hall – AGM 17/10

Street Fayre – Open meeting 17/10 to decide charities. Society will run tombola

Finance – Donation of £25 to DWT agreed

## Summary note of Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Minutes and Newsletters

Pond – JS and JA to laise with Council about pond cleaning. John Crisp reported to be discussing clearance of stream with Council

Society – Membership lists distributed for checking

### November 2001 – Newsletter #95

Social – Summer walk enjoyed by about 25, led by Richard Backwell

Christmas Coffee Morning 4/12 Mission Hall, using new kitchen. £1

Carol Service 21/12 around village Christmas Tree, with warming drink in Mission Hall afterwards

Talk by Lucy Emory [sic] on Kenya visit after AGM 9/4 Mission Hall

Planning – No comments made on applications re Greedown, loose boxes off Plaisters Lane, Springfield Cottage, holiday let at Old Dairy

Mission Hall – Society helping Mission Hall with making orchard area usable

Mission Hall AGM 17/10

Safari Supper 27/10, with 42 people. Raised £376. Ended at Mission Hall for coffee and entertainment

Coffee Morning 19/1

Italian Supper evening 2/3

Village – David Albin completed cycle ride – thanks all sponsors

Corner Cottage and cottages 39-43 Sutton Road commended by WCS

Presentation 23/10 by Wessex Water on proposed cryptosporidium plant. Little revealed by archaeological survey

Completion of 4 houses replacing Sunnyridge

Street Fayre – Meeting 17/10, with charities discussed, to include Water Aid and Mission Hall. Fayre 30/6. Society will run Tombola

### 19/11/2001 – Committee meeting – Southdown Cottage (Mike & Pat Haine)

Pond – JA to contact Council about pond cleaning

Village – Council to be contacted about missing plaque for tree at Sutton Rd/Preston Rd junction

Wessex Water meeting attended. When plans submitted, will need to inspect design particularly for roof

Peter Jones to be invited to next meeting to discuss recreation area idea. Committee in general agreement with idea

Traffic – Coombe Valley closure – Secretary to write stressing need for swift reopening

Planning – No action on Old Dairy Cottage (plan to let part as holiday let), bungalows behind Baileys Store, changes at Springfield Cottage

Social – Christmas Coffee Morning 4/12, with coffee, mince pies, raffle (tickets reduced to £1 as no mulled wine this year)

Carol Service 21/12. Tree ordered and lights will be purchased. Mission Hall organising refreshments

Safari Supper attended by 42 and raised £376 for Mission Hall

Town will hold beach festival early June for Jubilee. Ideas for village celebration include memorial tree, street party, barbecue at pub

Mission Hall – AGM held 17/10

Documents received that might be useful for orchard restoration. Financial help requested, and donation of £100 agreed for re-turfing

Street Fayre – Charities will be WaterAid 33%, Mission Hall 33% and various others

Society – AGM 9/4. Lucy Emery to be asked to give talk

## Summary note of Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Minutes and Newsletters

### January 2002 – Newsletter #96

Social – Christmas Coffee Morning 4/12 Mission Hall with over 50, raising £134  
Carol Service 21/12 around Tree donated by Mr Hyde f Trinity Street Christmas Trees  
Talk by Lucy Emory [sic] after AGM 9/4 Mission Hall  
Walks arranged by Richard Backwell – 11 or 12/6 and day-long walk 30 or 31/7  
Planning – Applications by Wessex Water for new filter plant and for tree felling. Society response requesting different roofing to minimise visual impact, and pruning if possible, or replacement  
Application to extend Hideaway Cottage  
Application to replace touring caravan space with static at Waterside  
Traffic – No time to comment on Coombe Valley Road closure, but suggestion that in future longer 2-way route should be used.  
Mission Hall – Team, led by David [Emery?] have cleared orchard area for grassing  
Coffee Morning as advertised last time  
“Mrs Bucket’s” Candlelit Italian Supper Evening 2/3 Mission Hall £10 via Anthea  
Pond – Borough will be cleaning out the pond in February  
Village – Presentation by Wessex Water 23/10 on new cryptosporidium plant to be built into hillside. Expected to start June  
Street Fayre – 30/6. Village stalls being organised by Judy Backwell & Ruth Davies. Society running tombola

### 14/1/2002 – Committee meeting – Wyndings (Simon & Dorothy Emblen)

Village – Wessex Water have confirmed to Peter Jones that field could be available for village to purchase or lease for recreation, but Wessex Water obliged to obtain best value. Funding might perhaps be available from Countryside Agency, but this would probably be low priority. Maintenance and insurance would be necessary. Discussion showed support for focusing at present on Mission Hall orchard, but Newsletter to request village views  
Tidying around village stone arranged for 26/1  
Discussion of rook nuisance and Waterworks trees. Decided to write asking Wessex Water to trim trees overhanging neighbouring properties. Rooks would only be removed by culling, and Committee not agreed about this step  
Planting scheme for around village stone discussed  
Pond – Advised it is too late in winter to carry out cleaning work  
Traffic – Letter to be written to Council about damage to verges as result of extra traffic during Coombe Valley Road closure  
Planning – Objection to be submitted against application to replace touring caravans with static at Waterside  
Note that clearance work being done in woodland behind Richard Meech, in advance of planning permission submission for 2 houses  
Social – Christmas Coffee Morning attended by 58  
Carol Service – Confusion between Society and Mission Hall about who was organising this. Agreed that Mission Hall will organise Carol Service in future, and Society will provide tree and lights. Thans to M Tapper [sic] for lighting connection  
Mission Hall Cake & Book Sale 19-20/1  
Understood that Mission Hall Trust will be discussing Jubilee arrangements at next meeting. Lighting of beacon also suggested  
Society – AGM 9/4 with talk by Lucy Emery  
Correspondence – Letter about numbering of houses in Plaisters Lane. Agreed not a Society matter

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### 12/2/2002 – Committee meeting – Brookberry (Vic & Heidi Farrant)

Social – Cake & Book Sale raised over £500 for Mission Hall

Agreed to hold Cream Teas in early June this year, as Village Jubilee Tea

Mission Hall Italian Dinner fully booked

Village – Work party for village stone delayed by bad weather to 16/2

Missing tree plaque replaced by Council

Further debate of trees at Waterworks. No further action will be taken – trees will presumably now be felled and replanted by Wessex Water

Further discussion on recreation area, and decided not to poll members via Newsletter, as this could impact on fund raising work on behalf of Mission Hall. Peter Jones to be informed.

Focus will be firmly on orchard restoration – allotment owners and PCC to be contacted.

Agreed to purchase a seat for the orchard

Reported that field behind Camelot has been bought by two villagers

Reported that green wedge field looking very unsightly. Council advice to be sought

Discussions to be held with Dave Caddy about how to move village beacon

Pond – Work had been due to start 11/2, but had not

Traffic – Believed Council will tarmac areas damaged as result of Coombe Valley Road closure

Reported that Cllr Brian Ellis is investigating 20 mph limit “without a request from SPS”

Planning – Objection letter sent re Waterside static caravans

Agreed to object against proposed new houses at Old Granary Close, on basis of damage to skyline seen from village

Concern about state of 111 Sutton Road (owned by Mrs Warren). Council advice to be sought

Concern about pile of rubble that has been outside Skinners’ for some time

### March 2002 – Newsletter #97

Mission Hall – Coffee/Tea Book Weekend raised £496 19-20/1, with many books changing hands

Italian Supper Evening 2/3 raised £324 – booked up even before last Newsletter

New turf in orchard – tem led by David Emory [sic]

Village – Village skittles at Springhead over winter, finished with prize-giving 23/3. 12 teams of 6

Search for possible village green area abandoned – thanks to Peter Jones for time spent – will concentrate on Mission Hall orchard

Planning – Tree felling by Wessex Water (a last time)

2 new houses off Seven Acres – objected to more infilling

Vehicle access at Coach House – no comment

Extension at Hideaway Cottge – no comment

Traffic – Correspondence with Borough over damage to verges during Coombe Valley closure

Social – Coffee Morning, with WI, 23/3, including tombola and bric-a-brac

Talk by Lucy Emory [sic] on Kenya visit after AGM 9/4

Village Jubilee Picnic to be arranged by Society, WI and Mission Hall, 2/6

Walks organised by Richard Backwell; evening walk 12/6 at Litton Cheney finishing at White Horse Inn; and day long summer walk 30/7 at Hooke

Committee – Clive Davies standing down

Pond – Scheduled pond clean did not happen. Revised date awaited

Street Fayre – 30/6 – Items for village stalls to Judy or Ruth. Items for tombola via Society distributor



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### **12/3/2002 – Committee meeting – 99 Sutton Road (John & Julia Allen)**

Village – Clean around village stone complete

Pond – No revised date yet for pond clean

Mission Hall – Thanks expressed to DE and team for re-turfing of orchard

No reply from PCC about orchard area. Understood that about one third included in Mission Hall lease, rear part gardened by John Crisp, and area at side purchased by Buckleys as garden

Wessex Water to be contacted with request to donate seat for orchard

Planning – Council Environmental Health believed to be involved in state of 111 Sutton Road  
Further concern about state of field in green wedge

No action on application for vehicle access to 112 Sutton Road, or on new house in Sutton Park

Agreed to write to Council about tree felling by labourer's cottage in Puddledock

Social – In 1977, village had held Jubilee Children's Party and also Barn Dance. Idea to "transfer a plot of land above the knoll" abandoned because of likely cost. Agreed to hold normal Cream Teas in August as well as Village Jubilee Tea in June. Letters to WI and MHT to liaise

Finance – Balance £565.86

Competitions – Agreed not to participate in South West in Bloom

### **9/4/2002 – AGM – Mission Hall**

33 members

Chairmans Report – Outlining work done, and organisations Society works with. Particular thanks to Dave Emery for work on Mission Hall orchard

Committee – Joyce Litschi (Chairman), John Sutherland (Secretary), Simon Emblen (Treasurer), Julia Allen, Tony Bugler, Dave Emery, Vic Farrant, Mike Haine, Ken Knight, Richard Meech, Liz Randall

Village – Debate on Waterworks trees and nuisance caused by rooks, with correspondence between Society and Wessex Water. Motion calling for pruning of trees and culling of rooks rejected in favour of one asking for "the two trees causing the major problem" to be removed

Social – Presentation by Lucy Emery on her trip to Kenya as part of Dorset Expeditionary Force

### **23/4/2002 – Committee meeting – Old Stables (Ken & Marion Knight)**

Pond – Date for cleaning to be found in autumn

Planning – Society have not contacted Council about state of 111 Sutton Road.

Now understood tree work in Puddledock Lane was permitted hedging work

Agreement to felling of pine tree at 66 Sutton Road

Application for 2 new houses in Seven Acres Road withdrawn

Building work in Mission Hall Lane has halted, it is believed temporarily

After AGM discussion, motion requesting two Waterworks trees to be felled, agreed 17 votes to 12

Social – Jubilee picnic in Mission Hall orchard now planned 2/6. Society to organise road closure

Street Fayre – Evening get-together being organised for helpers

Village – Understood Council are dealing with issues of travellers on ridgeway

Some brambles still need clearing by village stone. Noted that a plaque should be put up showing the stone was erected at the millennium by Mr Joliffe

Traffic – Report of large vehicle being driven along Sutton Road – no action

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Society – Clive Davies not now doing distribution, so TB distributing as far as Puddledocks and LR in Sunnyfields and Puddledock beyond Puddledocks

### **21/5/2002 – Committee meeting – 12 Old Bincombe Lane (Liz Randall)**

Planning – Application to fell pine at 66 Sutton Road being reviewed by Council

Application by St Andrews School for extension and covered way – no action

October Cottage extension – no action

Waterside application for more static caravans turned down

Social – Plans for Jubilee Picnic Lunch. Bunting ordered and to be put up. Road closure approved. Tables and garden furniture needed. Treasure hunt being organised. Publicity.

Insurance to be checked with Hall

Spring walk organised by Richard Backwell

Cream Teas to be arranged in orchard in August

Mission Hall – Bench ordered - £390

Street Fayre – Tombola prizes being sought

Village – Letter sent to Wessex Water about trees. WW had contacted Mr Maton to say Society's option was not practical and no action planned

Concern at more rubbish in green wedge field. To check if in Conservation Area

Noted that Springhead has music licence for Wed/Sat/Sun

Traffic – Borough contacted about state of road at Sunnyfield/Sutton Road [sic] junction, and about road waste chucked in hedge after Southern Electric work

### **May 2002 – Newsletter #98**

Social – Jubilee picnic 2/6, with treasure hunt

Spring walk 12/6 at Litton Cheney

Summer walk 30/7 at Hooke

Skittles end-of-season 23/3 with representatives from all 12 teams. Raised £412 for Mission Hall

Street Fayre 30/6. Items for stalls being collected by Judy & Ruth, who are also arranging evening get-together for helpers, with pizza, salad & pudding

Society asking for items for tombola

Mission Hall – Coffee morning arranged by WI & Mission Hall raised £390 for Mission Hall

Planning – Felling of trees by Wessex Water. AGM requested felling of two trees

No comment on proposed house next to 4 Sutton Park

Felling of pine on Sutton Road agreed

Application withdrawn for 2 houses off Seven Acres Road

### **9/7/2002 – Committee meeting – 12 Old Bincombe Lane (Liz Randall)**

Village – Letter to be written to Council about state of 111 Sutton Road, and sightings of rats

Clearance done around village stone

Green wedge confirmed to be in Conservation Area

Social – Insurance checked for Jubilee Picnic. Aove 150 attended and organisers congratulated

Spring walk was damp, but pub was enjoyed

Summer walk arrangements complete by Richard Backwell

Cream Teas 3/8, to be served from orchard. Catering for 100. Raffle. Bunting. Publicity

Mission Hall – Next Newsletter to seek donations of seat for Mission Hall orchard

Planning – No action on 18 Verlands Road extension or to applications for 37 and 191-197 Preston Road

Detailed plans to be viewed for 113 Sutton Road car port and for 9 Sunnyfields extension

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No objection to proposals for Court House provided materials and design in keeping with adjacent properties

Welcome given to extension of terrace 25-31 Sutton Road, provided ridge line is adhered to Street Fayre – Tombola made £844.50. Fayre as a whole was a good success

Finance – Balance £26.98, and account had been briefly overdrawn

### **August 2002 – Newsletter #99**

Social – Summer walk 30/7

Cream teas 3/8 in Mission Hall orchard

Jubilee picnic 2/6 enjoyed by over 150, after opening of Mission Hall orchard by Doris Harbour. Treasure Hunt organised by Sue Branch

Spring walk 12/6, with 18 people

Street Fayre – 30/6 – raised over £8000 for charities. Tombola raised £844. Presentation evening 11/9 at Waterworks

Planning – No comment on 18 Verlands extension and 9 Sunnyfields extension

Agreement to Court House extension and 3 new houses between 25 & 31 Sutton Road

Concern over size of carport at 113 Sutton Road

Noted that Waterside application for further static caravans had been refused

Wessex Water discussions with neighbours and with Borough – planned to fell two trees and prune a third.

Mission Hall – Thanks to David Emery for further work to orchard. Seat donated by Society

Village – Clearance of brambles around village stone on Sutton Road

### **3/9/2002 – Committee meeting – Sutton Lodge (Tony & Pat Bugler)**

Committee – Appreciation for Vic Farrant who has died since last meeting. Letter of sympathy sent to Heidi

Susie Wynn Williams to be approached about Committee membership

Village – Offer by Alan Jolliffe of large stone for plaque for millennium trees

Society noticeboard needs reglazing

Planning – Improved scheme for 113 Sutton Road car port – accepted by Society

No comment on Tasman extension

Court House application turned down

25-31 Sutton Road application turned down. No comment to be made on new scheme for 4 houses at 25 Sutton Road

New application for Seven Acres – previous objection repeated

Agreed to new windows at Northdown Farmhouse, new dormers at 59 Sutton Road, conservatory at 12 Old Bincombe Lane

Social – 18 people on summer walk 30/7

80 to 90 people at Cream Teas 3/8, with profit of £147

Christmas Coffee Morning 5/12. Raffle. Posters

Carol Service organised by Mission Hall. Tree company to be approached

Street Fayre – Presentation evening 12/9

Finance – Balance £305.43

### **22/10/2002 – Committee meeting – 99 Sutton Road (Julia Allen)**

Village – Noted that 111 Sutton Road is up for sale, so decided letter would be inappropriate  
Alan Jolliffe will deliver stone for plaque when he next has available equipment. Wessex

Water permission to be sought

Tree felling/pruning at Waterworks seems to have satisfied all parties

Noted that new publican at Springhead 10/11

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Planning – Noted that first application for 25 Sutton Road was withdrawn, not refused.

Current scheme for 3 houses accepted by Society, but concern about traffic

Waterside additional static caravans – previous objections to be repeated

Social – Christmas Coffee Morning 5/12

Agreed to buy larger urn for events, subject to reasonable price

Mission Hall holding Christmas Bazaar, probably 14/12, with prize draw. Agreed to donate £15 towards prizes

Carol Service being organised by Mission Hall. Peter Hyde to be approached about tree

Traffic – Near miss on Plaisters Lane reported. Letter to Council to ask for advice

A member has asked for the No Through Road sign at White Horse Lane to be lowered.

Member to be advised to contact Council

Noted that brambles along Plaisters Lane causing difficulties for pedestrians. Elizabeth

Saunders will talk to Lunns

Pond – Discussion of willows, which were arguably overgrown. JA to seek Council advice

Mission Hall – AGM 30/10

Society – Ask Richard Backwell for talk at AGM on recent trips

### November 2002 – Newsletter #100

Social – Quiz night 23/11 at Mission Hall, organised by Mission Hall Trust. Teams of 4

Coffee morning 5/12 at Mission Hall, with raffle

Christmas market 14/12 at Mission Hall, organised by Mission Hall Trust

Carol Service 20/12, followed by mulled wine in Mission Hall

Summer walk 30/7 with about 18 people

Cream Teas 3/8 organised by Julia Allen, with over 80 people

Safari Supper 19/10 organised by Mission Hall Trust, organised by Jill Caddy & Judy Backwell

Society – AGM 12/4

Street Fayre – Presentation evening 12/9 at Waterworks, with donations to Mission Hall,

WaterAid, Diabetes UK, Motor Neurone Disease Association and Dorchester SCBU

Traffic – Near accident on Plaisters Lane – appeal for care by motorists

Letter to Borough Council about extra traffic caused by roadworks in Borough

Village – Tim & Valerie leaving Sringhead

Planning – No comment on replacement windows in Sutton Road and in Plaisters Lane, and on conservatory in Old Bincombe Lane

Agreed to wood replacement windows in Sutton Road

Agreed to 3 new houses in Sutton Road (reduced from 4)

Agreed to reduced size carport at 113 Sutton Road

Objected against renewed Waterside application for more static caravans

Waterworks tree work done, to general satisfaction

Waterworks cryptosporidium work has paused. Information sought

Mission Hall – Seat donated for orchard by James & Judy Willis, with donation for another by Wessex Water

### 26/11/2002 – Committee meeting – Wyndings (Simon & Dorothy Emblen)

Village – David Emery to replace noticeboard window

Houses at Sunnyridge received Civic Society commendation

Noted that Society responsible for maintaining grass around millennium trees

Social – Peter Hyde to be asked to deliver Christmas Tree by 14<sup>th</sup>, in time for Christmas

Bazaar. Tony Bugler to coordinate tree erection and lighting

Christmas Coffee Morning 5/12. Raffle.

Carol service organised by Mission Hall. Wessex Water have requested to use this event for presentation of £400 Watermark cheque

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Society – Richard Backwell will give talk on trans-pennine walk at AGM. Date to be decided.

Planning – Waterside application approved. Letter to be sent expressing surprise as apparently against policy

25-31 Sutton Road – revised plans submitted by Mr Joliffe but not yet reviewed

Finance – Balance £351.34. Subscription collection not yet complete

### **14/1/2003 – Committee meeting – Southdown Cottage (Michael & Pat Haine)**

Village – Noticeboard repair complete

Planning – Letter written expressing satisfaction at reduction of house numbers at 25 Sutton Road

No response yet on revised plans for 25-31 Sutton Road

Plans to be reviewed for 21 Sutton Road, 19 Sutton Road, 3 Verlands and Bellamy Cottage

Previous comments on Seven Acres application re-submitted

Response received from Council explaining Waterside decision

Flooding – Concern expressed at increased volume of water coming down from Waterworks

Society – AGM 3/4, with talk by Richard Backwell. No raffle, but wine

Simon Emblen and Joyce Litschi planning to stand down from posts

Social – Dates to be set for cream teas, Christmas Coffee Morning and two walks

Finance – Balance £381.92. Subscription collection completed

Mission Hall – Difficulty getting mower around seats. Flower beds being investigated.

Security for benches being arranged

### **January 2003 – Newsletter #101**

Society – AGM 3/4. New Chairman and Treasurer sought. Talk by Richard Backwell on his walks

Social – Walks to be arranged by Richard Backwell as usual

Quiz Night 23/11 well attended

Christmas Coffee Morning 5/12 raised £43 for Society

Christmas Fayre 14/12 reasonably well attended

Carols 20/12 with good crowd, around Christmas Tree again donated by Peter Hyde of Trinity Street Christmas Trees. Presentation by John Willows of Wessex Water donation for seat in Mission Hall orchard. Hand-bell ringing at end of evening.

Planning – Happy with wall at front of The Willows

No comment on proposed stable “at end of Sutton Road”, and on internal works at 19 & 21 Sutton Road and at Waterworks

Agreement to revised application for 4 new houses on Sutton Road

Waterworks have advised that cryptosporidium work will take longer than originally planned, as risk is lower than originally thought

Mission Hall – Note that fruit in orchard had not been collected

Village – Millennium tree plaque to be put on stone when Waterworks work finished

### **18/2/2003 – Committee meeting – Sutton Lodge (Tony & Pat Bugler)**

Pond – Council contacted about cleaning, but no reply

Mission Hall – No action needed by Society

Planning – Bellamy Cottage plans already approved. Clarification sought about number of cars – two will be kept in garage driveway

No comment on 19 Sutton Road and 3 Verlands

Seven Acres application refused again

Society – AGM 3/4. Nominations for present Officers. Julia Allen, Liz Randall and Richard Meech stepping down from Committee. Possible new Committee members including Suzy Wynn Williams and Peter Riley.

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Social – Cream Teas 27/7. Richard Backwell to organise walks

Village – Seat to be purchased with donation from Wessex Water

Report in Echo saying telephone box to be removed. Letter to be written

### **24/3/2003 – Committee meeting – 99 Sutton Road (Julia & John Allen)**

Mission Hall – Seats now secured

Understood Mission Hall Trust applying for drinks licence to cover up to 12 events

Village – Committee to consider site for memorial seat to Vic Farrant

Understood Post Office opens Thursdays, and that Post Office site is required to retain a retail unit

Ray Aggett has replaced dog litter bin led by pond. Note in next Newsletter that dog poo bags are being left around village

Planning – Revised application for 3 Verlands, for smaller property. No comment

Full application for 25-31 Sutton Road being awaited by Council.

Social – Cream Teas 27/7. Christmas Coffee Morning 4/12. Evening walk 8/5. Day walk 4/6

Society – AGM 3/4. Constitution amendment proposed. Motion by Hazel Hogg to move bus stop – Committee do not agree

Pond – Reply from Council to be discussed with Dave Emery

Finance – Membership list has gaps and needs to be reviewed

### **March 2003 – Newsletter #102**

Society – 35 years old. Joyce Litshci first secretary. Ducks provided for pond

AGM 3/4 - Nominations received for Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. Julia Allen Richard Meech and Liz Randall stepping down – replacements sought. Talk by Richard Backwell on talk in Pennines

Social – Greek Night 11/4 organised by Mission Hall Trust

Evening walk 8/5 around Maiden Castle, meeting at Poet Laureate Pub in Poundbury

Quiz night 10/5 organised by Mission Hall Trust. Teams of 4

Summer walk 4/6 – 10 miles from Milton Abbas to Dorsetshire Gap, with refreshments at Fox, Ansty

Cream Teas 27/7 in Mission Hall orchard (a Sunday this year)

Planning – No adverse comments on any recent applications

Village – Letter to BT asking about future of phone box

Expression of interest for Borough in Bloom and Best Kept Village competitions

Letter to Borough Council on plans for maintenance of pond and trees

### **3/4/2003 – AGM – Mission Hall**

34 members

Village – Reported that some Waterworks trees had been lopped, and the problem was now under control

Chairmans Report – Mention of good relations with Council, work with CPRE, Civic Society, DWT. Jubilee lunch, Street Fayre, Cream Teas, Christmas coffee morning, continuing work in orchard, donation of seats by Society, Mr & Mrs Willis, and Wessex Water. Sorrow at loss of Vic Farrant

Treasurers Report – Reminder that Society maintains reserve fund, and also holds £500 allocated for Mission Hall Trust

Society – Changes agreed to Constitution to (a) allow 10 days notice rather than 3 weeks of SGM (b) limit Chairman's tenure to 3 years continuous (c) allow nominations from floor, and (d) set minimum Committee size at 7



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Committee – Simon Emblen (Chairman), John Sutherland (Secretary), Sarah Knight (Treasurer), Julia Allen, Tony Bugler, Dave Emery, Mike Haine, Ken Knight, Joyce Litschi, Peter Riley

Mission Hall – AGM approved support for MHT work to provide new kitchen

Bus service – Motion passed to ask bus company to move bus stop to Old Bincombe Lane junction

Social – Talk by Richard Backwell on coast-to-coast walk

### **28/4/2003 – Committee meeting – Wyndings (Simon & Dorothy Emblen)**

Village – Suggestion of using two stones on top of one another for millennium trees plaque  
Cost for Council to supply memorial seat established. Heidi Farrant to be advised to go for seat at Mission Hall

Letter to First about possible resiting of bus stop

BT confirmed no plan to remove telephone box

Letter written to newspaper delivery company about litter left

Letter from Council about house numbering – no plans to change

PK [sic] said he would be willing to allow village use of the land behind his house

Mission Hall – Their licence can only cover their own events

Pond – Council not planning to dredge pond. Dave Emery will carry out clearance of branches etc. and advise on sludge removal

Seat by pond in poor condition. Letter to be written to Council

Society – Planning Subgroup Tony Bugler, David Emery, Julia Allen, John Sutherland  
Newsletter distribution as before but Julia Allen to include all Sutton Road to Cart Shed, Sara Knight to take Liz Randall area (Sunnyfields/Upper Puddledock), Peter Riley to take Richard Meech area (Seven Acres and Puddledock beyond Sunnyfields, and areas outside village).

Joyce Litschi will continue to maintain membership list

Planning – Possible application from Bourne Leisure to replace touring caravans

No Springhead application made

New application for 5 houses on old Post Office site

Social – Walk 8/5

Footpaths – Stile by old stables in poor condition. Letter to be written to Council

Traffic – Thanks to Peter Knight for repair of mirror opposite Puddledock Lane

### **May 2003 – Newsletter #103**

Social – Summer walk 4/6 Milton Abbas to Dorsetshire Gap, with lunch at Fox, Ansty

Quiz night 7/6 organised by Mission Hall Trust, teams of 4

Cream Teas 27/7 in Mission Hall orchard

Greek Night 11/4 with full house of 52

Evening walk 8/5 attended by about 40, with meal at Poet Laureate

WI – East Somerset Church crawl 17/7 organised by village WI, with WEA lecturer Alan Penny

Society – Just under 40 members at AGM 3/4. Some Constitution changes agreed. Agreed to investigate re-siting bus stop.

Committee – Simon Emblen (Chairman), Sarah Knight (Treasurer), John Sutherland (Secretary), Julia Allen, Tony Bugler, David Emery, Michael Haine, Ken Knight, Joyce Litschi, Peter Riley

Village – BT confirmed they do not plan to remove phone box

Entry to Borough in Bloom and Best Kept Village competitions – Judging in June

Reports of people bagging dog mess and then leaving the bags

Planning – No adverse comments on recent applications

Wessex Water planning cryptosporidium work late in year

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### **2/6/2003 – Committee meeting – Corner Cottage (Sara & Roy Knight)**

Mission Hall – Heidi Farrant getting seat in memory of Vic

Pond – Dave Emery will say when he needs working party

Village – Council being contacted about motor cycle scrambling at Rimbrow

Society – Collection rounds being equalised better, by Dave Emery taking over Mission Hall Lane from Juila Allen

Planning – No comment on conversion of hay loft at 111 Sutton Road

Council being contacted about Springhead signs, put up without planning permission. Noted that old sign has been donated to Waterworks Museum

Previous representation on 25-31 Sutton Road to be repeated

Questions to be asked to see if anything planned re stable by Puddledock. Also concern new bridge over Jordan, and possible impact on water flow. Council to be contacted

Social – 40 people on walk 8/5. Summer walk 4/6

Mission Hall quiz night 7/6

WI church crawl 17/7

Cream Teas 27/7 in Mission Hall orchard, being organised by Julia Allen

### **30/6/2003 – Committee meeting – Southdown Cottage (Michael & Pat Haine)**

Mission Hall – Correspondence with Mission Hall Trust about the best use of the Watermark Trust money received from Wessex Water. MHT would prefer to spend money on shrubs and trees, but Wessex Water have donated the money on basis of seat being purchased.

Request to be sent asking for MH noticeboard to include village calendar

Village – Apology received from newspaper distributors about litter left.

Council not in position to stop motor bike scrambling occurring with landowners permission.

Agreed to write to MP and Brian Ellis

Planning – Advised by Council that Springhead need planning permission for new signage.

Committee's view that new signs not suitable for Conservation Area

Council view that new bridge over Jordan needs planning permission. Reported that Malcolm Hudson (owner of Old Bakehouse) had been told permission was not needed. Mr Hudson has asked Newsletter to include statement that neither he nor Paul Rookes has any intention of using land in wedge for caravans

Plans for The Weald discussed – thought planned garage was too large – assurance to be sought it would not become living accommodation

New application for 45 Sutton Road to be discussed

Pond – Damaged seat replaced by Council

Footpaths – Damaged stile repaired, but without facility to let dogs pass. Further letter needed

Social – 18 people on walk 4/5, with good meal at The Fox

Successful MHT quiz night 7/6

Cream Teas date to be rearranged, as can't get fresh scones on Sunday

Reported that Maureen Morris planning regular rambles

Idea of Open Gardens fund-raiser to be discussed

Competitions Borough in Bloom judging early July

### **4/8/2003 – Committee meeting – Old Stables (Ken Knight)**

Planning – The Weald application approved

Slightly revised plan for 25-31 Sutton Road – no comment needed

No comment on rear extensions at 9 Sunnyfields and 36 Sutton Road

Agreed to conversion of workshop at rear of 45 Sutton Road (Old Bakehouse)

Agreed to send letter opposing new Springhead signage

## Summary note of Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Minutes and Newsletters

Concern to be expressed at road blocking by builders at 25 Sutton Road

Now confirmed that planning not needed for new bridge

Social – Cream Teas 16/8, organised by Julia Allen. Tables, bunting, gazebos, urn, raffle, direction signs

Finance – Total funds £3062.68

Donation agreed of £50 to C Young in exchange for talk at next AGM

Confirmed that £500 allocated for Mission Hall is contingent on extension plans progressing

Pond – Letter from Council passed to Dave Emery, who is meeting them tomorrow to discuss clearance at deeper end

Footpaths – Noted that County Council are working at Right to Roam plans

### August 2003 – Newsletter #104

Social – Cream Teas 16/8 in Mission Hall orchard (date changed because of difficulty over supplies for Sunday)

Mission Hall AGM 10/9

Race night 12/9 organised by Mission Hall Trust

A group organising monthly village rambles – contact Maureen Morris

Summer walk 4/6 with about 18 people

Quiz night well attended and made over £110 for Mission Hall

Village Barbecue arranged by Mission Hall Trust attended by over 75 and made £180. To be made annual event

Planning – Complementary comment on renovations at 111 Sutton Road

Concern over traffic from 7 new homes between 25-31 Sutton Road

Concern over size of garage at The Weald

Concern expressed at large signs at Springhead – retrospective planning permission being sought

Borough have confirmed that new bridge over Jordan will not impede flow. Also confirmed that Mr Hudson, who owns that land, has no intention of putting caravans on land, nor does Mr Rookes who owns adjacent land with new stables

Concerns over cycle scrambling near Rimbrow Coppice

Village – Entered Borough in Bloom competition – judging in July

No reply from First on re-siting bus stop

Appeal for consideration over lighting of bonfires

Footpaths – Stile repaired behind Old Orchards – not dog-friendly

Pond – Working party organised by David Emery. Debris now composting in Peter Riley's garden

WI – Next talk on Local Food Marketing. Special showing of Calendar Girls

### 1/9/2003 – Committee meeting – 99 Sutton Road (Julia & John Allen)

Pond – Meeting with Council who will manage clearance of deep end. Wessex Water to be approached for possible help with funding

Village – Visit to motor bike scrambling area had not shown up any damage

Planning – Letter of objection sent on Springhead signage. Believed that application has been rejected

18 Seven Acres decision being appealed

Wessex Water works discussed. Some concern at plan to cover over the spring. Also question asked about who would be responsible for flooding while water extraction stopped.

Letter to be written to Council about demolished wall at 113 Sutton Road, reminding them that is what we warned of

Contact with Council about caravan parked (unoccupied) in green wedge

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Contact with Council about damage to road verge at 25 Sutton Road. Opening being widened.

Tree pollarded at Old Dairy. Believed to be with Trees Officer permission after a branch fell  
Social – 95 at Cream Teas. Raised £163

Committee – Jane Sedman is possible recruit. Will be invited to next meeting

Finance – Funds £3295.30

Traffic – Letter to be written to Council about water coming up in road outside Northdown Farm

### **29/9/2003 – Committee meeting – 68 Sutton Road (Peter & Rita Riley)**

Mission Hall – Their AGM has agreed to Wessex Water seat going at front

Planning – Caravan in green wedge has gone

25 attended Wessex Water display on proposed works. Echo article. Pumping was stopped 25<sup>th</sup> as test. Discussions between Wessex Water and Council about extra water flowing in stream. Letters from WW to owners of The Mill and Garland House. Opportunity to visit area on Tuesday

Springhead signs to be reduced in size

Understood demolished wall at 113 Sutton Road will be rebuilt

No comment on Cantref extension and Smithy Cottage car port

Representation sent to 18 Seven Acres appeal confirming previous view

Discussion of lake being dug in green wedge. Council advise that work has stopped pending planning approval. Owner Paul Rookes said he is building wildlife area

Traffic – Council have mended water leak outside Northdown

Rumour (unconfirmed) that Mr Searle [sic] is planning to tarmac parts of Puddledock Lane

Social – Mission Hall Safari Supper 1/11

Coffee Morning 4/12

Society – Environmental Partnership have had meeting. Nothing significant

Community Group had discussion on problems caused by released prisoners

Finance - £3213.95

Pond – Do not Feed Ducks sign has disappeared

Report that gardener at pub has been blowing leaves into pond

Village – Rumour that freehold of pub may be being sold. Also rumour re Hunt's Yard

### **September 2003 – Newsletter #105**

Planning – Meeting with Wessex Water on proposed works. Plans to be displayed at Mission Hall 13-14/9. Statement by Wessex Water included with Newsletter, showing that cryptosporidium risk is lower than previously thought, and can be avoided by covering the spring source, rather than a plant to remove the organism. Renewed planning consent not needed, but English Nature approval obtained

Social – Race night 12/9 organised by Mission Hall

Cream Teas 16/8 attended by more than 95

Village walk 31/8 with 19 walking in Tyneham/Lulworth area. Next one in October

Mission Hall – AGM 17/9

WI - WI Charity film showing of Calendar Girls 3/9 (or is it 10/9 – both dates shown) at Mission Hall, in aid of Leukaemia Research

### **3/11/2003 – Committee meeting – Wyndings (Simon & Dorothy Emblen)**

Mission Hall – Seat for front of hall now to be purchased

Traffic – Noted that Puddledock Lane will be re-graded by Mr Seal, not tarmaced. Work will be done on dead elms

Pond – Agreed to obtain replacement “Do not feed ducks” sign

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Wessex Water willing to help with clearance of pond  
Rumour of dead fish, but not thought to be problem  
Understood Council will look at willow maintenance over winter  
Planning – Wessex Water believed to be planning visit when work complete  
Springhead repeating previous sign application. Same opposition to be repeated  
New application for 18 Seven Acres – same objection to be repeated  
Letter accepting Trees Officer assessment of tree work at The Mill  
Seaview Caravan Site application for increased static caravan area and new touring caravan area. Tony Bugler sending personal representation. Local residents' meeting organised.  
Letter of opposition to be sent.  
Inquiry being held on Local Plan  
New windows at Old Dairy not liked, but as not listed, cannot be opposed  
Trees felled in pub grounds were dead  
Social – Christmas Coffee Morning cancelled, due to number of events in December. Event in January suggested. Mission Hall running Christmas Market 6/12  
Street Fayre – Committee has re-formed, with Dave Caddy continuing in chair

### November 2003 – Newsletter #106

Social – Monthly walk being arranged for end of November. Walks at Briantspuddle 28/9 and Worth Matravers 26/10 attended by around 10  
Christmas Market 6/12 organised by Mission Hall Trust  
Christmas Carols 19/12 around Christmas Tree, with mulled wine in Mission Hall afterwards  
Christmas Coffee Morning not being organised, due to congestion of events  
Safari Supper 1/11 with 47 villagers. £300 raised for Mission Hall  
Reports on charity film show and race night  
WI – January meeting 7/1 to be open meeting with talk by Sally King on World Heritage Coast  
Street Fayre – Intended to continue. Dave Caddy continuing as Chairman.  
Organising village dinner at Springhead on 20/12  
Planning – About 25 viewed Wessex Water plans at Mission Hall  
Objection against proposed increase of size of Waterside/Seaview caravan park  
Objection against new Springhead signs  
Concern expressed over damage to road verge by works at 25 Sutton Road  
Reinstatement of wall on Sutton Road requested  
Asked for plans for field off Puddledock  
No comment on various other applications  
Investigated motorbike scrambling at Rimbrow  
Pond – Concern expressed over change of colour of pond to milky white as result of works at spring.  
Mission Hall – AGM held 17/9

### 8/1/2004 – Committee meeting – 99 Sutton Road (Julia & John Allen)

Traffic – Work has started on re-grading Puddledock. Some local opposition to proposed fencing  
Social – Mission Hall Christmas Market raised more than £500 for hall. Quiz planned for 30/1.  
Coffee morning 12/2  
Mission Hall – Grant application submitted  
Society – Community Group meeting given update on wind energy feasibility study, and also on plans for changes to rubbish bins  
AGM 8/4, with talk by Caroline Young, or alternatively Richard Backwell on Nepal appeal

## Summary note of Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Minutes and Newsletters

Planning – Local Plan inquiry starting 2/3

Understood that 18 Seven Acres repeat application turned down

Seaview representation copied to G Embley and to CPRE

Letter re porch and extension [Brookmead?], concerned about 'over-development next to listed building'

Village – Thanks sent to My Hyde for supply of tree, and to M Tapper [sic] for supply of electricity

Bus service – Rumours of reduction to service

### January 2004 – Newsletter #107

Social – Quiz Night 30/1 organised by Mission Hall Trust

Coffee Morning 12/2 organised by Society. Raffle prizes sought

Village Entertainment Evening 13/3, organised by Dave Caddy for Okhle village projects in Nepal

Mexican Evening 27/3 organised by Mission Hall Trust

Society walks being arranged again by Richard Backwell

November village ramble rained off

Christmas Market 6/12 raised over £500 for Mission Hall

Carols around tree again supplied by Trinity Stret Christmas Trees, followed by baptism in pond and mulled wine in Mission Hall

Society – AGM 23/4

Street Fayre – Last Sunday in June. Separate note distributed with Newsletter

Planning – Wessex Water work nearly complete

No comment on extension of house in Brookmead, and felling of two trees at Mill

WI – Next meeting on care of antique furniture. Birthday lunch. Skittles

### 9/2/2004 – Committee meeting – Sutton House (Tony & Pat Bugler)

Pond – Decision reversed on supply of new "do not feed ducks" sign

Planning – Noted that ponds around Wessex Water works are not filling with water. Question to be asked

Believed Springhead sign application turned down

Porch and extension in Brookmead turned down because of impact on Sutton House

Seaview application withdrawn, but expected to be resubmitted

Discussion of application to remove oak behind Old Orchard. Trees Officer's judgement to be relied on

Comment on caravans near church – presumed to be temporary parking area during caravan site works

Question asked about track off Plaisters Lane – confirmed that it is to do with stable access approved in 2002

Street Fayre – Society running tombola stall. Committee members to seek prizes. Need for licence to be investigated

Social – Coffee morning being organised by Julia Allen

Society – AGM 23/4 with talk or demo by Caroline Young

Finance – Funds stand at £3171.43

Traffic – Damage to banks up Plaisters Lane. No action decided

Village – Noted that there is a charge for launching boat at Bowleaze

### 25/2/2004 – Community Plan meeting

Meeting with Jim Knight [MP] and others in November to discuss use of ASBO's and other measures for controlling anti-social behaviour

Update on issues to do with relocation of offenders



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### 15/3/2004 – Committee meeting – Southdown Cottage (Mike & Pat Haine)

Mission Hall – Seat not to be purchased until gardening work at front of hall completed

Committee – Previous minutes said in error that Jane Sedman coopted to Committee – she attended as observer

Letter of sympathy to Ron Birch

Planning – Visit to Waterworks provisionally arranged for 21/4

No objection to island on Jordan in green wedge, provided waterflow not obstructed and provided area keeps open status. Second letter will confirm that we oppose any change of use  
Old Orchard oak tree felling approved

Concern expressed at size of Bellamy Cottage extension

Application submitted for works at Laurel Cottage

Pond – Dave Emery will include Dorset Wildlife Trust in correspondence

Street Fayre – Open Meeting had chosen WaterAid, Air Ambulance plus local charities

Reported that tombola prizes can include alcohol without need for license provided no advance tickets sold

Social – Coffee morning profit £44. About 20 attended.

Society – Caroline Young not available to give talk. Suggestion that local vet be approached to give talk

Finance - £3216.23

Sponsorship of £75 agreed for trip by Lucy Emery to Honduras, in exchange for talk at next year's AGM

Village – Clean-up 27/3

Not known who puts flowers on village stone sign

Traffic – Letter to be written to Council asking for "Drive carefully" signs at both ends of village

Footpath – Noted that Bowleaze cove footpath being diverted. Tony Bugler to speak to Jack de Carteris [sic]

### March 2004 – Newsletter #108

Society – AGM 23/4, with one change proposed to Constitution, on Chairman casting vote

WI – Next meeting Chinese cooking demonstration. Programme included. Skittles

Social – Plant Sale 1/5 at Scutt Hall

Mexican Evening 3/4 organised by Mission Hall Trust

Walks organised by Richard Backwell – Evening walk 27/5 at Portesham and day walk 12/7 at Toller Porcorum

Village ramble 4/3 at Moreton Estate

Quiz Night 30/1 raised £95 for Mission Hall

Coffee Morning 12/2 with 25 members raised £44

Village Entertainment Evening 13/3 for Okhle village, with contributions from Tony Bugler, Dave Caddy, Chris Hubbard, Richard Meech, plus play (Legend of the White Horse) by a number of village children (Sam Buckley, Barney Backwell, Toby de Kretser, Lucy Johnson, Katherine de Kretser, Alex Albin, Jack Buckley, Daragh MacDonagh, Natalie Purchase and Alice de Kretser)

Street Fayre 27/6. Charities chosen at meeting 26/2; WaterAid, Air Ambulance and local charities

Request for items for tombola

Planning – Wessex Water work finished, with re-fencing and grassing to be done by farmer.

Visit being organised to see the work

Caravan site extension application withdrawn, but resubmission expected

No comment on felling of oak off Plaisters Lane

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Village – Village clean organised for 27/3, as part of Mayor's Borough Clean-up week

### **31/3/2004 – Special Committee meeting – Wyndings**

Planning – Oak felling at Old Orchard – Letter expressing concern that permission had been given to bungalow in close proximity to mature oak

Island on Jordan – no further action needed

Laurel Cottage – Letter of agreement to be sent

Replacement of bungalow with house on Verlands Road – No comment as outside village area

Springhead pavilion development considered to be over-development and obtrusive, and will be opposed

Concern to be expressed that no action had been taken on Springhead signage

### **23/4/2004 – AGM – Mission Hall**

(No note of numbers attending)

Chairmans Report – Note of recent tour of Waterworks works at Spring Bottom

Planning – Discussion of proposed development at Springhead

Discussion of tree protection. Members reminded to notify Council, even when felling dead trees

Treasurers Report – Balance of £2825

Society – Motion adding Chairman's casting vote in event of tied vote

Committee – Simon Emblen (Chairman), John Sutherland (Secretary), Sara Knight (Treasurer), Julia Allen, Tony Bugler, Dave Emery, Mike Haine, en Knight, Joyce Litschi, Peter Riley

Bus service – After debate, vote concluded that bus stop should be left where it is

Traffic – Discussion of parking around pond, but not thought any action desirable, as many cars belong to residents

Pond – Question about pruning of willows

Social – Talk by B Burke on experience as BBC sound man

### **19/4/2004 – Committee meeting – Corner Cottage (Roy & Sara Knight)**

Planning – Tour of Wessex Water arranged for 21/4

Application for island on Jordan has been approved with conditions

Holding reply received re tree felling at Old Orchard

Noted that Springhead application is partly outside development boundary. Expected to go to Planning Committee in May

Further application for 18 Seven Acres to be viewed

Agreement to en-suite at Northdown Farm

2 Brookmead application going to appeal

Letter of objection to be written re Travellers' camp at Lodmoor

Street Fayre – Understood there will be about 70 stalls

Note distributed about getting prizes for tombola

Society – AGM 23/4. Speaker arranged, and fee of £25 approved. Question of moving bus stop expected to come up again

Membership list revised, showing 214 addresses and 187 paid up members

Finance - £3725.87 including £500 promised to Mission Hall

Village – Question raised about use of Evangelical Church, but not known

Member had asked about painting of railings around sub-station. Letter to be written

### **17/5/2004 – Committee meeting – Willows (Peter & Rita Riley)**

Village – Les Jolliffe reminded about millennium trees plaque

## Summary note of Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Minutes and Newsletters

Street Fayre – Music, stage, gazebos organised. Helpers still needed

Tombola prizes being sought

Planing – Understood conditions for island on Jordan require clearance of spoil, and landscaping

Unclear reply about Old Orchard tree application

No comment needed on 26 Verlands Rd conversion

Springhead accommodation block application turned down

18 Seven Acres application approved

No comment on 96 Preston Road development

Details to be sought about tree felling at Rose Cottage

Objection sent on 97 Sutton Road application

Social – Letter of thanks for Waterworks visit

Walk on 27th

Society – Speaker for AGM not thought well of

Finance - £3703.52

Traffic – Noted that fire engine had difficulty getting access during recent flooding. Proposed that No Parking signs be put up. County to be contacted

Repairs to uddledock Lane welcomed

### May 2004 – Newsletter #109

Social – Plant Sale at Scutt Hall successful

Evening Walk 27/5 from Kings Arms Portesham with supper there at end

Day Walk 12/7 10 miles from Toller Porcorum including Lower Kingcombe. Lunch at Marquis of Lorne

Visit to Waterworks brought positive comments

Mexican Evening over-subscribed

WI – Meeting time changed. Next meeting “Travellers Tales”. Outing to Compton Acres and Studland

Street Fayre – 27/6. Society asking for tombola prizes, and volunteers to man stall

Volunteers sought for other stalls

Brownies asking for filled jars

Society – AGM 23/4 with about 40 attending. Decision that bus stop best left where it is.

Concern over congested parking north of pond, making access difficult for emergency vehicles

Committee Simon Emblen (Chairman), John Sutherland (Secretary), Sarah Knight (Treasurer), Julia Allen, Tony Bugler, David Emery, Michael Haine, Ken Knight, Joyce Litschi, Peter Riley

Planning – Opposed application by Springhead for additional accommodation

Opposed application for 2 new houses at 97 Sutton Road with access onto Mission Hall Lane

Opposed application for 2 new houses at 18 Seven Acres Road

Written to Borough opposing possible Travellers’ site at Lodmoor

Traffic – Written to Borough asking for “please drive carefully” sign for village

Village – 9 people helped at village clean-up 27/3

Footpaths – Reminder to shut farm gates

### 2/6/2004 – Committee meeting – Wyndings (Simon & Dorothy Emblen)

Mission Hall – Seat purchased, and fitted by Dave Buckley. Thanks to be sent

Understood that grant application has been turned down. MHT sending letter to all residents

Pond – Work to be done, funded by Wessex Water. Sluice will be installed, allowing water to be lowered. Contractor will remove silt

Telephone conversation with Council suggested too many trees by pond

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Street Fayre – Legal position about alcoholic prizes seems very unclear. Agreed to continue as before. More helpers needed for tombola

Social – Mission Hall barbecue 1/8

Cream teas 21/8

Old film of village, owned by Chris Galpin, suggested for next AGM

Planning – Clarification of rules for tree work (application compulsory, result is permission or TPO, TPO depends on visual worth of tree, condition and location). In case of Old Orchard, tree too close to cottage

Note that trees grown for fruit are exempt from planning controls [not actually the case].

Wild plums at Rose Cottage not grown for fruit

97 Sutton Road application approved

Objection re White Horse Drive

No comment on 10 Winslow and 19 Winslow, or Puddle Cottage

Springhead trees – Rely on trees officer

Springhead signage – letter to be sent on non-compliance

Discussion of planning policy re trees – existing policy of seeking replacement of indigenous trees confirmed

Finance - £3322.88

Village – Telephone box seems to be non-operational

### 5/7/2004 – Planning meeting

Meeting with Richard Burgess and Debby Redding to ascertain Council policy with respect to village. Concern at gradual filling of all spaces in village (e.g. 97 Sutton Road). RB suggested 1999 Village Survey should have identified specific green spaces to protect. Council policy is for infill and brownfield sites, with gardens included. Favoured some development at pub on basis that alternative to failed pub would be replacement by housing. Several mentions of gap facing pond. Offers of meetings with Simon Williams on planning, or Martin Gallivan on traffic

### 26/7/2004 – Committee meeting – 99 Sutton Road (Julia & John Allen)

Village – Letter written requesting reinstatement of telephone box

Letter from member about trees at Wessex Water. SGM will be called if requested

Mission Hall – Grant application to be resubmitted. County Council grant of £8.5k available when work starts

Thought that new seat a little low. Dave Emery to action

Street Fayre – 3176 people paid to come in. About £13k to distribute. Distribution 12/9

Tombola took £776

Some disappointment expressed that only small amount would be passed to Mission Hall (although noted that previous Fayres had passed £5500 to MHT)

Noted that some funds also passed to Scutt Hall

Planning – White Horse Drive application withdrawn

Springhead tree work approved

Springhead signage reapplication turned down

No action on various applications outside area – 14 Verlands, 25 Winslow, 5 Old Granary and Fisherbridge

Question to be asked about planning permission for Buckleys' conservatory

Social – Walk 12/7 well supported

Cream teas 21/8 with raffle

Finance - £3326.20

Donation of £25 to Civic Society Nothe Fort appeal

Traffic – Discussion of traffic calming on Sutton Road. Thought we are way down action list

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### August 2004 – Newsletter #110

Social – Cream Teas in the Orchard 21/8

Christmas Market 4/12 organised by Mission Hall Trust

Christmas Carols 17/12 around tree

Rockers Evening 23/10 organised by Mission Hall Trust

Evening walk 27/5

Day walk with about 20 walkers. Thanks to Richard Backwell for organising

BBQ 1/8 at Mission Hall raised about £200 for Mission Hall

WI – Next meeting Botanical artist

Street Fayre – Distribution evening 12/9 at Waterworks

Tombola stall made £766

Society – SGM 24/9 to discuss trees at Waterworks, which near neighbours would like removed

Mission Hall – Letter distributed asking for donations and help with proposed new kitchen

Seat donated by Wessex Water has been placed at front of Mission Hall

Pond – David Emery in talks with Council, Wessex Water and Dorset Wildlife Trust about pond silting

Village – Letter to BT about future of telephone box

Planning – Opposed application by Springhead for new signs

Opposed application for 6 new houses at White Horse Drive (subsequently approved)

Opposed 2 new houses at 97 Sutton Road with access onto Mission Hall Lane (subsequently approved)

Discussions with Director of Environmental Services about policy for Sutton Poyntz

### 6/9/2004 – Committee meeting – Southdown Cottage (Mike & Pat Haine)

Village – Note given to Alan Jolliffe showing location for millennium trees plaque

Telephone box reinstated

Noted that some trees being planted in field behind Camelot

Pond – Noted that Borough has no statutory responsibility for pond and have done previous work as goodwill. Dave Emery has obtained Land Drainage Application Form for completion.

Contract for clearance will be placed by Wessex Water, but legal responsibilities are not clear

Traffic – Agreed to send letter to Borough asking for 20mph limit along Sutton Road

Planning – Agreed to take no action on Buckleys' conservatory

Planning Committee will investigate identifying important views and areas in village

Rumour that Mission Hall Lane developers are looking for additional land to develop

No progress on Springhead signage

Smithy Cottage plans not seen yet

Street Fayre – Cheque presentation evening 10/9

Social – 77 people at Cream Teas 21/8. £134 raised. Thanks to Sara and Julia, and apologies that they had not received more help. Raffle used spare tombola prizes, so this part of the take (£58) will be donated to Mission Hall Trust

Society – SGM arrangements made, with opportunity for site visit

Finance - £3473.42

Subscriptions need collecting

### 23/9/2004 – SGM – Mission Hall

43 members

Village – Discussion of trees at Waterworks, and rook nuisance associated. View of near neighbours that earlier work had not dealt with the problem, and that felling of all the trees

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(possibly with replanting) was only solution. After lengthy discussion, a fresh motion to the effect that no action should be taken without first consulting with the Borough Council and investigating other means of dealing with the bird nuisance, was adopted.

### **11/10/2004 – Committee meeting – Wyndings (Simon & Dorothy Emblen)**

Mission Hall – Plans being developed and cost estimates obtained. Being coordinated by Karen & Dave Albin

Planning – Question of whether Mission Hall is listed. List obtained, showing it is not  
Further meeting with Borough Planners arranged for 20/10

No adverse comment on Upwater Barn garden room, or on Smithy Cottage extension

Concern about extra roof height for extension at 1 Sutton Close

Further letter to be sent on Springhead signage

No action on tree felling at 8 Malt Villas

Resubmission for 6 houses at White Horse Drive – repeat of previous representation

Letter to Council complaining at lack of plans for modified driveway at Old Orchard

Society – Draft minutes of SGM reviewed. Noted that motion in calling notice had not been voted on, so no action required!

Finance - £3398.42

Pond – Pond is owned by Borough. Silver Street and bridge over pond no adopted, so no formal notices needed about closure. Preferred method is to pump water from pond over bridge into stream

Village – 3 complaints about noise at Springhead noted

Browns visited by lady related to W J Clarke, former blacksmith in Sutton Poyntz. Copies of old photos left

Discussion of clearing old village wash area near Waterworks

Note that stream area next to Sutton Road had been cleared by Dale family. Letter of thanks to be sent

Borough have funds for tree planting. Corner of Preston Road and Church Road suggested, and also replacement for dead elms along Puddledock

### **20/10/2004 – Planning meeting**

Meeting with Simon Williams, Debby Redding and Martin Gallivant on planning vision for Sutton Poyntz

Local Plan currently being revised, with Inspection in August. Borough has resisted pressure to open up development boundary, for example in green wedge and in valley towards Chalbury. Conservation Area has been enlarged. Planning Policy is to keep within development boundaries and to use development windfall but with a preference for windfall sites.

Traffic guidelines suggest existing lane size could support additional 30 dwellings.

Noted that Old Orchard work permitted without further planning approval, and Springhead signage being appealed

Copy of Booklet on Planning Considerations obtained

Discussion of ways forward for Village Plan. Contact to be provided to Bournemouth University Heritage Protection Course. Noted that Village Survey lacked an Action Plan.

Problems of parking around pond area discussed, and problems of access for emergency services. No offer to provide signs.

Preston Brook flood relief scheme to be implemented soon. Jordan Valley will then be looked at. Responsibility will soon transfer to Environment Agency

### **8/11/2004 – Committee meeting – Old Stables (Ken & Suzette Knight)**

Village – Any clearing of village wash area deferred to future Village Plan action plan



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Letter from M Pressly on Wessex Water trees and rooks. Defer further discussion for future meeting with Borough planners

Norman Brown has put No Parking sign outside Old Coach House, with agreement of Society and house owners

Scutt Hall redecoration nearly complete

Rumour that post box would not be repaired if damaged again, but removed

Village Plan – Discussion of meeting with planners. Agreed to keep local councillors informed. Agreed to contact Bournemouth University

Various documents obtained to help in village plan process

Planning – Letter sent re betting shop at Spice Ship [sic]

Letter sent re tree removal at 2 Sutton Close

Further letter sent about resubmitted Springhead accommodation block, and Society to be represented at Planning Committee meeting

Social – Discussion of having Carol Service at Mission Hall

Discussion of obtaining new tea urn

Finance – Noted that subscriptions currently down on previous year

Pond – Quote obtained for pond clearance

### 29/11/2004 – Village Plan meeting

Meeting with Bournemouth University

Dave Emery outlined Village Survey and wish to produce conservation document for village.

Village Survey had good general aspirations, but did not highlight specific locations to be conserved, and did not have any action plan

Ideas included inventory of trees, survey of wildlife habitats, archaeology survey, regression study on how village has developed

Other areas included car parking, footpaths, locations for potential development, aspirations of local developers, potential for low cost housing

Univesity will provide list of possible relevant topics for student dissertations

### November 2004 – Newsletter #111

Mission Hall – AGM 19/11, followed by Quiz Night

Extension will proceed as home-build project

Social – Christmas Market 4/12 organised by Mission Hall Trust

Christmas Carols 17/12 around Christmas tree

Cream Teas enjoyed by 77, making £58 (donated to Mission Hall Trust)

Rockers Evening attended by 45

Wi – Next meeting Christmas flower arranging and Christmas party. January meeting on Health & Chemicals

Street Fayre - £13000 donated at event at Waterworks 12/9

Society – SGM attended by 43 members who agreed to ask for further consultation on possible solutions before agreeing any action

Pond – Negotiations with contractor on cleaning pond, involving emptying, removing silt and refilling when it has dried out. Work planned for spring, before nesting

Planning – Discussions with Council who have listed main guidelines used for planning decisions

Objection to 6 new houses in White Horse Drive

Objection to Springhead accommodation block

No objection to proposals at Upwater Barn, Smithy Cottage, 34 Sutton Road, or to tree maintenance work

Village – Visit by a great grand daughter of William James Clarke (blacksmith around turn of last century), who left some photographs

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Request for any old photos of the Village Wash area

Thanks to Mr Dale and family for tidying work on Sutton Road around Jordan

Note on decorations and repairs at Scutt Hall

### **6/12/2004 – Committee meeting – 99 Sutton Road (Julia & John Allen)**

Village – Alan Jolliffe not now able to move stones, but can provide stones

Noted that Clem Mullett's book refers to village wash area

Letter to be written to M Pressly outlining Society views on rook reduction (netting or sonic deterrence, but no cull). Noted that tree reduction had been done well

Note that still not known who was looking after flowers at village stone

Noted that Great Eastern funnel was going to be moved to Britol for preservation and display

Mission Hall – AGM 19/11, with quiz, raising £50

Planning – Spice Ship betting shop application approved

Springhead sighthage appeal approved

White Horse Drive 6 houses turned down

Response from Richard Burgess on Old Orchard access, which was in accordance with planning consent

Village Plan – Meeting with Bournemouth University discussed. Weymouth College might consider village archaeological study

Social – Talk by Richard Backwell on visit to Nepal being considered, for some time in spring  
Carol Service will be outside Mission Hall, so no village tree needed

Finance - £2921.92

Decided not to contribute to Mayor's Fund

Traffic – Request from member for support in convincing bus drivers to switch off while stopped

### **17/1/2005 – Committee meeting – Corner Cottage (Sara & Roy Knight)**

Village – Suggested that Ian Critchell may have contact who could move stones for millennium tree plaque. To be contacted

Will consider clearing village wash area when spring comes. Consider plaque as well

Rooks – correspondence with Mike Pressly and Nick Maton. Thought that Wessex Water would not allow cull, but might allow nests to be dislodged

Correspondence with Wessex Water about movement of Great Eastern funnel

No information on future of Vic Hunt's shed site

Dead elms have been removed in Puddledock area. Council to be asked if this area is included in their replacement tree programme

Village Plan – Waiting for response from Bournemouth University on possible heritage study

Planning – Objected to new illuminated sign at Spice Ship

Society will be represented at Council Planning Committee meeting on Springhead accommodation

No objection to Fox Cottage, Copperfields, Mission Hall, 38 Sutton Road or Camelot tree

Society – AGM 8/4 with Richard Backwell talk

Social – Spring coffee morning 17/2 with raffle

Finance - £2921.92

Flooding – Reported that Borough to undertake study of Jordan watercourse

Pond – Discussion of risk from works to wildlife, but decided to leave it to experts already involved

Council to be asked about pollarding of willows

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### January 2005 – Newsletter #112

Social – Coffee Morning 17/2

Safari Supper 26/2 organised by Mission Hall Trust

Village Entertainment Evening being organised by Dve Caddy in April

Flower Festival and Garden Show being organised by Mission Hall Trust 4-5/6

Christmas Market 4/12 raised £652 for Hall funds

Christmas Carols around tree (at Mission Hall this year), attended by about 100, followed by baptism and mulled wine in Hall

WI – Birthday meeting and Birthday lunch. March talk “Not dead yet”

Society – AGM 13/4, with talk by Richard Backwell on latest visit to Nepal

Mission Hall Trust – AGM 19/11. Quiz raised £50 for Hall funds

Plans for Hall extension submitted. Work being coordinated by Karen Albin

Planning – Objection against Springhead accommodation block

No objection against Spice Ship application, apart from additional signage

No objection to Mission Hall, Fox Cottage, Copperfields or 38 Sutton Road

No objection against any recent trees applications

Village – Team of 20 visited Okhle village in Nepal to help with installation of water supply

Event hosted by Richard & Judy Backwell raised £650 for tsunami appeal. Sale organised by

Diarmud & Becky MacDonagh raised £1880 for same cause

### 21/2/2005 – Committee meeting – Wyndings (Simon & Dorothy Emblen)

Mission Hall – Plans approved. Work has started with removal of two fruit trees

Planning – Accepted illuminated signs at Spice Ship but not on front of building

Society to be represented at Planning Committee meeting on Springhead accommodation block 23/2

Camelot tree felling approved, also Fox Cottage conservatory. Copperfields bay window still being considered

Society – AGM 13/4, with talk by Richard Backwell and refreshments.

Finance – Subscriptions unchanged. Balance £2961.62

Social – Spring Coffee Morning 17/2 with 28 people. Profit £52.70

Village – Concern about state of green wedge area – to be investigated

Trees Officer to be asked about replacement trees along Puddledock

Pond – Contractors to start clearing silt in last 2 weeks of March

Traffic – Concern about water on road outside Camelot, turning to ice in cold weather.

Council to be contacted

### 23/3/2005 – Committee meeting – Old Stables (Ken & Suzette Knight)

Village – Les Joliffe has stones suitable for millennium tree plaque

Date to be organised for cleaning out village wash area

Council have no plans to plant new trees in Puddledock. Elm roots will shoot again, but be hit by disease again within 15-20 years

Question about ownership of cart at Springhead. Owned by Society. Wheel needs repair; new wheel would cost £35

Noted that new tree planted at end of Sutton Rad

Traffic – No reply from Council about state of road outside Camelot

Pond – Advised that pollarding no longer Council policy. Council will remove dangerous branches on willows

Planning – Spice Ship signs approved. Also Copperfields bay window

Springhead accommodation block refused

Council to be asked again about enforcement for Springhead signs

No objection to Bellamy Cottage bridge and access

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Society – Julia Allen, David Emery and Ken Knight standing down from Committee

### March 2005 – Newsletter #113

Social – Entertainment Evening 14/5 organised by Dave Caddy in Mission Hall  
Floribunda Festival 4-5/6 in aid of Mission Hall and WaterAid  
Vegetable Show 6/8 in Scutt Hall, to include ‘Spud in a Tub’ (tub defined here), with proceeds for Save the Children. Opportunity for entrants to visit other gardens  
Spring Coffee Morning 17/2 attended by 30, raising £52 for Society  
Safari Supper 26/2

WI – Dorset Ambulance Paramedic Cyclist talk

Village Watercolour course starting 8/4 in Mission Hall, taught by Bridget Edmonds

Society – AGM 13/4 followed by talk on Okhle visit by Richard Backwell

Mission Hall – Plans approved by Council and ground clearance started

Pond – Work to start this month

Duck eggs for sale

Planning – Springhead accommodation block turned down

No objections to any other recent applications

Bus service – Revised service from 1/5. Reducing to 20 minute service, with hourly service into village. Problems with lack of turning area and blockages along Sutton Road

### 13/4/2005 – AGM – Mission Hall

(No note of numbers)

Village – Discussion of actions taken to try to find solution to rook problem. RSPB firmly against any measures. Council do not have view as trees are Wessex Water’s [who as a statutory body are outside Council remit]. Proposed that the Society has done as much as it can and should take no further action

Note of new tree planted at end of Sutton Road at request of Society

Chairman’s Report – Noted that most social functions now being run by Mission Hall for fund raising. Thanks expressed particularly to Ken Knight, David Emery and Julia Allen, who have made great contributions to Society

Bus service – Noted that First Bus intend to reduce service. Petition available at Cart Shed

Committee – Simon Emblen (Chairman), John Sutherland (Secretary), Sara Knight (Treasurer), Tony Bugler, Mike Haine, Tony Heathershaw, Peter Jones, Joyce Litschi, Peter Riley

Social – Talk by Richard Backwell on trip to Okhle village in Nepal

### 25/4/2005 – Committee meeting – 68 Sutton Road (Peter & Rita Riley)

Village Plan – Reported that T Heathershaw taking over from DE

Pond – Alaska Environmental have completed the silt removal. Note of thanks to be sent to them, to Wessex Water, and to DE. Letter to Echo. TH to discuss any follow up action with DE

Traffic – Discussions with Martyn Gallivant on water running down road outside Camelot. No quick solution in sight

Note of damage to bank on Sutton Road during building work. Letter to be written requesting reinstatement

Understood Coombe Valley to close for about 10 weeks. To be checked

Village – Wheel from cart at Springhead being repaired by Peter Riley

Village cleanup planned for before Floribunda Festival

Mission Hall – Decision by “Awards for all” on grant application expected June. Work started on ground work

Planning – Sub-committee now P Jones, T Bugler, T Heathershaw, J Sutherland

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No comment on changed plan for 45 Sutton Road

Society – New distribution areas agreed

Finance – Tea urn purchased. £3461.77

Bus service – Information on changes to timetable

Suggestion of paving bus stop area. PR has no objection

Flooding – Council study has started

### May 2005 – Newsletter #114

Social – Entertainment Evening 14/5, with Sutton Starlets performing two plays “The Magic Flute” and “Saved by Donald’s Duck”, organised by Dave Caddy

Spring evening walk 19/5 at Langton Herring organised by Richard Backwell

Village clean-up 21/5. Note that people not covered by any insurance

Floribunda Festival 4-5/6 in aid of Mission Hall and WaterAid, with teas at Mission Hall and stalls at Water Museum. Request for plants, cakes, jams etc.

Summer wal 21/6 from Corfe Castle to Swanage, back by train, with picnic lunch

Village BBG July

Vegetable Show 6/8 with Spud in a Tub

Trafalgar Day 21/10

15 people attending Watercolour art course

WI – Last meeting talk and video on presentation at Buckingham Palace. Visit to Island

Garden Nursery. Next talk on Psychotherapy

Mission Hall – Ground works complete

Society – Julia Allen, Dave Emery and Ken Knight retired from Committee at AGM. Talk by Richard Backwell

Committee Simon Emblen (Chairman), John Sutherland (Secretary), Sarah Knight (Treasurer),

Tony Bugler, Michael Haine, Tony Heathershaw, Peter Jones, Joyce Litschi, Peter Riley

Pond – De-silting work complete. Article in Echo

Planning – No important applications recently. Sub-committee is now Tony Bugler, Peter Jones, Tony Heathershaw and John Sutherland

Bus service – Petition to First Bus, organised by Christine Gates. First Bus will monitor effect of changes

### 13/6/2005 – Committee meeting – Corner Cottage (Roy & Sara Knight)

Village – Reported that the stones for the millennium trees will be moved very soon. Agreed to make contribution to L Jolliffe for the work

Reported that new Springhead signs to be installed soon

Cart wheel repaired and refitted

Village Plan – Working Group formed, John Sullivan, Tony Heathershaw and Peter Jones.

Met with DE 11/5. Main issues to carry forward work on pond and to carry forward Village Survey. Investigation of Village Design Statements – decided this would be worth doing, but has to be done as community-wide project. Mailshot to be prepared. Funding may be available.

Pond – DWT and Environment Agency have advised against stocking the pond with fish, rather to let it revert to natural state. Permission would be needed before stocking, and a very limited range of fish types would be allowed. Agreed to publicise in next Newsletter

Traffic – Borough Engineer and Wessex Water site visit to road by Camelot. Extensive work needed, but will be done at some time

Society – Reported that Civic Society subscriptions have not been paid since 2001. Agreed to restore membership

Mission Hall – £5000 grant from Awards for all. Foundations now in

Social – 180 people attended Floribunda Festival in pouring rain. £350 profit

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Cream Teas 20/8 at Fuschia Cottage

Planning – Noted that Society is not on list of Local Plan consultees. Agreed to register as such

No comment on 7 Sutton Road

Question about vehicle access for work at Blue Shutters

Discussion of Springhead application to vary licence. No concern with additional hours, but music/karaoke licence opposed – not thought the location suitable

Finance - £3540.57

Flooding – Correspondence with Black & Veatch on evidence of flood history

### **25/7/2005 – Committee meeting – Hampton Lodge (Peter & Sue Jones)**

Village – Stones for millennium tree plaque delivered. Costs for plaque being ascertained.

New Springhead signs have been installed

Environmental Partnership had proposed 200 oak trees to mark Trafalgar year. Society would propose Puddledock Lane or on hillside below knoll for village's portion. Letters to be sent to Hugh Diment and Wessex Water

Springhead car park – Concern over building materials in Springhead car park at top of pond. No action proposed at present.

Village Plan – Contacts made with Bournemouth University and Kingston Maurward re conservation study for village. Kingston Maurward could offer student; invitation to future meeting to discuss in more detail.

Open meeting to be arranged in November to discuss Village Design Statement

Pond – Concern over safety for children of vegetation around pond. Contact to be made with Borough

Discussion on restocking of pond. Conclusion is to take no action

Planning – Representation on Blue Shutters welcoming work but concerned at minimising disruption due to works

No comment on 7 Sutton Road

Springhead licence hearing 8/8. Society objections confirmed

Regret expressed at gates fitted outside Garland House preventing access to stream

Social – Cream Teas 20/8 in Fuschia Cottage garden. Sara organising. Raffle

Trafalgar Day feast being organised at Mission Hall

Finance £3566.59

Traffic – Borough proposing to include Sutton Road springs in flooding study

### **23/8/2005 – Licensing meeting**

Licence variations at Springhead approved. Discussion of whether to appeal. No concern about hours, or conditions for sale of alcohol. For music playing, licence had imposed conditions for sound proofing and sound monitoring. Decided to appeal on basis that there is a good reason to allow recorded music for one hour longer than live music, and asking for both to cease at 11 p.m. Also agreed to ask for copy of licensee's Noise Impact Assessment

### **August 2005 – Newsletter #115**

Social – Vegetable Show 6/8 in Scutt Hall – details of categories – proceeds to Save the Children

Cream Teas 20/8 in Dave & Sue Buckley's garden

Trafalgar Day 21/10 – feast, 1805 style, in Mission Hall

Village BBQ was cancelled because of extension work

Entertainment Evening 14/5 raised £100 for Julia's House and £30 for Claire Clement charity

Evening walk 19/5 with 36 walkers and good meal at Elm Tree, Langton Herring

Day walk and train ride ending with cream tea at Corfe 21/3 with 23 walkers



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Floribunda Festival 4-5/6 with 180 people, making £348 divided between Hll and WaterAid  
WI – Next meetings “Healing power of food” and Woodcraft. WI quizzes starting

Village – Clean up collected lots of litter

Note on death of Heidi Farrant, widow of Vic who had died not long before. Donations in her memory collected for Mission Hall - £170.

Mission Hall – Walls now rising

Pond – Investigated stocking of pond with indigenous species, but advised against to protect fish already in river

Village Plan – Council published Statement of Community Involvement, part of Local Development Framework. Society intend to participate in development of new Local Plan, and will call village open meeting to debate proposal to create Steering Group to conduct study of village future, and to produce Village Design Statement.

### **26/9/2005 – Committee meeting – Old Stables (Tony & Anthea Heathershaw)**

Village – Millennium Tree plaque ordered

Wessex Water did not consider the hillside suitable for oaks. Decided not to apply for share of oaks if they are supplied

Reported that soil has appeared in Mr Rookes’ land in green wedge. Enquiries to be made

Springhead car park – Discussion at next meeting about building materials in Springhead car park, bearing in mind need to clear for Street Fayre

Mission Hall – Building progressing, with Jim Willis in particular working on roof

Pond – Contact with Carl Dallison on trees and vegetation, and also on how to maintain pond edge

Noticeboard by pond is leaning. To be fixed

Planning – “No comments” sent on Rimbrow, Chalbury mast, 4 Sutton Court Lawns, crown reduction of ash at Mill

Discussion of application at Stroudley, but decided outside village and did not damage viewlines

Blue Shutters application refused

Society has appealed Springhead licence application, as has Punch Taverns. Hearing 15-16/11

Traffic – Relief Road roadshow attended

Village Plan – Newsletter to be delivered to all houses including down Sutton Road notifying of Village Design Statement open meeting

Social – Cream Teas attended by 97, raising £261.39. Donations of £60 agreed to Claire Clements Fund and Mission Hall

Finance £3400.78

Footpaths – Letter expressing concern at BOAT proposal to be sent, although path is outside our area

### **24/10/2005 – Committee meeting – Corner Cottage (Sara & Roy Knight)**

Mission Hall – Building going well. AGM 18/11 with quiz

Social – Trafalgar Day events well attended. Beacon delivered by Lunns and assembled by Naval squad. Lighting attended by about 20

Coffee morning to be arranged early next year

Village – Oak trees now known to be on offer at cost of £47 each

Plan to use rubble at Springhead car park as infill at Mission Hall

Contact with Ian Rose [sic], publisher of Wyke Register, proposing similar magazine for Preston/Osmington/Sutton. Agreed to supply material but not on regular basis

Discussion on wheelie bin refuse proposal

Now known that Mrs Palfremen [sic] does flowers on village sign

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Springhead car park – Discussion at next meeting about building materials in Springhead car park, bearing in mind need to clear for Street Fayre

Pond – Borough planning to prune willows before Christmas, but not pollard.

No chance to discuss pond edging. Proposed to take no action

Stated that noticeboard by pond is Society's. To be removed for maintenance and then reinstalled

Village Plan – Arrangements for open meeting 4/11

Finance - £3400.78

Street Fayre – Open meeting 19/10 not well attended. Agreed to go ahead, but with smaller Fayre

### October 2005 – Newsletter #116

Social – Trafalgar Day feast, 1805 style, in Mission Hall 21/10. Fully booked

Lighting of village beacon on hillside 21/10

Christmas Carols 16/11 around Christmas Tree, probably at Mission Hall

Vegetable Show 6/8 had 27 entrants. Spud in a Tub entrants between 0 and 1.72kg. £77 raised for Save the Children, and £20 for Scutt Hall

Cream Teas 20/8 at Buckleys attended by 97 people and run by Sara Knight. £120 donated to Claire Clements Fund and Mission Hall

WI – Special dinner for WI's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Shopping trip to Street

Street Fayre – Meeting 19/10 to start plans towards 2006 Fayre

Village Plan – Open Meeting 4/11 to discuss “What village would we like to leave for future generations”

Mission Hall – AGM 18/11 followed by Quiz Night

Roof now on extension

Village – Thanks expressed to lady (unknown) who looks after the flower box on the Sutton Poyntz stone at the entrance to the village

4 stones, donated by Mr Joliffe, at start of Millennium oak walk. Plaque ordered.

Planning – Objection against additional hours' music requested in Springhead licence application

### 23/11/2005 – Committee meeting – 68 Sutton Road (Peter & Rita Riley)

Pond – Trees not yet attended to

Board removed for renovation

Village – Rubble in car park being moved and used

Letter to be sent expressing concern at gradual degradation of green wedge area

Millennium Tree plaque obtained. To be fitted

Footpaths – Possible application for BOAT status for ridgeway track from Plaisters to Poxwell

Village Plan – Open meeting attended by 77. Village Design Study Group (Simon Emblen, Peter Jones, Tony Heathershaw, Chris Emblen, Maureen Tapper [sic]) formed. David Emery, Liz Heathershaw, Caroline Richards (Borough) added later. Grant application to be made – Society approved £400 if needed.

Planning – “No adverse comments” on Old Orchard, 88 Sutton Road

Licence hearing attended. Punch Taverns appeal withdrawn. Noise limiter to be used.

Karaoke added to definition of live music. Otherwise as before.

Finance £500 transferred to Mission Hall, as previously agreed. Balance £3209.14

### 18/1/2006 – Committee meeting – Sutton Lodge (Tony & Pat Bugler)

Village – Fading document in Doris Harbour's noticeboard replaced

Question of ownership of land in front of Mrs Harbour's cottage. Enquiries to be made

Planning – Noise limiter fitted by Springhead to sound system

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Old Orchard application withdrawn

No comment on 88 Sutton Road

Decision imminent on third house in Mission Hall Lane development

Application for 30 additional static caravans to be opposed

Traffic – Understood Borough have money allocated for work to springs under Sutton Road, and for banks at top of Plaisters Lane

Mission Hall – Building complete. Kitchen on order. Discussion of opening event

Street Fayre – Rearrangements needed because on non-availability of facilities used before.

Tombola to be organised by Simn Emblen

Footpaths – Condition of stiles discussed. Priority to one by Old Stables, one behind

Wyndings, and one by Hunts Yard. Borough to be approached

Pond Carl Dallison to be contacted again about trees

Flooding – Noted that sewer along valley from Osmington had blocked and overflowed.

Wessex Water had been alerted

Village Plan – Application for £2360 grant. Proposed to produce Community Action Plan, but type of final report affects what work is needed. Questionnaire and workshop in May or June

Finance – Expenditure £197.45. £60 approved for repairs to duck house fence

### January 2006 – Newsletter #117

Social – Safari Supper 18/3 organised by Mission Hall Trust

Beacon lit on Trafalgar Day, thanks to George & Sally Lunn

Christmas Carols outside Mission Hall, followed by baptisms in pond and mulled wine in Mission Hall

WI – Christmas party. Life below stairs at Kingston Lacy

Street Fayre – 25/6. Request for proposals for charities to benefit and for offers to help.

Committee now chaired by Guy Bridge

Village Plan – Steering Group elected at November meeting – D Emery (Chair), P Jones, T Heathershaw, M Tepper, L Heathershaw, Caroline Richards.

Application submitted for funds grant

Open Meeting attended by 77, and idea of Village Plan approved

Mission Hall – AGM re-elected same committee. Quiz Night raised £81, donated to Children in Need

Internal work progressing, with hatch opening cut, and kitchen plastered and painted

Village – Care for flower box revealed as Mrs Palfreman [sic]

Pond – Willows inspected by Council, who will do some pruning (pollarding is not policy)

Thanks to Glen & Susan who have cleared ivy etc. from walls around parking area at top of pond

Planning – Springhead have been allowed live music to 11 and recorded music (when noise limiter fitted) to 12

Objected against third house in development off Mission Hall Lane

### 22/2/2006 – Committee meeting – Old Stables (Tony & Anthea Heathershaw)

Village – No 1 Myrtle Cottage is not registered, nor is the land in front. The land in front is not owned by the Borough or County Highways. Land must be fenced before adverse possession claim

Repair work done to dangerous manhole cover on sewer from Osmington

Working party to clear area around boundary stone

Street Fayre – Facilities at pub are not guaranteed due to imminent sale of pub. Village Plan information will be on display

Footpaths – Borough response offering to replace stiles next year

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BOAT application notifications are being made by Trail Riders Fellowship on a number of paths. Letter of opposition to be sent to County Council

Pond – No work done to trees, due to power lines which would have to be switched off with use of generators. Request to be sent asking for dates

Noticeboard repaired and ready for reinstallation

Village Plan - £1700 grant approved.

Questionnaire and flyer being developed, for delivery to all houses in village with south Sutton Road and Puddledock, and roads off. Discussion of area of coverage. Discussion of how this should be separated from Society as an activity – no reference to Society, and different logo. Committee considered the Study Group to be a working party of the Society. Agreed that questionnaire could include question “Do you consider that the SPS fulfils a useful function” should be included “if required”

David Manning coopted onto Steering Group. Karen Punchard as advisory member

Planning – No adverse comment on Valley Cottage or 29 Winslow

Third house on Mission Hall Lane refused

Correspondence between CPRE and West Dorset on Eweleaze Farm camping

Society – AGM 12/4. Need for new Chairman. Talk by Dennis Ackroyd “Have Dog Collar Will Travel”

Finance - £2995.19

Question of insurance discussed. Needed under terms of grant.

Mission Hall – Funding agreed for window boxes at hall

### 15/3/2006 – Committee meeting – Wyndings (Simon & Dot Emblen)

Mission Hall – Kitchen being delivered 17/3. Completion in 10 weeks. Garden works continuing.

Social – Mission Hall Safari supper 18/3 and Beaujolais evening in November

Street Fayre – Charities chosen, including WaterAid and Diabetes

Springhead facilities will be available

Footpaths – Reply from County to our BOAT enquiry. Society will be advised prior to any decision

Sign has been put up on field by pub advising no right of way

Finance – Insurance being sorted

£3076.64

Village Plan - Flyer and questionnaire nearly complete. Trial run planned to 2 households

Planning – Application for replacement house at Greendown. 4 trees to be removed but replaced

Society – No nominations for Chairman. Agreed to recommend removal of 3-year term for Chairman

Village – Terremia now called The Lookout

John Willows spoken to about clearing Wash area

Area behind Waterworks cleared with paths marked, presumably for nature studies

Note of dog mess problem particularly in Mission Hall Lane

Traffic – Finger signs at top of Plaisters damaged. To be reported to County Council

### March 2006 – Newsletter #118

Social – Safari Supper 18/3

Vegetable Show 5/8 in Scutt Hall, with same classes as last year and again with opportunity to visit other entrants' gardens. Profit to Children's Society

Waterworks Fun Day 19/3, marking 150 years of water supply

Wi – Orchid growing. Next meeting is annual meeting

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Society – AGM 12/4 at Mission Hall, followed by talk by Revd Dennis Ackroyd entitled “Have dog collar will travel”

Street Fayre – 25/6. Helpers sought. Tombola prizes sought.

Village Plan – Changes to Steering Group, D Manning now involved. Questionnaire being produced, followed by Village Workshop

Mission Hall - Work continues

Village – Plaque now in place at start of Millennium Oak Walk

Plaque fitted to beacon stand

Notice board next to pond removed for maintenance

Pond – Willow pruning delayed because of power line proximity

Traffic – Contact with Highways about state of Sutton Road where springs emerge.

Permanent solution may be effected in 2006

Footpaths – Objected to change of some bridleways to BOAT

Replacements expected to some stiles

Planning – Objection against application to increase caravan area at Seaview, and also against large new campsite by coastal path

### 12/4/2006 – AGM – Mission Hall

52 members

Society – Debate on period of office of Chairman. Resolved to change maximum continuous period to 5 years

Chairmans Report – Planning details now available on internet. Applications reviewed by sub-committee on behalf of Society. Millennium oaks healthy, and now marked by plaque on stones donated by Mr Joliffe. New noticeboard by pond. Thanks to Sara Knight and to Buckleys for Cream Teas

Treasurers Report – Noted that £500 now donated to Mission Hall Trust, and also plaques purchased for Millennium oaks and village beacon

Committee – Simon Emblen (Chairman), John Sutherland (Secretary), Sara Knight (Treasurer), Tony Bugler, Mike Haine, Tony Heathershaw, Peter Jones, Joyce Litschi, Peter Riley

Planning – Sadness at loss of hedge along Mission Hall Lane as part of development, although Mr Saunders pointed out it was actually only 12 years old

Village – Note of some instances of vandalism e.g. to road signs, for which there appears to be a market

Social – Talk by Rev Dennis Ackroyd “Travels with a dog collar”

### 24/4/2006 – Committee meeting – Wyndings (Simon & Dot Emblen)

Society – Simon Emblen to represent Society on MHT, Environmental Partnership, Community Group. Planning sub-group Peter Jones, Tony Heathershaw, Tony Bugler, John Sutherland

No change in collectors' areas

Street Fayre – Request for tombola prizes

Village – Reported that Highways have allowed Mission Hall Lane builder to put storage on small car park. Views requested

More correspondence copied on Eweleaze camping

Wessex Water have agreed to use a green windsock (the windsock is a health & safety requirement due to storage of chlorine)

Wessex Water have cleared Wash area

Footpaths – Stiles expected to be done this summer

Understand that Council seeking guidance on BOATs

Some clearance work done to brambles etc. around some stiles

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Village Plan – 397 questionnaires delivered. Collection due next week.

Steering Group now chaired by Maureen Tepper. Stand planned at Fayre. Open Day 15/7 at Waterworks

Planning – Old Orchard believed to have changed hands

No comment on Waterworks Cottage summer house

Agreement in general to Greendown replacement

Happy with Dell Cottage tree work

Understood a neighbour has complained to Council about materials in green wedge

Social – Cream Teas 29/7 in orchard

Finance – Note that AGM finance sheet showed 2004 rather than 2005 figures for comparison

£1699 received for Village Plan grant

Pond – Potential problem with people parking by pond near reeds because of undermining. To be investigated.

### **24/5/2006 – Committee meeting – Old Stables (Tony & Anthea Heathershaw)**

Mission Hall – Report on building progress, inside and outside

Street Fayre – Help needed to get tombola prizes

Village – Sign at end of Plaisters Lane had been reinstalled

Understood Springhead has been sold

Reported that millennium oaks all in leaf

Village Plan – 72% of questionnaires returned, with geographic variations in return rate  
Articles in Echo and Register. Stall at Street Fayre – proposed to publicise Society and seek new members. Open Day 15/7 at Waterworks

B [sic] Manning has left Steering Group

Planning – 97 Sutton Road application resubmitted. Same response as before, but also questioning if property is vulnerable to flood, and asking for materials to be stored on site

No comments on 1 Waterworks summerhouse and 29 Winslow Road

Highways have revoked permission to store materials on small car park

30 touring caravans application being appealed

Social – Cream Teas in orchard 29/7.

Walks arranged by Richard Backwell and Mike Haine

Finance - £415 spent on village plan. £3709 including £1116 village plan funds

Traffic – Letter to be written asking for timetable for springs under Sutton Road

Concern that Puddledock could be used while Sutton Road being worked on

Pond – After inspection, overhang at edge of pond not thought serious

Flooding – Jordan scheme to start this year

### **May 2006 – Newsletter #119**

Social – Walks being organised by Mike Haine and Richard Backwell – evening walk 15/6 at Smugglers Cove, with refreshments at pub afterwards, and day walk 19/7 from Mapperton with cream teas at Sawmill

Cream Teas 29/7, back in Mission Hall orchard

Vegetable Show 5/8 same categories

Summer Barbecue 19/8 organised by Mission Hall Trust

Safrai Supper 18/3

Street Fayre – 25/6, starting with children's parade behind Mill Street Jazz Band

Request for items for stalls

Society – AGM 12/4 with 52 members, followed by talk by Revd Dennis Ackroyd. Committee unchanged

Village Plan – Good response to questionnaire



## Summary note of Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Minutes and Newsletters

Workshop 15/7 at Waterworks Museum

Mission Hall – Extension nearly complete, with opening up between Hall and extension 20-21/5

Village – Wessex Water have cleared the old Village Wash area

### 29/6/2006 – Committee meeting – Wyndings

Planning – Committee had not been aware that 3<sup>rd</sup> house on Mission Hall Lane was to be decided again at Planning Committee 21/6 meeting. Letter to be written questioning 2<sup>nd</sup> application while appeal was pending. Further letter to Committee Chairman complaining about comments made on Society, and asking for apology

Street Fayre – Wet day, but tombola made £480. Fayre planning g cream tea and sale day 15/7. Society will run tombola with remaining tombola prizes

### 20/7/2006 – Committee meeting – Wyndings (Simon & Dot Emblen)

Mission Hall – Opening 18/8

Street Fayre – About 1000 people attended. Revenue £9400, and about £5000 for distribution. Tombola took £480, and further £178 on 15/7. Final prizes donated to WI for beach stall

Village Plan – (now called Conservtion and Environment Working Group) Open Day attended by around 200

Initial analysis shows Society has 85% membership and 93% support. 99% thought Mission Hall a valuable asset

Footpaths – Some repairs done to paths. Landowners being consulted by County Council about kissing gates instead of stiles

Pond – Volunteers sought for pond clearance working party

Flooding – Open Meeting 23/8 on watercourses in Weymouth area

Planning – No comments on 2 Sutton Court Lawns, 17 Sutton Road, Overdale

Comment on 29 Winslow Road

Reply on allowing use of small car park – owner not known

Reply on comments at Planning Committee Meeting does not address concerns – further request to be sent

Greendown application approved

Social – 17 walkers on evening walk 15/6 around smugglers cove area

6 walkers for day walk 19/7 around Mapperton

Finance - £3749 including £996 Village Plan funds

Traffic – Noted that Puddledock has no white lines. Not adopted.

Village – Understood relatives of Joann & Bob Fenton wanting to create memorial, possibly some planting

### August 2006 – Newsletter #120

Social – Vegetable Show 5/8 at Scutt Hall

Summer Barbecue 19/8 organised by Mission Hall Trust

French Evening November organised by Mission Hall Trust

Summer walks, 17 walkers on evening walk and 6 on very hot day walk

Cream Teas 29/7 in Mission Hall (and orchard when the rain cleared) with 101 people. Made £100 for Society funds

Mission Hall – Extension complete. Opening 18/8 with ceremony performed by Sir Anthony Joliffe, former Lord Mayor of London and now president of Society of Dorset Men

Thanks to all who have worked on this project

Street Fayre – Over 1000 visitors despite very wet day. Around £5000 to be distributed to charities.

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Tabletop Sale organised 15/7 to dispose of surplus things.

Tombola made £658

Village Plan – Over 200 visitors to Village Plan Open Day 15/7 at Waterworks Museum.

Various displays, and video of village as it was 50 years ago

72% return from Questionnaire – 530 returns from total of 400 households polled. Analysis continues

Village – Noticeboard by pond now replaced

Traffic – Work done to rise on Sutton Road. Part of problem was defunct watermain

Planning – 3 houses off Mission Hall Lane approved. We objected against use of Springhead Car Park for building material storage – this has been rejected

Letter objecting to comments by Cllr Farrell in Echo

### **11/9/2006 – Committee meeting – 68 Sutton Road (Peter & Rita Riley)**

Society – Proposed that Society banner should be displayed in Mission Hall. Cost of case to be found

Mission Hall – Opened by Sir Anthony Jolliffe 18/8 with good crowd

Village Plan – Survey data being input, with help of Dorset Community Action, for analysis.

Working groups to be created to complete Action Plan by spring 2007

Heritage Lottery funding being investigated

Meeting with consultant preparing report for Borough on play areas

Footpaths – First stile, by old stables, replaced

Pond – Method of raking silt and debris has been tested by Dave Emery – help sought

Letter to be sent asking again about pruning of willows

Discussion of people feeding ducks, but no way to stop them

Flooding – Meeting attended on Critical Ordinary Watercourses in Weymouth area.

Responsibility being transferred to Environment Agency. Proposal for Jordan for 4m high bund in valley towards Osmington

Village – Information on probation service community projects

Note that video of village available from David Broad or Stan Thomas (Pilgrim Cottage)

Planning – Overdale extension approved

Understood 116 Sutton Road application at Planning Committee shortly with revised plans.

To be checked

Bourne Leisure PR exercise attended. Assumes 30 caravan application approved, and additional land for touring caravans

Response from Peter Farrell – no apology will be given by Committee or councillor in question. No further action to be taken

Suggestion that Blue Shutters renovation be recommended for Civic Society award – also 4<sup>th</sup> house in Jolliffe development, converted chapel and Bellamy and Laurel Cottages

Social – Cream Teas profit £191, very well attended

Finance – £4422.71 including £995.56 Village Plan

Street Fayre – £6000 distributed, including £1450 to MHT

### **16/10/2006 – Committee meeting – Sutton Lodge (Tony & Pat Bugler)**

Social – French Evening 25/11 organised by Mission Hall

Village Plan – Data input proving bigger task than expected. Public meeting to slip to next year, when Working Groups will be formed. Completion planned for spring 2007. Meeting with Dorset Community Action on play areas.

Footpaths – Photos of gates that have replaced two stiles. Discussion of 3<sup>rd</sup> with landowner

Pond – Clearance use Dave Emery's method when Dave calls for it

Village – Costs being found for display case for Society banner

Wheeler bins being deployed for rubbish collection

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Noted that Court House plaque has fallen from wall  
Bulbs have been bought for around pond and village stone  
Springhead car park – Understood Mr Skinner has “very old document” suggesting area between his house and pond is part of his property. Simon Emblen has seen Devenish documents, held by Jeff Butler, showing the land was sold by Mr Guppy to Devenish [sic], and that they sold part to W&PBC in 1950 for road. Stated that sale to Punch Taverns included the car park at the end of the pond  
Planning – 116 Sutton Road project approved  
Appeal by Bourne Leisure to be heard 21/22 Nov  
No objection to removal of firs at Valley Cottage  
Understood that Brookbank has been bought by Jolliffes  
Society – Welcome note has been written by John Sutherland  
Finance - £4438.21 including £995.56 for Village Plan  
Traffic – Orance notes warning of removal have been put on old cars in Sutton Road

### 13/11/2006 – Committee meeting – Old Stables (Tony & Anthea Heathershaw)

Footpaths – Discussions continue with Vic Hunt about stile between Hunts Yard and field. Solution may be kissing gate  
Village – Costs obtained for display case for banner. To check if there is room in Mission Hall  
Concern about state of land at top of Verlands used by Brian Huddy. Out of area, so no action  
Noted that excavations at Wyndings have revealed an old cold store  
Springhead car park – Letter from Richard Burgess on ownership of Springhead car park  
Village Plan – Input about half done  
Planning – New garage and adjustment of hedge line at Orchard House – request for old hedge line to be kept green  
Noted that chimneys of new houses [which?] were plastic, not traditional material  
Decided not to express Society view on Pavilion site  
Finance - £4389.76 including £1395.56 Village Plan (including £400 reserved by Society)  
Traffic – Concern about potential impact on village of published change to relief road  
Social – Possible trip to Acton Court to be investigated

### November 2006 – Newsletter #121

Social – French Evening 25/11 organised by Mission Hall Trust  
Christmas Coffee Morning 2/12 organised by Mission Hall Trust  
Carol Service 22/12 around tree followed by refreshments  
Vegetable Show 5/8  
Summer BBQ 19/8  
Hog Roast 8/10 organised by the village “Gnomes”. Full house of 60 raised £241 for Mission Hall  
Mission Hall – Opening ceremony, with particular thanks to Karen & Dave Albin and Jim Willis  
Street Fayre – Despite rain, raised £6000 for distribution to number of local charities  
Village Plan – Analysis continues, after which public meeting intended. Hoped to publish report Spring 2007 with action plan following  
Pond – Willow pruning still not done.  
Volunteers sought to help Dave Emery keep pond clear of debris  
Flowers being planted around pond  
Village Flowers also being planted around village border stone  
Sale of plants and vegetables by Maureen Morris and others outside Mill has raised £134 for Mission Hall

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Footpaths – Society, working with Borough Council and Dorset CC, has replaced two stiles with kissing gates

Planning – Attended presentation by owners of Seaview, who have now withdrawn latest application, and appealed against rejection of earlier application. Society will oppose Supported additional house at 116 Sutton Road

Flooding – Proposal has been made for bund upstream of Sutton Road bridge to control surge along Osmington valley

Springhead car park – “Excitement over fencing off of car park” seems to have ended. Understood that Springhead have documents showing ownership

### 11/12/2006 – Committee meeting – Corner Cottage (Sara & Roy Knight)

Society – Welcome note now printed

Agm 18<sup>th</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> April. Presentation ideas – history talk by Trilith, display of local DVD, “A day in Weymouth” by Geoff Poole

Village – Stated that Mr Fernyhough will refit plaque on Court House

Civic Society awards for converted chapel, Jolliffe development, Bellamy and Laurel Cottages

Village Plan – Input nearly complete. Analysis to be completed by Dorset Community Action

Footpaths – Complaint that dog owners need to be reminded of countryside code – for next Newsletter

Planning – Bourne Leisure appeal heard – decision in about 7 weeks

No comment of 109 Sutton Road

Advance view available of proposals for Brookberry/The Weald development

Traffic – Comment submitted on relief road, opposing closure of junction between Broadmayne road and A354

Note of water running on Sutton Road despite works. Council to be advised

Finance £4363.79 including £1395.56 Village Plan

### 15/1/2007 – Committee meeting – Wyndings (Simon & Dorothy Emblen)

Traffic – “O no not again” comment by Council officer on advice about Sutton Road water

Planning – Civic Society have written to Council asking for results of Council’s “close attention” to Eweleaze camping

Applications at Old Orchard and Orchard House approved

Commended design of houses at Brookberry/The Weald, but thought 5 houses too many

Comment (not recorded) re Morlands

Village Plan – Input complete, and analysis under way. Likely additional cost around £500.

Public meeting 29/3 at Waterworks Museum. Article in Register, and information to Chris Hubbard for Echo

Footpaths Letter to Mr Hunt, trying to act as mediator. Noted that stile behind Southridge is in poor condition

Noted that some dog walkers still ignore good stewardship

Village – Agreed to purchase banner case, at £149

Noted advert in Echo for property in “Higher Sutton Poyntz”

Society – AGM 20/4, perhaps with showing of village film (subject to permission of Dave Broad). Sara Knight resigning as Treasurer

Social – Coffee Morning 14/2, with raffle

Richard Backwell to be asked about walks for this year

Finance - £4347.29 including £1395.56 Village Plan

### January 2007 – Newsletter #122

Social – Curry Night 3/2 in Mission Hall, run by the village “Gnomes” (Dave Caddy, Graham Embley, Dve Emery, Mike Hayne)

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Coffee Morning 14/2 with raffle

French Evening fully subscribed and made £218 for Mission Hall

Christmas Coffee Morning & Bazaar 2/12 made £372 for Mission Hall

Carol Service, with over 200, followed by 6 baptisms, and mulled wine & mince pies

WI – Next talks “From Pevensey to Cornwall to visit Granny”, and “Little known gems of Dorset Churches” by Gordon Le Pard.

Society – AGM 20/4

Mission Hall – AGM 16/2 followed by talk by Geof Peters on National Coast-watch

List given of regular Mission Hall bookings; Whist (Monday evenings), Bridge (Tuesday evenings), German (Wednesday evenings), Baby club (Thursday mornings), Puppy club (Thursday afternoons), St Andrews Ladies (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays), Book club (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday mornings), Art (Friday afternoon).

Village Plan – All returns to questionnaire now input, to allow statistical analysis. Public meeting Spring 2007

Village – Converted chapel in Sutton Road highly commended by WCS. Bellamy Cottage, Laurel Cottage and new development by Mr Joliffe received commendations

Reminder to dog owners of legal responsibilities over control and mess.. Also specific reminder that field behind Springhead/Northdown Farm is not a right of way

Pond – No progress on willows or (recently) on clearance. Further bulbs planted

Planning – Planning Appeal on extra caravans heard, and result awaited

Supported additional house at 116 Sutton Road (approved)

Objected against conversion of Old Orchard outbuildings to holiday accommodation (approved)

Traffic – Objected against closure of Broadmayne Road/Dorchester Road junction as part of relief road

### **19/2/2007 – Committee meeting – Old Stables (Tony & Anthea Heathershaw)**

Mission Hall – AGM held 16/2. Anthea Heathershaw new Chairman

Society – Note on Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils; thought Borough Council could devolve some responsibilities to outlying areas like Upwey, Sutton Poyntz. Interest to be expressed

AGM 20/4. John Bellis or John Waghorn as Treasurer. John Crisp to be approached as Chairman. Village Film to be shown, with introduction by Diana Waterman. Copies available from D Broad at £7.50

Welcome note republished in smaller format

Village Plan – Public meeting 29/3 at Waterworks Museum, with report on survey findings and next steps. Article in Register, and one to appear in next Newsletter.

Meeting attended of Dorset Strategic Partnership and Weymouth Partnership, who are developing similar strategies

Footpaths – Letter sent to Mr Hint re 3<sup>rd</sup> stile, which will now be replaced

Village – Banner display case obtained, to be mounted above stage in Mission Hall

Noted that Pru Bollam is doing Walmsley Lewis study

Borough to be asked about whereabouts of seat that used to be at Sutton Rd/Preston Rd junction

Land Registry to be contacted again about ownership of “village green”

Planning – Bourne Leisure appeal turned down

Brookberry/The Weald application refused, but resubmission expected

Hill View extension agreed. No comment on 30 Sutton Road extension

Morland and Whitestone applications approved

Social – Coffee Morning 14/2 raised £56.50, with 30 attending

Evening walk 31/5 and day walk 18/7 being organised by Richard Backwell

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Finance - £4342.71 including £1395.56 Village Plan

Website – Report that website has been infected with undesirable images

### **19/3/2007 – Committee meeting – The Willows (Peter & Rita Riley)**

Society – John Crisp willing to be nominated as Chairman

Village – Borough have already replaced seat at Sutton/Preston Rd junction, probably following maintenance

Not known who owns village green, but taking possession would need fencing first.

Suggested to look at 1925 Sale

Banner display case installed

Website – Cleansed by webmaster (Andrew Flowers)

Village Plan – Aim to complete report and action plan by autumn. Bill for £625 for Dorset Community Action work

Footpaths – 3<sup>rd</sup> stile replaced

Finance – Public Liability Insurance policy taken for Village Plan expires 31/3. Renewal £340. Requirements will be discussed further, and other quotes obtained. Similar bodies will be contacted for information

£2929.35, plus £1395.56 Village Plan

Planning – Applications at Hill View, 30 Sutton Road and Overdale approved

Social – Walks organised

### **March 2007 – Newsletter #123**

Village Plan – Open Meeting at Waterworks Museum 29/3 to present results of survey and discuss way forward

Society – AGM 20/4 with showing of Ronnie Waite's archive film and photographs of Sutton Poyntz, introduced by Ronnie's daughter Diana (Ronnie Waite was former Springhead landlord)

Banner designed and made by Betsy Martyn in 1968 at foundation of Society donated to Society by Fredy Litschi, who had originally commissioned it. To be displayed in Mission Hall

Social – Evening walk 31/5 around West Knighton, organised by Mike Haine and Richard Backwell. Day walk also being organised probably on Portland

Vegetable Show 4/8 with same classes as before. Responses sought to idea of Scarecrow Competition

Coffee morning on Valentine's Day raised £56

Gnomes' Curry Night enjoyed by full house 3/2

Ladies' Lunch at Springhead in February, and will be regular event on second Monday of each month

WI – Next talk "Little known gems of Dorset Churches" by Gordon Le Pard, followed later by trip to visit some of those churches

Mission Hall – AGM 16/2. Norman Brown stepped down. Anthea Heathershaw took over as Chairman. Talk by Geof Peters on National Coast-watch

Footpaths – 3<sup>rd</sup> kissing gate about to be installed at Hunt's Yard. These were all funded by County Council

Planning – Appeal for more caravan space turned down

Society representation that 5 houses to replace Brookberry and The Weald was too many, but welcoming some use of thatch

No objections for applications at Hill View, Orchard House, Whitestone, 5 Sutton Road, Overdale, 30 Sutton Road

Footpaths – More concern expressed about dog mess

Village – Two booklets published by Wessex Water on excavations, with proceeds to WaterAid



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Pond – Advice, through Neighbourhood Watch, about watching for Avian Flu

### **20/4/2007 – AGM – Mission Hall**

48 members

Chairmans Report – Focused on rejection of appeal by Bourne Leisure for additional 30 caravans. Walks. Street Fayre. BOAT applications for local footpaths. Pond and trees around pond. Footpath improvements. Vegetable Show.

Committee – Karen Phillips coopted to Committee in November

Simon Emblen (Chairman), John Sutherland (Secretary), John Bellis (Treasurer), Tony Bugler, Mike Haine, Tony Heathershaw, Peter Jones, Joyce Litschi, Karen Phillips, Peter Riley

Treasurers Report – Decided to increase subscription to £4/£2 in order to cover Village Plan costs

Village Plan – Initial meeting 4/11, survey, open day 15/7 with around 200 people, report meeting 29/3

Planning – Vote of thanks to those responsible for caravan park result

Village – Letter of condolence to be sent on death of Mrs Hanson

Social – Showing of film clips taken by Ron Waite (ex publican) in 1950's, introduced by his daughter Diane Waterman

### **23/4/2007 – Committee meeting – Hampton Lodge (Peter & Sue Jones)**

Village – 1925 Sale prospectus not thought particularly relevant [sic] re “village green”

Noted that gas storage scheme at Portland will include pipeline across bay and inland to east of White Horse

Village Plan – Public meeting attended by about 60. Steering Group will meet shortly to complete draft. Discussions with Karen Punchard about how Village Plan relates to new Local Development Framework

Finance – Two insurance quotes obtained. Treasurer to obtain others (£625 outgoing on Village Plan. £2843.80 plus £770.56 Village Plan)

Planning – No objections to True Blu tree-work or applications at Smithy Cottage, 5 Sutton Road. Some concerns about 64 Sutton Road and 1 Myrtle Cottage applications

Society – Believed Karen Philips taking over Sara Knight's distribution area

### **May 2007 – Newsletter #124**

Social – Hog Roast 20/5 organised by village Gnomes

Village walks organised by Mike Haine and Richard Backwell; Evening walk 31/5 at West Knighton and day walk 23/7 on Portland

4 Hall fund raiser 23/6 in Recrory Garden

Mission Hall BBQ 14/7

Vegetable show 4/8 – list of classes, including scarecrow for display in garden

Medieval Dinner tba

Village Plan – Open meeting attended by more than 60. Report and Action Plan now to be produced

Society – AGM 20/4 re-elected Committee with John Bellis replacing Sara Knight as

Treasurer. Subscriptions increased to £4 and £2, first change since 1995. Home DVD shown with film and pictures by Ron Waite

Note on recent death of Ken Knight, long-time Secretary

Mission Hall – Brick-built BBQ in orchard for use at any event

Beach Stall in aid of Mission Hall Trust 26/8. Items requested

WI – Talk on Dorset churches by Gordon Le Pard. Trip being organised to visit churches

Village – Suggestion of extra “dog box”

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Footpaths – Reminder again that field behind Springhead /Northdown Farm has no right of way

Lengthy reminder to control dogs, especially in lambing season

Planning – New layout for Brookberry/The Weald site liked, with 4 rather than 5 houses

Principle of renovation of 1 Myrtle Cottage welcomed, but not details, especially removal of wall for off-road parking

### **4/6/2007 – Committee meeting – Wyndings (Simon & Dot Emblen)**

Village – Fernyhoughs no longer own Court House. Need to contact new owners about replacing plaque

Request for more dog bins to be pursued with Borough

Reported that someone had been living rough in field behind Hunts Yard, but now left Sign by wash area overgrown. Work party to be considered

Village Plan – Plan drafted. Aim to complete by September. Action plan details complete.

Maureen Tepper has discussed with Borough and County to ensure compliance with their Plans. Publication cost being established

Pond – No progress on getting willows cut back. Borough and Southern Electric need to solve problem of cables. Trees completely obscure view up pond. Suggested to talk to Environment Agency.

Finance – Discussions with other bodies to establish typical insurance costs. Quotes of £300-£400 from David Upshall and £210 from Norwich Union. Agreed to try to get closer to £140 obtained by Village Plan steering group

£3644.36 including £770.56 allocated to Village Plan

Society – Agreed no response to comments about Society in Echo article on Brookberry/The Weald development

Application for membership by Graham Embley discussed and approved

Planning – 4 house development approved at Brookberry/The Weald

Myrtle Cottage application withdrawn

64 Sutton Road application approved, but with modification to wall and patio at back

Social – Cream Teas 18/8, organised by Karen Philips

Walk 31/5 – next one in July to be organised by Richard Backwell.

Mission Trust BBQ 14/7 and Medieval Evening 9/9

Scarecrow Competition during week before Vegetable Show

Showing of Al Gore's climate change film "An Inconvenient Truth" at Weymouth Pavilion to be advertised

Traffic – Concern at heavy traffic being directed along Plaisters Lane by satnav systems. Borough and County to be contacted.

### **9/7/2007 – Committee meeting – Old Stables (Tony & Anthea Heathershaw)**

Mission Hall – Noted that floor sanding complete

Village Plan – Draft discussed with Borough Council officers

Village – Notice displayed by Mr Skinner at Springhead car park, with two metal posts "awaiting unwary motorist". County and Borough councils had not been contacted by Mr Skinner. Deeds held by Geoff Butler show this land owned by Punch Taverns. Understood from Richard Treadwell at Springhead that Punch Taverns will commission solicitor's letter to Mr Skinner

Finance – Negotiations on insurance continue

£3973.36 including £770.56 for Village Plan

New bank account signatory agreed, John Bellis for Sara Knight

Planning – Letter being sent opposing drinks and music licence at Eweleaze Farm

Discussion of development at Combe Barton

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Social – Next walk 23/7

### **6/8/2007 – Committee meeting – Sutton House (John & Pat Bellis)**

Planning – Clarification to be sought from Planning Department about legality of new occupants at “farm labourer’s cottage”

John Crisp and Peter Jones attended Borough Council briefing at Littlemoor on Community Plan and Local Development Framework. Society response drafted by Tony Heathershaw, based on Village Plan. Village meeting planned, with local Councillors invited

No objection to cypress tree felling at Mullions

Hearing on Eweleaze licence 15/8

Noted that some residents had received letters from developer offering to buy their houses  
Horse shelter being built at top of Verlands to be checked

Village – Village wash area has been cleared by Wessex Water

Village Plan – Some improvements to Action Plan recommended by Borough Council officers. Intended to print limited number of copies, and to make report available on Borough and County websites. Print costs likely to be £650.

Finance – Quote for £160 from Upshalls, to cover up to 15 events. Second quote for £210 from Zurich, including employers liability. Agreed to proceed with Upshall quote.  
£4039.41 including £713.61 for Village Plan

Social – WI will man teas for Cream Teas. Orchard tidy arranged

Portland walk 23/7 with 12 (wet) people

Vegetable Show and Scarecrow Competition made £200 for Waves

### **August 2007 – Newsletter #125**

Social – Day walk 23/7 around Portland, organised by Mike and Richard

Vegetable Show 4/8 organised by John Crisp, plus Scarecrow Competition starting 29/7 with voting papers available from Springhead. Profits to Waves. Garden tour 3/8

Cream Teas 18/8 in Mission Hall orchard, with raffle

Medieval Dinner, organised by Gnomes, at Mission Hall 8/9

Safari Supper being organised

Village Hog Roast 20/5 with 60 people

Evening walk with around 20 people

4 Hall fund raiser 23/6 in Rectory garden raised around £2000

Mission Hall BBQ 14/7 with around 60

Village Plan – Draft document passed to Borough Council for comment. Publishing planned for September

Mission Hall – Floor now sanded and varnished.

Beach Stall in aid of Mission Hall 26/8. Items requested

Village – Improvements and repairs to Scutt Hall, including paving outside

Discussions with Council over siting and emptying of additional dog box

Congratulations to Richard Backwell MBE, to Mike Haine for Scouting medal of merit, and also to Betty Hennessy invited to Buckingham Palace Garden Party

Springhead car park – Top of pond recently fenced in but most posts now removed.

Understand Punch Taverns own the land, and locals have parked there with publican’s permission

Traffic – Concern at worsening traffic on Puddledock, and also through the village

WI – Full coach load for church tour. Line dance team at 90<sup>th</sup> birthday concert at Bryanston

Planning – Opposed licensing application for Eweleaze Farm

Society – Committee list shows Karen Phillips as member

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### **3/9/2007 – Committee meeting – Wyndings (Simon & Dorothy Emblen)**

Village – Understood Borough will withdraw emptying of dog bins

Blue Shutters proposed for Civic Society award

Enquiry to be made to Council about estate agents sign at fork

Pond – Borough Parks Department proposing to cut back lower branches of willows

Village Plan – Accepted and adopted by Borough Council. Will be available on Council website. 50 copies to be printed. Noted that there is an overarching action on the Society to progress the aims and objectives of the Plan

Planning – Mission Hall booked 19/9 for open meeting on Borough Plan. However some critical people not available, so meeting cancelled. Society to submit response and advice members of other consultation meetings they can attend

No objection to conservatory in Sutton Court Lawns

Ewelease licence application rejected

Application for semi-detached pair of 3-bed houses in place of Cart Shed

Peter Riley to replace Tony Heathershaw on planning sub-committee

Finance – Insurance cover obtained at £150

£4011.41 including £713.61 Village Plan

Social – Cream Teas abandoned due to power cut

### **15/10/2007 – Committee meeting – Sutton Lodge (Tony & Pat Bugler)**

Traffic – Understood a heavy vehicle on its way to Goulds Garden Centre got stuck recently [on Plaisters Lane?]

Street Fayre – Open meeting 24/10

Village Plan – Being printed. Copies will be sent to 3 local Councillors

Planning – Response on Local Development Framework copied to local Councillors.

Suggestion of meeting with them

No objections on cypress felling at Fellside, conservatory in Sutton Court Lawns, 4 Sutton Close

Opposed felling of oak at Smithy Cottage

Oppose replacement of Cart Shed with pair of semis

Did not like size of windows in 1 Myrtle Cottage extension

Discussion of Waterside static caravan extension. Will oppose on same grounds as Bourne Leisure

Social – Loss of £62 because of Cream Teas abandonment. Some materials donated to MacMillan coffee morning

Finance - £3906.12 including £713.61 Village Plan

Village – Estate Agent's sign at fork removed

Contact Borough to establish ownership of dead trees at Sutton Knapp

### **12/11/2007 – Committee meeting – The Willows (Peter & Rita Riley)**

Planning – Decided little to be gained from asking Planning Department about restrictions to occupancy of "farm labourers cottage"

Traffic – Established that satnav systems not intended for HGV divers, but new version of maps would include HGV restrictions

Society – Wynne Palframan volunteered in response to Newsletter enquiry about new Newsletter distributor

Village – Advertisement for sale of land at Northdown Farm

Established that Wessex Water own land behind Wyndings

Street Fayre – New committee formed

Planning – Meeting with Councillors 28/11. Objective to stress wish of village to maintain identity

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Cart Shed replacement turned down

Applications approved at Fellside, Sutton Court Lawns, Smithy Cottage, 4 Sutton Close.

Complaint from Mr Smith re Society comments on Smithy Cottage application

Finance - £3868.16 including £713.61 Village Plan

Pond – Lower branches have been pruned

### **28/11/2007 – Meeting with local Councillors – Mission Hall**

Attended by Peter Chapman and Brian Ellis. Apologies from Hazel Bruce

Planning – History of Society related, along with history of Village Survey and Village Plan.

Village Plan used to formulate response to LDF consultation. Aspiration to maintain Sutton

Poyntz as “jewel in Weymouth’s crown”. Society preference for Option 1 (maintain

established patterns of development) as this would protect Sutton Poyntz. Suggested that

Society ought to meet with Planning Office. Peter Chapman also stressed Option 3 (more

development on brownfield sites). Discussion of whether flood risk is always considered.

Flood instances should always be reported so they are built into statistics. Councillors not

concerned about local impact of Government’s Planning Reform Bill, particularly because of

Conservation Area protection. Suggested Planning Office need to be given more awareness

of local areas. Discussion of traffic problems, with suggestion that Society should write to

County Council. Discussion of bus service, but encouraging usage is key. Suggested that we

recommend buses will turn more safely in village, rather than on main road.

### **November 2007 – Newsletter #126**

Society – Appeal for distributor for Sutton Road/Silver Street area

Committee membership now shows John Crisp

Social – Christian Aid lunch 31/10 at Mission Hall organised by Caroline Crisp

Halloween Sausage Sizzle 31/10 organised by Mission Hall Trust

Carols 21/12 outside Mission Hall

Safari Supper planned for early next year

Day walk with about 12 people, including lunch at Lobster Pot

Vegetable Show and Scarecrows raised just over £200 for Waves. Over 20 scarecrows.

Winning entry by Julia Allen. Spud in a Tub won by Tony & Anthea Heathershaw with 5lb 6oz

Cream Teas cancelled due to power cut at crucial moment

Medieval Dinner 8/9 raised £100 for Mission Hall

Yoga classes Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons at Mission Hall

Street Fayre – Meeting 24/10 at Mission Hall to plan for 2008 Fayre

Village Plan – At the printers, and will also be available on-line

Mission Hall – One window replaced

WI – 7 ladies in line dance at 90<sup>th</sup> birthday gala concert

Pond – Borough will trim trailing parts of willows but still no progress on pruning tops

Planning – Response to Borough on Local Development Framework

Opposed replacement of Cart Shed with 2 semis

Opposed removal of oak at Smithy Cottage

Will object to replacement of touring caravans with static at Waterside

Comment on 1 Myrtle Cottage refurbishment proposal

No objection to conservatory in Sutton Court Lawns, extension in Sutton Close, and trees applications at Mullions and Fellside

### **21/1/2008 – Committee meeting – Wyndings (Simon & Dorothy Emblen)**

Social – Concern expressed by Mission Hall Trust at format of Carol Service, with baptism taking precedence and village tree partly ignored

Village – Conservation measures to Bluebell Cottage noted by Civic Society

## Summary note of Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Minutes and Newsletters

Noted that Wessex Water have planted some trees along Millennium Walk  
Street Fayre – Volunteer sought to run tombola on behalf of Society  
Village Plan – Copies printed and distributed. 7 copies in hand. Additional copies would be around £12 each.

Action Plan to be on next Agenda.

Planning – Report of meeting with Councillors

Applications approved at 1 Myrtle Cottage, Springbank extension, Clyffe Cottage gum tree felling

Static caravan extension at Waterside refused

3 month licence approved at Eweleaze (no notification received of hearing)

Society – AGM 16/4

Coffee morning 14/2

Cream Teas 26/7

Finance - £3180.16, including £13.61 now transferred back from Village Plan fund

### January 2008 – Newsletter #127

Social – Safari Supper 1/3 organised by Mission Hall Trust

Walks being organised by Richard Backwell and Mike Haine; probably 5/6 evening walk and 23/7 day walk

Charity lunch being arranged

Vegetable Show 2/8 with scarecrows appearing 2 weeks before

Lunch for Christian Aid at Mission Hall back in October

Sausage sizzle – good to see lots of youngsters

Carol service by pond on very cold evening, with mulled wine & mince pies

Art Group raised £135 for Water Aid during one day workshop at Mission Hall with Roy

Winstanley

Ladies Lunch now second Wednesday, at Springhead

Society – AGM 16/4

Village Plan – Published. Society will take responsibility for Action Plan

Street Fayre – 29/6 Helpers wanted

Mission Hall – New kitchen heater fitted

WI – Visit to Salisbury for carols at Cathedral. Nxt meeting talk by Bonny Sartin of Yetties on smuggling on the South coast

Pond – Willows have had bottoms trimmed

Planning – Discussions with local Councillors on Local Development Framework

Opposed Waterside application to replace touring caravans with static

Comments on 1 Myrtle Cottage refurbishment

No objection to Spring Bank extension, gum tree felling at Clyffe Cottage, extension at True Blu, tree works at Cobtree Cottage

Traffic – Discussions with map suppliers to satnav manufacturers about including HGV restrictions. HGV version available to manufacturers

### 18/2/2008 – Committee meeting – 68 Sutton Road (Peter & Rita Riley)

Village Plan – Some volunteers to serve on action plan teams. Agreed this would be agenda item at AGM

Social – Coffee morning 14/2 organised by John Crisp. 41 attended. Profit (including raffle) £71. Art exhibition

Society – AGM 16/4. Simon Emblen and Peter Jones stepping down from Committee. John Crisp possible nominee as Chairman. Village Plan on Agenda. Talk by David Dunford on “going digital”

Planning – Approval for True Blu extension and Cob Cottage tree work



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Planning Office to be contacted about shed at 64 Sutton Road on what is thought to be agricultural land

No Society view to be expressed on Pavilion development proposal

Finance - £3300.25. Village Plan requiring a further £2.38

Village – Concern about excavations at The Lookout. West Dorset are aware

Problems of deer in gardens

Traffic – Concern expressed at parking on road in connection with development of Brookberry/The Weald

### March 2008 – Newsletter #128

Mission Hall – AGM 14/3 followed by talk on Neighbourhood Watch

Social – Walks being arranged by Richard & Mike; evening walk 5/6 at Broadmayne, day walk 23/7

Charity Lunch being organised

“We’ll Eat Again” 26/4 organised by Gnomes at Mission Hall

Plant Sale 3/5 organised by Maureen Bond with profits for Julia’s House

Vegetable Show 2/8 with Scarecrows over preceding 2 weeks

Safari Supper with 46 diners

Society Coffee Morning 14/2 with 41 people

Society – AGM 16/4 followed by discussion, led by Peter Jones, on way forward from Village Plan, and also talk by David Dunford on “Going Digital”

Simon Emblen and Peter Jones stepping down from Committee

Wynne Palframan now delivering Newsletters to Silver Street/Sutton Road

Street Fayre – 29/6. List of village stalls and coordinators, and request for donations

Village Plan – available on-line

WI – Next talk on family history

Footpaths – Complaints again about dog mess

Planning – Opposed drinks licence at Eweleaze Farm

Comment on 3 Sutton Close extension

Village – Appeal for any hand-driven sewing machines that could be donated to Okhle village in Nepal

### 7/4/2008 – Committee meeting – Wyndings (Simon & Dorothy Emblen)

Village Plan – County Council have provided extensive comments

Planning of presentation at AGM on Action Plan, to be led by Peter Jones

Social – Cream Teas 26/7

Planning – 3 Sutton Close extension approved

Osmington Society reported to be concerned about licence at Eweleaze, intending to lobby MP

Planning Office enquiry to be made about shed in Green Wedge next to existing stable, and building next to “farm labourers cottage”

Planning Office satisfied with legality of shed at 64 Sutton Road

Finance - £3291.05

Footpaths – Opposed changes to footpaths 18 and 19

Complaint to be submitted about state of some footpaths

Village – Tony Bugler provided old picture of cart shed, when it was a cart shed

“Pride of Place” grants available

Traffic – Work underway on Sutton Road, due to finish in a few days

### 16/4/2008 – AGM – Mission Hall

45 members

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Chairmans Report – Reported success in appeal by Bourne Leisure. Thanked those responsible for Village Plan. Walks. Camping at Eweleaze Farm, Osmington. Planning sub-committee led by Peter Jones. New residents' leaflet. New dog bin, but problem with getting it emptied

Treasurers Report – Reduction in balance, due to costs of Village Plan  
Committee – John Crisp (Chairman), John Sutherland (Secretary), John Bellis (Treasurer), Tony Bugler, Graham Embley, Mike Haine, Joyce Litschi, Karen Phillips, Peter Riley. Vote of thanks to out-going Chairman

Village Plan – Action Groups to be created to progress Plan's action plan.

Social – Talk by David Dunford on "Going Digital"

### 30/4/2008 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Society – Distribution areas; John Crisp replace Peter Jones (Plaisters Lane between Longmead/Spinney to Mission Hall Lane). Peter Riley to replace Karen Phillips (Sunnyfield/Upper Puddledock). Karen Phillips to replace Simon Emblen (Plaisters Lane north)

Planning sub-committee John Crisp, Peter Riley, Tony Bugler, Joyce Litschi, John Sutherland  
Peter Jones to be asked to continue as CPRE representative

Tony Bugler Civic Society representative

John Crisp to run Cream Tea and Street Fayre tombola, and to coordinate Village Plan actions

Proposed that distributors try to collect email list of members

Agreed that Minutes be displayed on noticeboard

Finance - £3335.43

Village – "Pride of Place" bid submitted by Tony Heathershaw, for village map

Ray Aggett has made second dog bin, to be placed by footpath entrance from Sutton Road.

Maureen Morris to ask bin men about emptying

Traffic – Suggestion from member to try to get additional parking place at top of Plaisters Lane. Agreed to take no action

Bus service has stopped, apparently because of problems getting past building site on Sutton Road. Councillors to be contacted

Social – Suggestion of regular coffee mornings

### May 2008 – Newsletter #129

Social – Walks, led by Richard & Mike; evening at Broadmayne 5/6, day 23/7

Vegetable Show 2/8, with list of categories, and Scarecrow Competition for 2 weeks before Gnomes "We'll eat again" provided rabbit stew and involved singing of wartime songs

Street Fayre – 29/6, with list of stalls and coordinators, and requests for sale items and volunteers (about 150 so far)

Mission Hall – AGM kept existing officers. Other committee members appointed by user groups

Society – John Crisp elected as Chairman. Committee John Crisp (Chairman), John Sutherland (Secretary), John Bellis (Treasurer), Tony Bugler, Graham Embley, Michael Haine, Joyce Litschi, Karen Phillips, Peter Riley

Discussion on Village Plan way forward

Presentation on "Going Digital" by Dave Dunford

Village Plan – Proposed to set up focus groups to progress Communication, History, Children's facilities, Crime prevention, Conservation, Footpaths, Wildlife & environment, and Traffic. Names of volunteers taken

Bus service – Buses having difficulty getting past building work on Sutton Road

Village – Repeat of appeal for hand operated sewing machines as well as spare parts

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### **3/6/2008 – Committee meeting – Sutton House (John & Pat Bellis)**

Society – Peter Jones happy to continue as CPRE representative

Graham Embley to represent Society on Mission Hall committee

Street Fayre – Tombola prizes being sought from members and businesses. Other organisation of tombola discussed

Social – Cream Tea 26/7 organised by John Crisp. Suggestion of display of Village Plan items

Evening walk 5/6 from Black Dog

All day walk 23/7

Coffee mornings to be held monthly from October. Suggestion of passing profits to Mission Hall

Planning – Opposed new house in White Horse Lane, and semis to replace Cart Shed

Appeal by Waterside. Society will be represented

Meeting with Planning Officers. Confirmed that “farm labourers cottage” has restriction as to use. No action to be taken by Borough on lean to shed by stable in green wedge. SHLAA to be produced shortly – should be reviewed

Village Plan – Volunteers for various groups; Springhead (Tim Maidment, Ron Birch), History (Bill Egerton, Louise Sheaves), Youth facilities (Dave Caddy, Caroline Richards, Ron Birch), Crime prevention (Peter Jones, Norman Brown, Julia Allen, Dorothy Emblen, Nick Maton), Village character (John Crisp, Bill Egerton, Joyce Litschi, Ron Birch), Footpaths & litter (Mike Haine, Pat Bellis, Ruth Egerton), Wildlife (Dave Emery, John Newbould, Peter Riley, Dorothy Emblen), Transport (John Crisp, Dave Caddy, Terry Tebbutt)

Homewatch being organised throughout village

Finance - £3551.43

Treasurer to recommend best account for Society

Village – Letter received threatening to remove telephone box. To be opposed

### **14/7/2008 – Committee meeting – Bellamy Cottage (John & Caroline Crisp)**

Village – Maureen Morris will speak to owners of Court House (?Eric & Lisa) about re-fitting plaque

Environment Agency have asked for meeting to discuss plans for River Jordan

Planning – Old Court House has Dream Cottages sign. Council to be asked whether there is any restriction

Applications refused for White Horse Lane house and Cart Shed semis

Waterside appeal to be heard 7/10

Social – Mission Hall BBQ 2/8

Arrangements for Cream Teas

Evening Walk 5/6 with about 25 people. Day Walk 23/7 starting at Evershot

Dates to be checked for monthly coffee morning at Mission Hall

Street Fayre – Tombola made £816. Thanks expressed. Left over prizes to be used at Cream Teas raffle

Society – Dates to be checked for committee meetings to be held at Mission Hall

Village Plan – Society agreed £48.72 for one new Homewatch sign

Dave Emery working with Wessex Water and others on plan for area north of Waterworks

Traffic – Buses have stopped again. Further letters needed

Peter Riley to talk to Tony Eves about vehicles obstructing access to letter box

Finance - £3737.73

Pond – Approach by model boat club about use of pond. Society opposed

### **August 2008 – Newsletter #130**

Social – Coffee mornings on first Friday of each winter month, beginning 3/10

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Beach Stall 24/8

Walks organised by Richard & Mike, evening walk with 25 people ending at Black Dog, and day walk starting at Evershot with 20 people

Cream Teas with about 100 people. Also raffle of prizes from Fayre tombola, making £79 for Fayre funds

Vegetable Show. List of winners. Spud in a tub won by Jane Walsh with 5lb 8oz. Scarecrow Competition won by Tony & Anthea Heathershaw. £245 donated to Waves

Street Fayre – Raised about £14000 – tombola raised £816. About 4000 cars and over 7000 people. Note of thanks from Guy Bridge

Village Plan – Report of progress. Unsuccessful application for Pride of Place funding for artist assistance with local walks map

List of species of which sighting reports would be welcomed

Society – Minutes are now posted on Noticeboard once approved

Village – Letter to BT objecting against proposal to remove phone box

Flooding – Consultation meeting at Mission Hall 21/7 attended by a number of residents.

Options being looked at include widening the river, raising banks, or building a bund.

Monitoring equipment to be put at Fisherbridge

Planning – Opposed additional house in White Horse Lane

Opposed pair of semis to replace Cart Shed

Commented on 1 Sutton Close extension

Waterside expansion appeal due October

Bus service – Bus service has been maintained by First and problems nearly over

### **1/9/2008 – Committee meeting – Southdown Cottage (Mike & Pat Haine)**

Planning – Established that sign on Old Court House is legal

Application for store next to stable in green wedge to be opposed strongly

Discussion of SHLAA showing two potential sites in village

Comment submitted re 1 Sutton Close. Application refused

Cart Shed rejection to be appealed

Traffic – Letter box at Cart Shed being kept clear, “most of the time”

Parking restriction notice to be put next to 31a Sutton Road

Street Fayre – Presentation evening 10/10

Mention of DVD produced by Peter Riley – copies available on sale

Social – Coffee mornings first Friday of each month beginning 3/10

Carol service being organised by Mission Hall. Chck whether Christmas Tree needed

Society will take responsibility for Vegetable Show

Village Plan – Further £48.72 for second Homewatch sign at southern end of village

Finance - £4086.67. Cream Tea profit £202.94

Springhead car park – Correspondence with Dave Skinner re Springhead car park, following Newsletter note

### **8/10/2008 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall**

Society – Best wishes to Joyce Litschi on 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

Society Planning Policy to be drafted

Agreed not to display Minutes on noticeboard

Social – Agreed to provide Christmas Tree if one is needed

First Coffee Morning with about 30 people. £1.50 per person. Cake costs to be reimbursed – thought about £2 per cake

Planning – Cart Shed appeal in October

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Application for store in green gap refused. Note that "Willow Bank Farm" sign and letterbox have appeared. Council Officers to be asked whether calling something a Farm has any consequences

No comment on tree felling at Waterworks Cottage and at Fellside

Village – Complaint about chain saw noise. Complainant advised to contact Council

Springhead car park – Further correspondence with Dave Skinner about Springhead car park

Village Plan – Progress on History and Countryside Access. Village map idea being examined – also leaflets for sale

Initial Biodiversity studies shown at Coffee Morning

Traffic – Discussion of lines to mark bus stop and to prevent parking in vicinity. Committee to sound out villagers informally

State of Sutton Road next to building site continues to cause concern – Council to be contacted

Council to be asked to renew white lines at end of Puddledock Lane

First Bus to be contacted to suggest turning in village rather than on main road

Finance - £3992.17

### 12/11/2008 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Traffic – Discussion of state of Sutton Road, and particularly access for bus and emergency vehicles, and also state of bank where damaged. Earlier correspondence with Council suggests little could be done

View that white lines at and around bus stop would not be welcomed

Bus service has changed, with no notice

Sign at top of Plaisters Lane damaged

Mission Hall – General request for help with Mission Hall events. Suggested they only need to ask!

Social – Excellent Halloween party arranged by Mission Hall

About 40 at second Coffee Morning

Thought that Christmas Tree could come from Backwells, who are felling one

Planning – Cart Shed appeal held but no decision yet

Waterside appeal dismissed, based on visual damage

Understood that naming a place as a Farm has no effect

Comment to be generated on AONB draft Management Plan

Village Plan – No action taken on Communications or Youth Facilities – to be removed from Minutes

Action taken to start design of village walks leaflet

£250 agreed for Biodiversity Group to assist in grant application for £1000

Finance - £3589.72 after paying £262.50 insurance

Springhead car park – "Final" correspondence with Dave Skinner about Springhead car park

### November 2008 – Newsletter #131

Society – Note that one Committee member nearing 90, and appeal for new members and help with Newsletter distribution

Security – Police Community Van visiting 29/10

Social – Halloween Sausage Sizzle 31/10

Coffee morning 7/11 – second of these regular events. First coffee morning attended by around 30, with Biodiversity display material provided by Dave Emery

Carols 19/12 around tree with mulled wine afterwards in Mission Hall

Beach Stll organised by Mission Hall and WI made £560

Village – Charity event "Watercolour Splash" in Mission Hall 6/11 organised by Roy Winstanley. Previous such event made £150 for WaterAid

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### 5/12/2008 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Social – 3<sup>rd</sup> Coffee Morning with 48 people. Display from AONB office  
Christmas Tree to be felled at Backwells and the erected at village green  
Carol Service will be carol service, with separate Baptism afterwards, rather than combined as last year  
Planning – Cart Shed appeal rejected  
No objection to Myrtle Cottage conservatory  
Draft Planning Policy agreed. To be displayed in noticeboard  
Village Plan – Peter Riley to take photographs matching those in Village Survey  
Traffic – Representatives will attend meeting at Spice Ship on bus service 10/12  
Finance - £3642.33  
Village – Further letter from Dave Skinner – agreed to ignore. Complete summary of correspondence included in Minute  
Old video of village passed by Tony Bugler to Peter Riley for transcription  
Photograph received from Margaret Brown – some people identified  
Website – Current website set up by Andrew Flowers. To be asked if he would pass ownership to Society

### 14/1/2009 – Committee meeting – Bellamy Cottage

Village – Cost of £10 approved for transcription of old video by David Broad and Diana Waterman  
Further correspondence from Dave Skinner, with one response closing the correspondence  
Material belonging to George Shire received  
Mission Hall – Thanks expressed to Mission Hall for decoration of Hall over Christmas  
Social – Fourth Coffee Morning raised £51. History display. Coffee Mornings will stop after March, and resume in October  
Society – AGM 15/4. Possible Committee members Anne Dye and Maureen Maidment  
Resolution to reduce Chairman's term from 5 to 3 years  
Ideas for presentation including update on Village Plan, Street Fayre video, village video, talk on Olympics, talk by Richard Backwell  
Planning – No objection to Myrtle Cottage conservatory, Rose Cottage beech trimming, Sutton House ash trimming  
Village Plan - £30 agreed for purchase of history map  
Note for Newsletter on Village Map project  
Bird Report issued  
Biodiversity grant of £750 obtained  
Traffic – Letter from First explaining service changes are advertised on buses and on First Bus website  
Finance - £3731.77  
Website – Discussions with Mark Fernyhough about developing new village website. No response from Andrew Flowers

### January 2009 – Newsletter #132

Social – Pottery classes have started at Mission Hall  
Coffee mornings continue until March. Displays so far include Wildlife & Environment, Heritage & History and Village map material  
Halloween Sausage Sizzle 31/10 with a good number of younger families. 16 entries in pumpkin carving competition  
Watercolour Splash event raised £200 for WaterAid, thanks to Roy & Jean Winstanley



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Carols reverted to previous pattern, around Christmas tree. Followed by several baptisms, and mulled wine and mince pies in Mission Hall

Society – AGM 15/4. Several Committee members stepping down

Village Plan – Progress report.

History & Heritage Group led by Bill Egerton; seeking information about house ages.

Crime Prevention led by Peter Jones.

Conservation led by Society Committee.

Footpaths team working at Village Map with information on access to the countryside, buildings of interest, history. Intended that Map should be located by pond. Also planning tourist leaflet.

Wildlife & Environment led by David Emery & John Newbould. Now called Biodiversity Group, has produced Bird Report listing bird statistics by habitat in village over 5 years. Training day being offered for others interested.

Traffic, correspondence with First Bus but no imminent changes to service

Planning – Comments submitted on draft AONB Management Plan

Waterside appeal rejected

Cart Shed appeal rejected

Comment submitted on Myrtle cottage conservatory

Document outlining principles followed in assessing planning applications

Borough's SHLAA being updated

Footpaths – Footpath team have commented on condition of Footpath 18 (Weymouth Bay to Waterside)

Village – Correspondence with Council on clearing ditches, reinstating white lines, clearing verge by bus stop

Note on deer. Margaret Brown has list of "deer resistant" plants

Thank you note from Caddys after Gill's knee operation

### 17/2/2009 – Committee meeting – The Willows

Social – DVD transcription done

Fifth Coffee Morning raised £56. Display of Esplanade improvements

Cream Teas 25/7

Vegetable Show 1/8

Society – AGM 15/4. Anne Dye not available for Committee at present, but perhaps Maureen Maidment. Decided to run "champagne quiz", teams of 4, £2 per team

Planning – Revised application for Myrtle Cottage conservatory. Same representation

No objection to 2 Brookmead Close porch, Rose Cottage beech thinning, Sutton House ash thinning

Village Plan – Work continuing on village walk leaflet.

Grant application to Wessex Water Watermark to cover Village Map and leaflet

Traffic – Borough to be reminded about drains overflowing in heavy rain, and about potholes

Finance - £3773.52. Discussion of ideal reserve - £3000 thought to be healthy

Springhead – Anonymous letter about Springhead ignored

Village – Further final final correspondence with Dave Skinner

Website – Advice from Mark Fernyhough about use of CMS system to build website.

Believed cost would be about £9 per month plus £10 registration. Mark not available to do development and no other ideas. Decided that cost outweighs benefits, so idea abandoned

Newsletters – Some now being delivered by email

### 18/3/2009 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Social – Copy of DVD to be placed in Mission Hall for loan

6<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning with 56 attending, raising £58. Display of pottery

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Village walks to be arranged – Richard Backwell to be contacted

Village Plan – Mission Hall Trust reported to believe there is nowhere to site village map

Walks leaflet will cost about £400 for 500 copies. This and Village Map awaiting decision on grant application. Planned that Village Map should replace existing History board

Village – MHT suggested notice in Newsletter about Christmas lights around the village.

Society Committee did not see point

Planting of snowdrops discussed, but no action

Village tidy to be arranged 24/4

Society – Nominations for Committee Maureen Maidment and Loise Sheaves. Mike Haine standing down due to rival commitments

Planning – No comment on felling of plums at 19 Sutton Road

Minor changes to Planning Policy after comments from Council Officer

Pond – Complaint from one resident when Borough replaced an old seat by the pond

Finance - £3831.74 excluding £500 Biodiversity grant (of which £38.83 spent)

Footpaths – Footpath damaged and blocked by work. Borough to be contacted

### March 2009 – Newsletter #133

Society – AGM 15/4 with motion reducing Chairman's maximum term to 3 years, followed by quiz

Offer to distribute Newsletters by email

Mission Hall – AGM 15/4 Decided to hold both AGM's on same evening

Village – Clean-up 24/4

DVD of village available from Mission Hall

Social – Walks to be arranged by Richard Backwell and Mike Haine

Cream Teas 25/7 in Mission Hall orchard

Scarecrow Competition 18/7-1/8 and Vegetable Show 1/8 with profits to Waves

Pottery classes very enjoyable. Tutor (David) displayed pottery at last Coffee Morning

March Coffee Morning with more than 50. List of events at each coffee morning. Next one in October

Village Plan – Reports

History project on age of buildings

Crime prevention – Meeting arranged by Peter Jones with PCSO 31/3

Conservation – Normal business

Village Map – design work continuing (Tony Heathershaw, Mike Nixon, Peter & Louise Sheaves)

Tourist leaflet – Drafted

Biodiversity – 9 households participating in monthly bird watch; more wanted.

Wildlife walks on Monday mornings

WI – Musical Soiree attended by 50 in Mission Hall 11/3, raising £400 for ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World)

Planning – Comments submitted on Myrtle cottage conservatory, porch at Brookmead, and tree maintenance at Rose Cottage and Sutton House

### 15/4/2009 – AGM – Mission Hall

50 members

Chairmans Report – Coffee mornings. Village Plan activities – Biodiversity, History, Walks leaflet, Homewatch, Village Map. Walks. Street Fayre. Planning applications judged in accordance with planning principles. Importance of green wedge. Lunch raising over £1000 for Cancer Care, organised by Judy Backwell. Another dog litter bin built by Ray Aggett

Treasurers Report – No change to subscription

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Committee – John Crisp (Chairman), John Sutherland (Secretary), Jhn Bellis (Treasurer), Tony Bugler, Graham Embley, Joyce Litschi, Maureen Maidment, Karen Phillips, Peter Riley, Louise Sheaves

Society – Resolution to return maximum Chairman’s term to 3 years

Bus service – Suggestion of asking all buses to come to village rather than 1 in 3. Question of rules about buses reversing with passengers

Social - Quiz

### 29/4/2009 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Social – DVD placed in Mission Hall is missing

Cream Teas 25/7

Walks organised by Richard Backwell – day walk 1/6 around Hardys Monument, evening walk 17/6 from Saxon Arms Stratton

Local AONB walk 15/7 organised by Bill Egerton

Vegetable Show 1/8

Village – Tidy-up collected 30 bags of rubbish, much of it Dorset Advertisers collected in “copse of Sutton Road”. Dorset Advertiser contacted

Concern at state of 1 Myrtle Cottage. Maureen Maidment pursuing

Planning – New house behing Fuschia Cottage objected; MHT also objected. Application refused

Planning sub-committee re-formed, but all planning matters will be referred to full Committee

Agreed to meet local Councillors, to try to make sure they use our Planning Policy

Retrospective application for store in green wedge; objection submitted

Myrtle Cottage conservatory and Brookmead porch approved

Representation requesting protection of indigenous trees re Clyffe Cottage fell macrocarpa and Springside fell Monterey Pine and aspen

Society – Representatives: Graham Embley Misiion Hall Trust, Tony Bugler Civic Society, Peter Jones CPRE, John Crisp Weymouth & Portland Partnership

Distribution as before with Maureen Maidment taking Mission Hall Lane Quackers to ??

Mission Hall – Suggestion that orchard be registered via “Peoples Trust for Endangered Species”; pass to Mission Hall Trust

Village Plan – Village Map (Interpretation Panel) progressing under South Dorset renewal project, funded by Heritage Lottery Fund. Leaflet produced. Various locations by pond investigated. If sited in place of Geology board, Geology board could be moved e.g. to outside Mission Hall

Biodiversity – Discussions with Wessex Water about fencing of copse above Waterworks

Traffic – Noted that new policy allows local authorities to create 20mph zones without Sec of State approval

Finance - £3683.93. Noted that Biodiversity grant fund had been overspent by £70.30

Pond – Discussion of pond clean-up. David Emery to be contacted

Discussion of tree pollarding, but not Council policy

### May 2009 – Newsletter #134

Footpaths – Reminder again about rights of way (not field between Springhead and Northdown Farm, and not Hunt’s Yard to Home Close)

Social – Walks; day walk 1/6 from Hardy’s Monument, and evening walk from Stratton with meal at Saxon Arms 17/6

Walk in Sutton Poyntz being organised by AONB Ridgeway project 15/7

Cream Teas 25/7 in orchard

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Scarecrow competition 18/7 to 1/8 and Vegetable Show 1/8 (classes listed), with profits to Waves

Mission Hall – Same officers appointed by AGM

Society – Mike Haine stepped down from Committee, but Maureen Maidment and Louise Sheaves joined. AGM approved motion to reduce Chairman term to 3 years. Quiz

Village – Clean up 24/4

Village Plan – Village Map project costs being supported by Society and Thomas Hardy Society, with capital costs from Ridgeway Heritage Project

Biodiversity Group have made representations questioning the gorse clearance on the hillside, which could damage habitat for linnets, yellowhammers and Dartford warblers.

Moth trapping and children's stream dipping planned

WI – Talks on nutrition & vitamins, Dorset curiosities, History of magic, Aid projects in Kenya.

Outing to Winchester in June

Planning – Objected to proposed new house behind Fuschia Cottage

Comments on tree applications at Clyffe Cottage and Springside

### **18/6/2009 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall**

Footpaths – Footpath behind Old Stables now restored

Village Plan – Peter Riley has taken pictures which update Village Survey photos

Social – Cream Teas organised by Maureen Maidment

Understood about 30 on day walk and 17 on evening walk

Planning – New process, with sub-committee circulating applications and suggested response, with Committee meeting discussion if any dissent

Fuschia Cottage 2<sup>nd</sup> house application refused but appealing

Donkey store refused

Clyffe Cottage macrocarpa felling approved

Springside new application with Monterey Pine being reshaped

Old Orchard extension approved

Joyce Litschi reported adverse comments about impact of new houses on Sutton Road on view when entering village

Finance - £3887.53. Dorset Wildlife Trust grant of £250 received, with £179.70 available

### **15/7/2009 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall**

Planning – Fuschia Cottage tree pruning opposed by MHT. Pittosporum in Mission Hall grounds

Fuschia Cottage 2<sup>nd</sup> house going to appeal. Objection written, and request to speak at hearing

Laurel Cottage shed approved, with stipulation that hedge and shrubs are retained

Peveril garage and porch approved

Comment on new comms mast at Chalbury reservoir, asking why existing mast can't be used and why trees can't be placed to mask mast from view

Village Plan – Success in getting Wessex Water Watermark grant, so walks leaflet going ahead. Further funds up to £50 approved by Committee

Finance - £3976.53 including £179.70 biodiversity fund

Pond – Request from Springhead to remove duck house. To be discussed at next meeting

### **26/8/2009 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall**

Mission Hall – Noted that orchard has not been registered (despite comment in Newsletter)

Social – Cream Teas, scarecrow competition and vegetable show successful. Cream Tea profit £148.69. Donation of £300 to Waves

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Coffee Mornings to restart – Village pictures showing changes since Village Survey at October Coffee Morning, Simon Grant-Jones (November), John Willows Waterworks (December), History (January)

Planning – New comms mast refused

Tree pruning at Fuschia Cottage refused but new application submitted

Society – Agreed to offer payment to Mission Hall for Committee meetings to prevent being replaced by paying booking

Traffic – Correspondence with Councillors on implementation of 20mph limit

Pond – Ducks have been moved to a new home, despite our holding letter. Displeasure expressed by some members

Village Plan – History Evening planned – Committee agreed to pay for hire of Hall

Village Walks leaflet will be on sale at pub for 20p. Printing cost £225

Finance – Biodiversity expenditure of £262.95

Village – Noted that Civic Society [sic] plaque at Old Court House has been reinstalled

Footpaths – Noted that footpath at top of Verlands has been closed

### August 2009 – Newsletter #135

Social – Gnomes lunch 16/8

Coffee mornings restarting 2/10

Safari Supper 14/11 organised by Mission Hall Trust

Walks; 30 on day walk 1/6 and 17 on damp evening walk 17/6

Cream Teas 25/7 – 100 scones all went

Scarecrow Competition won by the witch in the garden at Corner Cottage

Vegetable Show raised £300 for Waves. Spud in a tub won by John Allen with over 4lbs

BBQ evening

Village Plan

Biodiversity – Children’s stream dipping 5/9

Tourist leaflet has grant from Wessex Watermark

WI – Skittles and regular activities

Planning – Planning applications are now reviewed by full committee rather than subgroup

Objected to new house behind Fuschia Cottage

Comments on garage and porch at Peveril, trees at Clyffe Cottage, Springside and Fuschia

Cottage, and communications mast on Chalbury

Traffic – Enquired again about 20mph limit. Local councillors investigating

Mission Hall – Orchard has been registered as “ancient orchard”

Village DVD has disappeared!

Bus service – has increased lately

### 21/9/2009 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Society – No further action on idea of paying Hall for Committee meetings

Stated that Committee meetings are not specifically open, but members could be invited or could ask to attend

Footpaths – Letter of support to be written on footpath at top of Verlands

Social – Coffee Mornings – idea of archaeology exhibits from new road excavation, as display for February

Planning – Tree pruning at Fuschia Cottage turned down

Accepted removal of leylandii at Greenhills

Rely on trees officer’s judgement re crown reduction of walnut at Gospel Hall

More hard standing at stable in green gap. To be discussed with Planning Officer

Website – Noted that History Group is using a website to store data. Bill Egerton to be invited to demonstrate

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Neighbourhood Watch – Meeting of coordinators held 15/9  
Finance - £4165.07

### **21/10/2009 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall**

Website – Demonstration by Bill Egerton of test website used to store History Group data.  
Agreed to develop village website. Working group consisting of Bill Egerton, Mark

Fernyhough, Peter Sheaves, John Sutherland

Social – Christmas Tree required. Agreed to supply  
October Coffee Morning very successful - £44.63 profit

Planning – Fuschia Cottage - pruning of pittosporum crown had been approved, but not root reduction

Rely on Trees Officer for tree works at Staddles

Thought that ownership of “farm labourers cottage” had changed. Contact Planning Office.

Also noted that barn nearby being used to cut and store timber

Concern about scrap yard behind Cart Shed, but action left to Peter Riley

Neighbourhood Watch – Helen Hambleton replacing Julia Allen as coordinator for pond area

Village Plan – Grant available for Village Map, but project has stalled. Needs rethink

Finance - £4307.70

### **18/11/2009 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall**

Social – November Coffee Morning successful raising £54.99

History Evening 24/2

Planning – Fuschia Cottage appeal withdrawn

No objection to Staddles trees reduction

Village Plan – Walks leaflet has raised £17

Rethinking about Village Map

Finance - £4194.44 after paying insurance £262.50

Society – AGM 21/4

### **November 2009 – Newsletter #136**

Social – New Theatre Group being proposed by Colin Marsh & Rita Oxby, after death of Springhead Theatregoers

Sausage Sizzle 31/10 at Mission Hall, with Fancy Dress and Spooky Pumpkin competitions

Next Coffee Morning 6/11. October one had exhibition of photographs

Table Tennis being organised by Sarah Ayling on Sundays (and ladies’ table tennis on Monday afternoons), starting 8/11

Safari Supper 14/11, organised by Susanne

Gnomes Seasonal Lunch 6/12 following recent Gnomes event, contact Gill Caddy

Carols 21/12 with Salvation Army Band, and mulled wine & mince pies in Mission Hall afterwards

Street Fayre – Village meeting 30/10 in Mission Hall, with cheese & wine to ascertain support

Village Plan – Biodiversity stream dipping for children 5/9 organised by Louise

History evening being planned

Tourist leaflet produced by Sarah Knight and others with Wessex Water funding

Regular Monday biodiversity walks. Also visit to garden on Plaisters to view wild “Autumn Ladies Tresses” orchids. Monthly Newsletter produced

Planning – Comments submitted on two tree maintenance applications

Note that communications mast on Chalbury has been turned down

Traffic – Councillors looking into 20mph limit

Village – Request for DVD to be returned to Mission Hall



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### 16/12/2009 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Website – Team have been looking for design and content ideas from other village websites. Likely support from AONB Ridgeway team, who would be willing to divert village map money if website has mapping focus. This would allow an expert to be contracted to do initial build. Site will be owned by Society. Society funds not needed if strategy works

Social – Christmas Tree value donated to Julias House

Carols at 6.30, organised by Mission Hall

Coffee Morning with Simon Grant Jones, making £50.46

Street Fayre – Society offer to run a different stall next time, rather than tombola

Planning – New application for 2<sup>nd</sup> house at Fuschia Cottage. Same comments as previously. Suggested that villagers should be made aware, but no suggestion how

Traffic – Email suggestion of adding footpath to Plaisters Lane, making it single lane with passing spots. Accidents have all been very low speed

Finance - £4244.90

Village – Note on book (originally owned by G Shires) with material on village and Society

### 20/1/2010 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Website – Specification passed to AONB Ridgeway team and to various potential contractors. Understood that Springhead having website designed

Street Fayre – Game being designed as alternative to tombola. Rota to be devised

Mission Hall – Collection for Salvation Army after Carol Service raised £154.35

Planning to hold AGM on same evening as Society, as last year

Social – Cheese & wine suggested for after AGM

Society – Maureen Maidment stepping down from Committee

Discussion of lodging Society records with Dorset Histry Centre

Planning – Noted that hedge at bottom of Fuschia Cottage had been heavily pruned.

Borough to be informed

Village Plan – Some maps passed by Society to History Group

Finance - £4257.78

Footpaths – Comment that there is no route between top of Verlands and top of Winslow. Not believed to be any right of way

Pond – Understood that power will be turned off across pond next week to allow willows to be pruned

### January 2010 – Newsletter #137

Street Fayre – Request for items for village stalls for Fayre 4/7. Chaired by Guy Bridge.

Successful village meeting

Social – Coffee Mornings continuing (8<sup>th</sup> Jan rather than 1<sup>st</sup>). Displays of products by Simon Grant-Jones and of photos provided by John Willows

Sausage Sizzle 31/10

Table Tennis not well enough supported

Safari Supper 14/11, with quiz

Gnomes Lunch 6/12

End of Year event at Mission Hall well attended even without advertising

Carols around tree donated by Trinity Street Christmas Trees, with Salvation Army Band

Good support for new Theatre Group

Village Plan – History Evening 24/2

Crime prevention – Warning of internet and telephone scams

Biodiversity – Observation that waterworks bowl is important location for linnets. Request for any sightings of hedgehogs

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Society – AGM 21/4

WI – Report on December meeting

### **18/2/2010 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall**

Social – April coffee morning presentation – invite villagers to bring old photos, postcards etc.

Profit £62.70 from February coffee morning

Society – Cost of AGM refreshments – ask if Mission Hall will share costs

Society archive – John Crisp and John Sutherland to perform weed of Society archive for transfer to Dorset History Centre

Planning – Long minute of discussion of Borough Planning Committee meeting [related to 2<sup>nd</sup> house at Fuschia Cottage], with description of Sutton Poyntz residents, private communication by applicant's agent, no reason given for rejecting Officers' recommendation. One Mission Hall Trust member had spoken in favour of application, in way that could have been inferred as Mission Hall policy. Disquiet about how Committee's decision related to Borough's planning policy. Agreed to write letter seeking clarification on (a) relevance of some statements made to planning considerations (b) part played by private letter to Planning Committee members (c) departures from Borough policy.

Agreed to accept Trees Officer's judgement on tree work at Mullions

Website – Difficulty finding website designer to do work for available budget

Finance – AONB Ridgeway Project agreed to cover expenses of History Evening

Street Fayre – Graham Embley coordinating Society stall. Jim Willis to be asked for help in construction. Prizes being obtained

### **17/3/2010 – Committee meeting – mission Hall**

Street Fayre – Society stall will be a game of Battleships. Jim Willis and Sara Knight agreed to help with construction and decoration.

Noted that Street Fayre proposing to donate towards some Village Plan activities. Clarity to be sought

Social – Cream Teas 31/7

Mission Hall BBQ 7/8, on same day as Vegetable show at Scutt Hall

Well attended History Evening 24/2

Society – AGM 21/4, after MHT AGM. Maureen Maidment, Joyce Litschi and Graham Embeley standing down from Committee. Bill Egerton and Anne Dye potential new members. History Group display

Planning – Change request for 2<sup>nd</sup> house at Fuschia Cottage, to be opposed in part, because it increases overlooking of neighbours in contradiction of original application

2 storey extension to 23b Sutton Road – accepted provide materials are suitable

Website – Funding application submitted to AONB Ridgeway Project. Discussion of board to be responsible for editorial content

### **March 2010 – Newsletter #138**

Social – Arts & Crafts Exhibition 10/4 arranged by WI

March coffee morning had exhibition by Brenda Pennington of creative textiles

History Evening 24/2 with large audience. Talks by Bill Egerton, Peter Sheaves and Sarah Harbige (of Dorset AONB)

Society – AGM 21/4

Mission Hall – AGM 21/4

Street Fayre – 4/7. Items wanted for village stalls, and fabric for new bunting. Helpers also wanted

Village Plan

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Crime prevention – Report on Conference attended

Biodiversity – Bird report being written. Walks and moth trapping

Website – Team working at design. Request for photos of village

WI – March talk by Rob Curtis on Dorset Curiosities

Theatre Group – Now formed. First outing 24/4 to Bath

Planning – Commented on two trees applications

Objected to planned house at back of Fuschia Cottage & Mission Hall. Application approved

### 21/4/2010 – AGM – Mission Hall

49 members

Chairmans Report – Village walks (Richard |Backwell). Cream Teas (Maureen Tepper). Coffee Mornings. Vegetable Show and Scarecrows. Christmas Tree provided by Peter Hyde.

Biodiversity Group. History Group. Village website. Walks leaflet. Homewatch (Peter Jnes).

Dorset Village of the Year competition “damp squib”. Discussions with Planning Committee to understand how they reach decisions. Street Fayre.

Committee – Presentation to Joyce Litschi standing down from Committee after 40 years

John Crisp (Chairman), John Sutherland (Secretary), John Bellis (Treasurer), Tony Bugler,

Anne Dye, Bill Egerton, Karen Phillips, Peter Riley, Louise Sheaves

Treasurers Report – No change to subscription

Website – Report on design team’s work, with funding from AONB Ridgeway Heritage Fund

Planning – Discussion of Society’s role – criticism that it had allowed village to grow significantly over 40 years, but another member stressing that we should not oppose all developments

Social – Display of History Group material

### 19/5/2010 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Planning – Letter from Peter Farrell (Chairman of Borough Planning Committee) only addresses one point raised in our letter, so meeting to be requested

Discussion of meeting with local Councillors, perhaps in autumn

Extension of 23B Sutton Road rejected, as “does not preserve or enhance local distinctiveness of Conservation Area”

Discussion, after comments at AGM, of how Committee carries out its planning role, and how it publicises its planning role. Hoped that website would help with publicising planning issues

Society – Representatives Peter Jones CPRE, Tony Bugler Civic Society, Anne Dye Mission Hall Trust, John Crisp Weymouth & Portland Partnership

Distribution areas Louise Sheaves replacing John Crisp , John Crisp replacing Maureen Maidment, Bill Egerton replacing Joyce Litschi

Availability of Mission Hall for Committee meetings to be checked again to try to find time more suitable for whole Committee

Note that Society scrap-book now not being maintained, but Mission Hall Trust have scrapbook

Street Fayre – Graham Embley not now coordinating Society stall. Position to be checked

Mission Hall – Pam Dawson-Hollis new Secretary

Website – Grant has been obtained, and development contract placed. Home page drafts available this week, and delivery in 45 days thereafter. Guidance to authors drafted

Social – Final coffee mning successful, with hot cross buns

Cream Teas 31/7. Maureen Maidment to be asked to coordinate

Scarecrows 27/7 to 7/8

Vegetable Show 7/8 at Scutt Hall

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History Group – Group meeting 12/5 with about 20. Second History Evening in autumn  
Springhead car park – Request to Geoff Buttlar for papers relating to Springhead car park.  
Papers received  
Village – Dog bin lids to be refurbished

### May 2010 – Newsletter #139

Social – Society walks being organised by Richard Backwell and Mike Haine; evening walk 15/6 to Osmington Mills finishing at Spice Ship; day walk 21/6 from Kingston along coast  
Scarecrow competition 24/7 to 7/8  
Vegetable Show 7/8 with profits for Waves  
Village BBQ 7/8 organised by Mission Hall Trust  
Cream Teas 31/7  
Coffee Mornings ended in April (starting again in Autumn) with village photograph exhibition  
Street Fayre – 4/7. Two special prizes – hot air balloon ride and helicopter ride. Request for items for village stalls and for helpers  
Society – AGM 21/4 followed by History exhibition  
Committee John Crisp (Chairman), John Sutherland (Secretary), John Bellis (Treasurer), Tony Bugler, Anne Dye, Bill Egerton, Karen Phillips, Peter Riley, Louise Sheaves  
Mission Hall – AGM 21/4  
Village Plan  
Website work progressing. Request for photos of village  
Biodiversity: Opening of Waterworks Museum 4/6 as part of Dorset Wildflower Walks Weekend, with one walk up White Horse Hill and an exhibition focusing on field boundaries. Moth trapping continues  
WI – Successful Arts & Crafts exhibition in April  
Theatre Group – Trip to Bath 24/4 (Lord Arthur Saviles Crime) with 33 people. Plan for trip to Chichester to see Yes Minister 5/6

### 24/6/2010 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Planning – Meeting with local Councillors being arranged  
Meeting with Peter Farrell arranged  
Rely on Trees Officer for Rose Cottage (Mission Hall Lane) tree work  
No comment on 10 Winslow Road extension, as outside area  
Further enquiry to be made about store next to stable in green wedge  
Springhead car park – Various comments received concerned about state of Springhead car park. Understood Highways Department will be viewing the site. Proposed to contact Peter Chapman (local Councillor and also Land Registry officer) to clarify ownership and investigate land being taken over by Council. Further letter received from Mr Skinner but will be ignored  
Street Fayre – Description of Society game  
Website – Format of Home page agreed, and ready for full development  
Social – Cream Teas 31/7 to be organised by Caroline Crisp  
Scarecrows 27/7 to 7/8 to be organised by John Crisp  
Vegetable Show 7/8 to be organised by John Crisp  
Walks in June enjoyed by 20 (evening walk) and 8 (day walk)  
Biodiversity Group – Grant of £1790 received

### 21/7/2010 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Planning – Report of meeting with Peter Farrell and Debbie Redding, followed by letter to Peter Farrell setting out conclusions: if more than 3 or 4 representations received, matter is always referred to Planning Committee; all correspondence is on file and publicly available;

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date for representations is date for Officers' report, but later representations will be considered by Committee; Borough will consider publishing all correspondence on website; Planning Committee will ensure that future minutes record reasons for rejecting Officers' recommendation. Noted that Society does not solicit representations from members, but urges residents with opinions (for or against) to submit representations

23b Sutton Road being appealed

Keston extension compliant with Society policy, but agreed to ask that builders' vehicles do not park on road

Village – Reply from Peter Chapman who will make enquiries of Devenish. Discussion of obtaining 'caution' which will alert us if any attempt is made to register the land – cost believed to be about £10. Agreed to do so if Peter Chapman advises it

Street Fayre – Society stall took £215.50, but expenses not yet calculated. Total take nearly £20000

Website – Slow progress but results now promising and ready for data to be entered

Social – Cream Teas arrangements including raffle

Scarecrows map being produced

Vegetable Show arrangements

Meeting with Councillors to take form of Question Time with our 3 local Councillors plus one other (names to be considered). 17/11 or 19/11.

Finance - £4462.01 plus £1031.75 Village Plan grants

### **18/8/2010 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall**

Springhead car park – Letter sent to David Manning about regulations over parking of skips  
Response from Punch Taverns suggesting they do not own Springhead car park. Response via Peter Chapman from Borough who would be willing to accept the land but have no money to purchase it

Social – Question Time 17/11

Cream Teas with about 100 people raised £224

Scarecrows won by witch. With Vegetable Show raised £270 for Waves

Coffee morning displays may include Theatre Group, display of record sleeves (October),

Scouts/cubs, relief road archaeology, embroidery/quilts, gearbox

History Group meeting in November

Planning – Invitation to Peter Farrell to speak to village 16/3

23b Sutton Road approved at appeal

Keston approved

Discussion of Springhead licence application but details not known

Street Fayre – Charity distribution of £17k 20/10

Website – Will go live by end of November. Demonstration at November coffee morning

Finance - £4818.81 plus £1031.75 Village Plan

Society – Discussion of Committee meeting dates which are difficult for one Committee member, but Wednesday evening is only available time

### **August 2010 – Newsletter #140**

Social – Coffee mornings restarting 1/10

Sausage Sizzle 31/10

Christmas Carols around tree 20/12, with mulled wine & mince pies in Mission Hall

Society Walks; about 20 on evening walk 15/6, and 8 on day walk 21/6

Scarecrow Competition won by witch on Mission Hall Lane. Spud in a Tub won by Paul

Nicholson with 2.8 kg, winning trophy in memory of Des Evans. £270 raised for Waves

Cream Teas attended by around 100

Village BBQ in August

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Street Fayre – Charity presentation 20/10

About 6000 people, raising profit of about £17000 for distribution. Society stall raised £215

Village Plan

Website will be rolled out soon

Crime prevention: Homewatch being maintained despite budget pressures. Sutton

Poyntz comes under Radipole Safer Neighbourhood Team

Biodiversity team have obtained grant funding for some specialist equipment.

Investigating possibility of landscape restoration project above Waterworks

Theatre Group – Two recent trips to Chichester, to see Yes Minister and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. 32

travelling to Bath 11/9 to see The Rivals, with trip to Poole planned to see an Inspector

Morse play

Village – Note on White Horse restoration work being done by Osmington

Richard at pub asks for people concerned about noise levels to telephone him

Planning – Meeting held with Peter Farrell, Chairman of Planning Committee, and Debbie

Redding, Planning Officer to discuss some concerns over procedures for submitting

comments and for Committee hearings

Meeting being planned with local Councillors, in form of Question Time

No objection to Rose Cottage tree work, or to Keston extension (which met Society policy),

although request about keeping road clear during work at Keston

### 15/9/2010 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

(No quorum)

Village – Response from Brian [sic] Manning – Council can't take any action as skip is on private land

Planning – Springhead application withdrawn

Noted that stables in green wedge now occupied by donkeys

Finance - £4852.81 plus £2938.58 Village Plan including new grant £478.17 for biodiversity equipment

### 21/10/2010 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Planning – Springhead marquee approved, but no live music

Stables off Puddledock recommended for refusal

Revised Fuschia Cottage scheme not against planning policy, and surprise that internal layout change needs fresh planning application

Fuschia Cottage garage objection on grounds of obstruction of view from Mission Hall Lane

Little Acorns extension no objection

Proposed meeting with Councillors cancelled as suitable date not possible

Springhead car park – Information on transaction history of Springhead car park passed to

Punch Taverns. Email from Peter Chapman suggesting Devenish is dead end

Social – Wrong details on coffee mornings in previous minutes; biodiversity display

November, website December

Finance - £49771.61 plus £2358.58 Village Plan

Society – John Bellis to take Mike Haine's distribution area

### 18/11/2010 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Planning – Fuschia Cottage both applications approved. Concern at relevance of some comments in Planning Committee to policy.

Agreed to ignore representation that included derogatory remark about Society

Opportunity to discuss with Planners at meeting 15/12, when Debbie Redding and Andrew

Galpin will give talk and answer questions



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Social – Website demonstration at December coffee morning. Archaeology exhibits at January. Photo of your grandparents for February

Agreed to try again to organise question Time

Society – Newsletter article to be written seeking debate about direction of Society for AGM

### November 2010 – Newsletter #141

Social – Coffee mornings continue. October had display of record covers, November with biodiversity display

Carols around tree 20/12 followed by mulled wine & mince pies in Mission Hall

New Years Eve party in Mission Hall, organised by John & Julia Allen

Question Time evening 16/3, being organised by Society

Sausage Sizzle report

#### Village Plan

Crime Prevention – Talk by PC Kevin Eames and PCSO Clive Joyner in Mission Hall 8/12

History Group meeting planned

Website to be rolled out soon

Planning – Question Time with Debbie Redding and Andrew Galpin 15/12 in Mission Hall, with focus on Localism. Earlier meeting had to be cancelled

No objection to Mill House minor changes, Little Acorns extension or to Puddledock Lane food store provided this is temporary

Objected against Springhead marquee on basis of likely noise

Objected against addition of garage at new house behind Fuschia Cottage

Society – AGM 20/4

Street Fayre – Presentation evening 20/10 distributed close to £20000

WI – Old Time Music Hall event in October. Talk on Islam in November. Both teams through to County Quiz final.

Theatre Group – 48 to Poole 27/11 to see House of Ghosts (Inspector Morse play). 22/11 to Poole to see Murdered to Death

Village – Recommendation for villagers to respond to BT voting system to ask for Fibre Broadband

Springhead – Meal special offer advertised

### 16/12/2010 – Committee meeting – 2 Sutton Close

Planning – Discussion of licensing application for Northdown Farm. Decided to object, and to inform Councillors and Osmington Society. Leaflet to be written for distribution

Noted that hedge at White Horse Cottage has been removed. To be checked

### 4/1/2011 – Special General Meeting – Mission Hall

Planning – Licensing application by Peter Broatch (who was present at meeting) for Northdown Farm, for alcohol and music, in connection with camping site at May bank holiday and 2 weeks in summer, using 28-day permitted development. Site shop, with background music. Tents only, no caravans.

### 19/1/2011 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Website – Live since December coffee morning. Final report submitted to AONB Ridgeway project

Social – Last coffee mornings in February and March. Display of photos of ancestors in February.

Vegetable shw 6/8

Scarecrows 20/7 to 6/8

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Cream Teas 30/7

Any Questions 16/3 with Hazel Bruce, Peter Chapman, David Mannings, Dennis Ackroyd and Chris Hubbard

History Evening at end of March

Agreed in principle to help to fund street party being organised by Mission Hall Trust Society – AGM 20/4. Bill Egerton to be nominated as Chairman. Secretary/Treasurer to be sought (Cheryl or Grant Leighton, Pam or Alan Dawson-Hollis, Dave or Mo Morris [sic]).

Simon Grant-Jones as possible speaker

Planning – Food store in green wedge refused.

Fuschia Cottage garage and revised plan approved

Planning applications at Eweleaze Farm not considered

113 objections to licensing at Northdown Farm. Meeting to plan for Committee hearing – Osmington Society to be invited. Article 4 Directove to be considered

Springhead car park – No responses on Springhead car park

Traffic – Enquiry lodged on no gritting of roads in Sutton Poyntz. Discussion on asking for supply of grit, but decided to approach Councillors to try to get gritting lorries

Finance – Coffee morning made £70.46. Expenditure of £472.69 on Village plan. £4899.17 plus £649.60 village plan

### January 2011 – Newsletter #142

Social – Valentine Safari Supper 12/2 organised by Mission Hall Trust

Question Time 16/3, with panel of Hazel Bruce, Peter Chapman, David Mannings, Denis Ackroyd and Chris Hubbard

History Evening 30/3 with talk by Richard Samways on Sutton Poyntz murder

Street Party in Mission Hall Lane to celebrate Royal Wedding 29/4

Coffee mornings – Launch of website at Deember coffee morning; archaeology exhibition at January

Carols on very cold evening, around tree again donated by Trinity Street Christmas Trees, followed by mulled wine & mince pies in Mission Hall. Donation of £100 to Julia's House New Years Eve party with full house

Suggestion of Mixed Craft Group – contact Brenda Pennington

Mission Hall – AGM 23/2

Society – AGM 20/4. New Chairman and Secretary wanted

Village Plan

Crime Prevention talk 8/12 well attended. Note of charitable supplier of security products

Website launched December. Request for event dates for website

Biodiversity newsletters continue

Planning – Planning talk 15/12 with Peter Farrell, Debbie Redding and Andrew Galpin, outlining changes in planning process, and Localism

SGM 4/1 to discuss Northdown Farm licensing application. Almost unanimously opposed

WI – Talk on Florence Nightingale at January meeting

Theatre Group – Next trips to Poole 22/1 (Murdered to Death) and Salisbury 5/3 (The Constant Wife)

### 16/2/2011 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Finance – £70 presented to Julias House in lieu of Christmas Tree cost

Coffee morning made £52.50.

£4883.79 plus £649.60 village plan

Website – Noted that website can receive emails

Social – March coffee morning with embroidery display

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History Evening 30/3

Richard Backwell organising “water event” later in year, for Okhle Trust. Investigate if our insurance can cover it.

Society – Louise Sheaves and John Sutherland proposing to step down from Committee  
Planning – Licensing hearing had approved alcohol sale but refused music. Decided not to appeal. Thought that Article 4 Directives are almost unused and unlikely to succeed. Decided to monitor activities at Northdown Farm and make note of dates. AONB to be contacted to discuss impact on AONB

No response on removal of hedge at White Horse Cottage

Village – Copy of email to Punch Taverns from their solicitors, advising no further action.

Punch Taverns had investigated adverse possession route. Decided to correspond with Devenish to investigate title. Noted that Pengillys had handled sale of Springhead from Groves & Son, and may have information

### March 2011 – Newsletter #143

Social – Question Time 16/3 at Mission Hall with Hazel Bruce, Peter Chapman, David Mannings, Dennis Ackroyd and Chris Hubbard. Request for questions to submit History Evening 30/3, with talk by Richard Samways on 1862 Sutton Poyntz Murder Street Party 29/4

Scarecrows 23/7 to 6/8 and Vegetable Show 6/8

Cream Teas 30/7 in Mission Hall orchard

Valentine Safari Supper 12/2 followed by quiz

Coffee Mornings, with old photos in February and embroidery display March

Society – AGM 20/4 followed by talk by Simon Grant Jones

Mission Hall – AGM 23/2

Planning – Northdown music licence turned down, but alcohol licence approved.

Landowners have right to alternative use for not more than 28 days

Village Plan

Website live. Comments or suggestions requested

Biodiversity – winter project behind Waterworks completed, and written up in Echo.

Open afternoon held at Osmington village hall. Request for access to gardens to look for dragonfly larvae

WI – February talk on “Fun & Magic”. March talk on running a B&B

Theatre Group – Further trips to Chichester and Bath planned, including Rosencrantz & Guildenstern are Dead in May

Traffic – Request to County Council for better gritting. Advice to report potholes

Plannng – Comment on proposed green roof for 1 Myrtle Cottages extension

### 20/4/2011 – AGM – Mission Hall

51 members

Chairmans Report – Village website, walks, cream teas, coffee mornings, vegetable show. History & Biodiversity Groups. Question Time. Lessons learned from planning process for house behind Mission Hall. Licence application for Northdown Farm camping – investigation of Article 4 Directive. John Sutherland stepping down as Secretary, but staying on Committee “to get Springhead Carpark transferred to stewardship of local Council”.

Treasurers Report – Accounts contain separate Village Plan section

Committee – Bill Egerton (Chairman), John Bellis (Treasurer), Tony Bugler, John Crisp, Alan Dawson-Hollis, Anne Dye, Dave Martin, Karen Phillips, Peter Riley, Peter Sheaves, John Sutherland. Secretary vacant.

Social – Des Evans Trophy introduced, and presented by Ros Evans to first winner (Paul Nicholson)

## Summary note of Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Minutes and Newsletters

Pond – Enquiry about pruning of willows. Action to be taken

Traffic – Action needed to ensure gritting

Village – Request for village tidy. Request to look at state of cart at Springhead

Social – Talk by Simon Grant Jones

### **26/4/2011 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall**

Society – Secretary's job divided – correspondence Bill Egerton, minutes in rotation, newsletter John Crisp, website Alan Dawson-Hollis & Karen Phillips, membership John Bellis, planning monitoring Dave Martin, planning comments John Crisp

Distributors Peter Sheaves taking lower Plaisters Lane

Representatives Anne Dye Mission Hall Trust, Peter Jones CPRE and Crime prevention, Tony Bugler Civic Society, John Crisp Weymouth & Portland Partnership, David Martin Street Fayre, Bill Egerton website

Planning – Trees have been felled at Littlecot. Legality to be established

Article 4 submission welcomed. Meeting to be arranged with Councillors. Record of camping activity to be maintained.

Springhead car park – Springhead car park to be left with John Sutherland

Social – Richard Backwell to be asked about walks. Other events left to next meeting

£20 agreed for raffle hamper for Rectory Garden Party

### **19/5/2011 – Committee meeting – Springhead**

Planning – Modify Article 4 submission to remove reference to environmental damage, and to refer to refusal of caravan extension because of damage to AONB. Ask Borough to do environmental survey. Check with Council about legality of water pipe and taps installed.

Meeting arranged with David Evans, Borough Head of Planning [sic]. Meeting arranged with David Mannings and Peter Chapman to discuss Article 4 Direction. Meeting to be arranged with Osmington Society

Website – Incompatibility found with Internet Explorer versions 8 & 9

Village – Investigation to be done of mechanism for holding land

Suggestion of renovating Saunders cart at Springhead. Believed to be private property so not a matter for Society.

Village tidy to be organised

Traffic – Hazel Bruce investigating road gritting. Grit and containers can be provided

Pond – Borough to be asked about maintenance of trees

Request received to place memorial bench near pond. Society policy is that these are on replacement basis.

Social – Organiser needed for Cream Teas. Dave Martin to organise Scarecrows, and Bill Egerton Vegetable Show.

Finance - £4969 plus £428 village plan

Society – New logo and letterhead to be investigated. Anne Dya and Alan Dawson-Hollis to provide ideas

### **16/6/2011 – Committee meeting – Springhead**

Society – Shirley Davies joining Committee as Secretary

Finance – Bank signatories Bill Egerton, Jhn Bellis, John Sutherland, Shirley Davies

Social – Garden Party this weekend

Richard Backwell organising walks

Peter Sheaves to organise Vegetable Show

Village Plan – Caroline Crisp to chair History Group

Grant for Biodiversity Group to renovate section of hedge

## Summary note of Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Minutes and Newsletters

Planning – Works to field and water supply are legal. To check on works to track. David Evans had said difficult to establish case until after camping started – suggests submitting case when camping finished. Meeting with local Councillors and Osmington Society – also recommended waiting. Letter from 3 residents expressing disappointment at lack of action. Decided to submit Case immediately. Discussion of press information, but left open. Discussion of whether to contribute towards legal costs of 3 members deferred to next meeting

Tree felling at Littlecot legal. Enquiry as to why

Representation re 4 The Puddledocks asking for appropriate materials to be used

Finance – Agreed to purchase display stand for village, at Biodiversity Group request

### June 2011 – Newsletter #144

Planning – Northdown Farm camping being advertised. Society investigating “Article 4 Direction” to require planning application. Request to monitor activity at site. No appeal proposed, as License Committee hearing thought to have been balanced

Reminder that tree work requires planning permission

Social – Village evening walk at Portesham 28/6 with refreshments at Kings Arms

Okhle village Trust fundraising “water carry” event 9/7

Scarecrows 24/7, organised by Dave Martin, and Vegetable Show 6/8, raising money for Waves

Cream Teas 30/7 in Mission Hall garden

Village Weigh-In at Mission Hall 6/9

Question Time well attended. Thanks to panel members

Street Party attended by 270. Organised by John & Julia Allen, Judy Backwell, Sara Knight, Dave Caddy and Maureen Morris

History Evening well attended

Village Plan

Biodiversity wildflower walk 3/6, and bat listening evening 15/6

Flood Warden scheme being started. Volunteer sought

Society – Reminder that subscriptions are due.

Committee Bill Egerton (Chairman), John Bellis (Treasurer), Tony Bugler, John Crisp, Alan Dawson-Hollis, Anne Dye, Dave Martin, Karen Phillips, Peter Riley, Peter Sheaves, John Sutherland. Secretary vacant.

Excellent talk by Simon Grant Jones after AGM

### 20/7/2011 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Planning – BOAT application but closing date passed

Article 4 Directive – response from Richard Drax, not hopeful. Supportive response from Peter Chapman. Watch being kept on camping. Check to be made on legality of service caravan

Also now camping at White Horse Farm. Same concerns but Osmington Society lead

Peverill trees – leave to Trees Officer

Social – Cream Teas arranged

Suggestion of village recipe book

Springhead car park – Borough not interested in acquiring Springhead car park. Investigate other examples of villages acquiring land

Village – Saunders field for sale. Decided Society will not be involved in any villager purchase

### 17/8/2011 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Social - £300 raised for Waves. Olympic scarecrow theme next year

Cream Teas raised £173 – numbers down due to other event

## Summary note of Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Minutes and Newsletters

Coffee mornings resuming October. Ideas discussed for displays  
Winter events – Olympic plans, Question Time, History Evening  
Village – Saunders family to be asked for covenant guaranteeing access over field for Street Fayre parking  
Springhead car park – County Council not able to acquire Springhead car park. Resolved to seek to acquire on behalf of village, with £1500 allocated. Directors of Company Bill Egerton, John Bellis, Shirley Davies, John Crisp and John Sutherland. Agreed to seek advice from Chris Berry  
Planning – Response to Article 4 Directive from Borough, who will monitor situation.  
Concern about smoke  
Plaisters Lane application – representation about materials, and danger to pedestrians due to hedge  
Domkey store appeal turned down  
Springhead music may contravene planning stipulation. Question asked of Borough  
Finance - £5307.70 plus £400.05 village plan

### 20/9/2011 – Committee meeting – Northdown Farmhouse

Planning – Borough have written to Springhead reminding of planning constraints on music  
Northdown camping latrines have been left full of excrement. Environmental Health contacted. Camper van spotted – photo to be sent to Borough  
Littlecot tree felling permitted as result of Borough error. Process tightened up  
New application for land south of Wyndings. Opposed on basis of materials, road safety, dominance of building, and destruction of view  
Village – Village tidy to be arranged in spring  
Concern over phone box. Letter to be written to ascertain  
Springhead car park – Chris Berry appointed to purchase Springhead car park  
Social – October coffee morning biodiversity theme  
Olympic talk October 19  
Village Plan – Biodiversity Group negotiating with Wessex Water on woodland use  
Finance - £5444.30 plus £400.05 village plan

### September 2011 – Newsletter #145

Planning – Summary of Planning Inspector report rejecting appeal on feed store by Plaisters Lane. Report recognised importance of Open Gap designation, and of protection of AONB  
Summary of experience with first year's camping at Northdown Farm  
Borough Council looking at planning/licensing issues for pub events. Phone number for complaints in event of noise nuisance  
Social – Village Weigh-in at Mission Hall 6/9  
Coffee Mornings resume 7/10  
Barn Dance at Preston Village Hall in aid of Digital Mammography Appeal 8/10, with Jump at the Sun. Tickets from Gill Caddy  
RSPB talk on water birds at Church Room 11/10  
Talk on Olympics preparation at Mission Hall 19/10  
Water Fun Day raised £1250 for Okhle Village Trust  
Cream Teas raised £173  
Village Barbecue well enjoyed  
Scarecrows (next year with Olympic theme) and Vegetable Show raised £300 for Waves  
Village – Plans to publish village recipe book – contact Pam Dawson-Hollis, Maureen Morris or Judy Backwell  
Note on control of Japanese Knotweed  
Note on lighting of bonfires



## Summary note of Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Minutes and Newsletters

Street Fayre – provisionally 24/6/2012

Society – Shirley Davies joined Committee as Secretary

### **26/10/2011 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall**

Village – Christmas tree to be supplied as before in exchange for charity donation

No threat to phone box at present

Traffic – Further contact on gritting, but no response yet

Street Fayre – Agreed that Society will not run separate stall, leaving manning to Street Fayre committee

Social – November coffee morning – invite people to bring retro electronic ‘junk’

Olympics speaker did not arrive – to be invited to AGM

Planning – Borough consultation workshops to be attended by representatives

Borough response on Little Acorns tree felling – small fruit trees so no consent needed

Land south of Wyndings – meeting with David Dunford about our change of response.

Agreed that consistency is important and will be maintained in future. Owners of True Blu have requested Society response in opposing application

Northdown camping – Latrines now filled in and safe

Revised Planning Policy to be drafted by subcommittee

Website – Two sponsors – Spar and Bincombe Blinds

Pond – County Council contacted for advice on tree maintenance

Flooding – Discussion on risk. Thought Environment Agency have done all they are likely to do

### **16/11/2011 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall**

Planning – Local Plan workshop to be attended and reported on

Land south of Wyndings application approved. Meeting with Planning Committee representatives to be sought

Discussion of planning policy in light of Keston development. Discussion of whether safety should be an aspect considered in planning policy

Rose Cottage trees to be left to Trees Officer

Society – New Mission Hall Trust representative needed

Social – Question Time 8/2

Recent History Group meeting well attended

Agreed to advertise Society events further along Sutton Road to attract potential members

Springhead car park – Contact with de Vere on Springhead Car Park, but no progress by Solicitor. Copies of legal correspondence to be sought

Traffic – Still asking to be on gritting route, but ask for grit bins as fallback

Pond – Pollarding is not Council policy. Seek advice from tree surgeon being used by Wessex Water and Biodiversity Group

Finance - £5567.70 plus £306.55 village plan

### **November 2011 – Newsletter #146**

Planning – No progress by Council on Article 4 Directive for camping. Photographic evidence submitted

Review of Society Planning Policy being undertaken. Comments requested

Comment(s) on new house proposal opposite Wyndings

After clarification, stable in field off Plaisters Lane has no foundations so does not need planning permission

CPRE requesting Government to re-draft Localism Act parts relating to planning

Social – Coffee mornings continue

Carols 19/12 outside Mission Hall followed by mulled wine & mince pies

## Summary note of Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Minutes and Newsletters

New Years Eve party at Mission Hall, organised by Ruth Davies & Yvonne Emery

Question Time 8/2

Traffic – Contacts with Councillors to ensure Sutton Road is kept open by gritting when necessary

Village – Plans for spring-clean

Threat to phone box, but possibility village could 'adopt' it

Village Plan

Crime prevention – Community Policing will remain priority despite budget cuts

Biodiversity – Major project over winter, clearing and renewing hedge on east side of Waterworks land

Street Fayre – Request for items for village stalls, and for helpers

### 14/12/2011 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Social – Duncan Flint will speak on Olympics plans at AGM

January coffee morning with display material on Pantomime Group. Street Fayre material in March

Question Time moved to 15/2 to suit panellists. Advertising in Register and newsletter

Check what charity benefits from Carol Service collection (thought to be Salvation Army)

History Evening 8/2 with talk on Wyndings excavations

Planning – No objections to new conservatory at Overcombe Barn

New planning policy being drafted based on existing Society documents. Idea of creating map showing growth of village

Report on new West Dorset/Weymouth & Portland Local Plan – possible threat to Open Gaps but likely to be retained. Conservation Areas to be retained. Large development planned at north Littlemoor

Donkey feed store roof removed but walls still standing. Borough to be contacted

Village – Impact of adopting phone box to be investigated

Traffic – Grit bins installed

Finance - £5528.81 plus £233.44 village plan

Donation of £300 to Waves after Vegetable Show

### 18/1/2012 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Street Fayre – Pub grounds now available for Fayre. Display at March coffee morning

Social – Plans for Question Time evening

Screcrows 21/7 to 4/8. Vegetable Show 4/8

Mission Hall barbecue 4/8

Cream Teas date to depend on Olympic sailing dates

Richard Backwell to be asked to organise walks

Thought Mission Hall would be organising Diamond Jubilee event

February coffee morning with photos of first (or worst) car

History Evening 8/2 on archaeological excavations

Society – AGM 18/4. Speaker Duncan Flint on Olympics preparations. Revised Planning Policy will be presented

John Bellis wishing to retire as Treasurer

Committee to consider whether changes needed to Constitution.

No action at present on new logo

Repairs to be done to noticeboard

Planning – No problem with Cob Cottage plans, although regret that tree felling would be necessary

## Summary note of Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Minutes and Newsletters

Springhead plans extend footprint slightly but felt that appearance would be improved.  
Publican to be contacted to inform that previous application was turned down because it went outside development boundary

No objection to 3 Old Bincombe Lane porch, or 68 Sutton Road tree work

Village – Clean up 24-25/3.

Biodiversity Group have AONB grant of £1600 for work around waterworks, and 500 trees to plant

Springhead car park – Discussion of Springhead car park but no resolution in sight.

Pond – Discussions with County Council [sic] on trees by pond

Finance - £5617.14 plus £252.44 village plan

Agreed to donate £100 to Weldmar in lieu of Christmas Tree purchase

### January 2012 – Newsletter #147

Planning – Society Planning Policy being reviewed, for adoption at AGM

Drafting of New Local Plan being watched to ensure the parts important to us are retained (e.g. green gap)

Social – Coffee Mornings continue

History Evening 8/2 with talk on Archaeology in Sutton Poyntz

Question Time now 15/2, with Pru Bollam, Tom Munro, David Evans and Brian Ellis

St Andrews Flower Festival in May. Fund raising lunch in Mission Hall 23/2, run by Caroline Crisp

Society – AGM 18/4 followed by talk by Duncan Flint on Olympics preparations

Traffic – Gritting bins now installed

Village – Spring Clean 24-25/3

Village Plan

Biodiversity team bird surveys running for 3 years, with about 25 participants. Hedge project about ½ complete

Street Fayre – Request for items for village stalls

### 16/2/2012 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Social – Question Time cancelled – lack of support

Street Fayre display for March coffee morning

Cream Tea 21/7

Successful history evening

Society – AGM 18/4

Examples of newsletter heading to be displayed at AGM

Planning – Policy draft circulated to Committee. Will be distributed to some selected other people

Springhead annexe demolition and rebuild – decided to oppose

Willowdene tree – leave to Trees Officer

Springhead car park – Email from de Vere solicitor on Springhead car park

Village – Phone box to be discussed at AGM

Materials for village clean-up from Council

Biodiversity Group report 500 trees planted

Response to letter accusing Biodiversity Group of trespass

Pond – Trees not County Council responsibility. Waiting for response from Carl Ballinson [sic]

Finance - £5324.24

Insurance of valuable Biodiversity Group equipment to be checked

### 21/3/2012 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Society – Discussion of what to say at AGM about Springhead car park

## Summary note of Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Minutes and Newsletters

Social – Cream Teas date agreed, but not who is running it  
Veg Show hall booked. Peter Sheaves running  
Scarecrows run by Dave Martin, with Olympics theme  
Planning – Springhead annexe plans approved. Ditto Willowdene tree  
No objection re Overcombe Barn, Felix House trees, Peveril tree  
Build at Myrtle Cottage to be checked against planning application  
Springhead car park – Documents relating to Springhead car park sent to Solicitor  
Village – Clean-up organised  
Thanks received from Weldmar for donation re Christmas Tree  
Finance – Biodiversity grant funds received and part spent  
£5354.99. Investment account to be transferred to NatWest for better interest rate  
No change to subscription  
Footpaths – Appeal lodged re Bridleway 3

### March 2012 – Newsletter #148

Planning – Revised Planning Policy available in draft  
Observations on proposed accommodation block at bck of Springhead, criticising choice of materials  
Letter written to MP about Live Music Bill  
Social – Coffee Mornings now stopped for summer  
Scarecrows 22/7 to 5/8, with proceeds to Waves  
Cream Teas 21/7  
Vegetable Show 4/8  
St Andrews Flower Festival 5-7/5  
Society – AGM 18/4 followed by talk by Duncan Flint on Olympics preparations  
Village – Spring Clean 24-25/3  
Village Plan  
Crime prevention report  
Street Fayre – 24/6. Full list of village stalls. Request for items and for helpers (about 200 last time)

### 18/4/2012 – AGM – Mission Hall

(no number given)  
Social – Talk by Duncan Flint, Head of Dorset 2012 Communications Group, to talk about Olympics preparation  
Village – Concern about removal of grit bins  
Springhead car park – Ownership of Springhead car park being checked  
Chairmans Report – Thanks to retiring Committee members, Tony Bugler and Jhn Bellis. Northdown campsite being monitored. Committee short of numbers and need new members  
Treasurers Report – Village Plan activities self-financing, including grant obtained by Biodiversity Group  
Committee – Bill Egerton (Chairman), Shirley Davies (Secretary), John Bellis (Treasurer, pro tem), John Crisp, Peter Riley, Peter Sheaves, John Sutherland, Sue Wintle  
Society – Vote to choose new letter-head for Society  
Village – Discussion of telephone box. Agreed to try to buy it if it was made redundant by BT. Donation of £1 made.  
Lighting of Beacon for Queen's Diamond Jubilee discussed and agreed

### 16/5/2012 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Society – Replacement for John Bellis as Treasurer needed. JB will continue for time being

## Summary note of Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Minutes and Newsletters

Newsletters to be edited by John Crisp

Social – BE to organise Cream Teas

Approvals being sought from WessexWater and tenant for Jubilee Beacon lighting.

Help sought by Mission Hall setting up for Jubilee Lunch

Planning – No objection to Brookmead tree pollarding

No objection to new house at Littlecot (accords with policy) but ask for flooding and traffic management to be considered by Borough

Myrtle Cottage – Development changed unilaterally. Retrospective application asked for by Borough

New Planning Policy to be sent to Council

Overcrobe Barn conservatory approved

Springhead car park – No progress on Springhead car park. Concern at mounting fees.

Village – Gritting bins have been removed. To be checked

### May 2012 – Newsletter #149

Newsletter – First in new format, and with Tony Heathershaw's new logo

Planning – Representation on proposed alterations at 1 Myrtle Cottages

Application by Punch Taverns for B&B accommodation at pub approved

Society Planning Policy reviewed and approved by AGM

Social – Jubilee Lunch 3/6 in Mission Hall garden £10 from Anthea Heathershaw

Lighting of Jubilee Beacon 4/6

Scarecrows contact Dave Martin

Cream Teas 21/7 Mission Hall Garden

Vegetable Show 6/8 Scutt Hall £1 entry in aid of Waves

Talk on Weymouth Olympics

Mission Hall – AGM 11/7

Street Fayre – 24/6. Donations to Pat Haine or Linda Obey. Volunteer helpers contact John Sutherland

Village – Cleanup 24-25/3

BT notice threatening to withdraw phone box. Community groups can purchase box for £1. £1 donated by Dave Wintle

Committee – Bill Egerton (Chairman), Shirley Davies (Secretary), John Crisp, John Bellis, John Sutherland, Peter Riley, Peter Sheaves, Sue Wintle, David Rees. Treasurer vacant. Thanks to Tony Bugler retiring after 23 years (chairman 93-97) and John Bellis (treasurer for 5 years)

### 27/6/2012 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Mission Hall – AGM 11/7

Social – Caroline Crisp organising Cream Teas 21/7

Vegetable Show 4/8

Planning – No progress on Myrtle Cottage. Suggestion that we invite Councillors to visit Supported Springfield Cottage changes

No comment on Old Rectory changes, Northdown Farmhouse conservatory

Review invited of Local Development Plan draft

Village – De Vere now outsourcing legal services, and asking for reimbursement of costs. Ask to stand by previously agreed limit. Discussion of contacting Mr Skinner, but decided not.

Approach to be made to Environmental Health on skip.

No information on telephone box

Discussions between Biodiversity Group and Wessex Water on management of water meadows

Agreed to check ownership of "village green", which had been maintained by Mr Harbor and later by Maureen Tepper

## Summary note of Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Minutes and Newsletters

Pond – Borough have denied ownership of trees (although they planted them)

Society – New Newsletter heading to be used for letter heading

Finance – income £276, expenditure £65.32

### **27/7/2012 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall**

Social – Thanks to Caroline Crisp for organising Cream Teas. Decided one week later next year

Planning – No comment on 63 Sutton Road tree

Planning Policy document being completed and will be sent to Planners

Comments submitted on draft Local Plan re green gap and flooding

New house at Littlecot approved

Springhead car park – Decided to sign off Chris Berry re Springhead car park. £725 costs agreed

Village – Question to be asked about registering “village green”. Society will organise mowing

Finance - £5943.73

Footpath – Appeal on BOAT status for Bridleway 3 failed

### **15/8/2012 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall**

Social – Thanks to Dave Martin for organising Scarecrows. Numbers slightly down.

Veg Show numbers down. £243.13 donation to Waves.

John Crisp to run coffee mornings

Planning – No comment re tree management at Garland House

Still no retrospective application re Myrtle Cottage

Planning Policy distributed to Planning Committee

Village – BT have no plans to close telephone box

Village Green can be claimed after 20 years continuous use (thought to be 2014)

Finance - £5218.73

Flooding – Report of manholes lifting in Sutton Road in heavy rain. Agreed to keep record

### **August 2012 – Newsletter #150**

Planning – Application for in-fill house at Littlecot approved, although against Officers’ recommendation

Social – Ladies’ Lunches second Wednesday of each month starting 12/9. At Springhead or

Spice Ship – let Maureen know which you prefer

Coffee mornings restarting 5/10 Mission Hall

Village weigh-in on Tuesday mornings

Jubilee celebration in Mission Hall garden, organised by Anthea and team

Cream Teas numbers down but enjoyed

Scarecrow competition won by Dave Martin’s diver

Vegetable Show organised by Peter Sheaves. Des Evans trophy won by Tony & Anthea

Heathershaw

Street Fayre – Great success despite weather. Car parking field unusable, but people walked in droves. About £14000 will be handed to various charities, probably 5/10

Homewatch – Replacement distributor needed. Concern at lack of useful information recently

Village – Request for volunteers to help keep “village green” tidy, now that Tim & Maureen are leaving

### **19/9/2012 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall**

Mission Hall – Fund raising lunch 11/11



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Social – Display material for coffee morning on Great Eastern by John Williams [sic]; also photo display and jam competition

Wine tasting evening with Jack de Carteret

Planning – Revised Myrtle Cottage plans approved

Visit of Mark Tewkesbury (Chairman Planning Committee) to be arranged

Newsletter – Apology to owner of Littlecot about Newsletter item thought to be misleading

Replacement Newsletter editor to be sought

Pond – Meeting with John Willows on pond ownership

Society bench in need of repair

Finance - £5475.80 including £189.67 village plan

### 17/10/2012 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Social – First coffee morning not well attended

Wine tasting evening 23/1 with Jack de Carteret

Planning – No objections to various trees applications (Felix House, Staddles, Vindelis, 96 Sutton Road, 4 Puddledock, Overcombe Barn)

Springbank application to be circulated for comment

Council have asked caravan site operator for retrospective application for glamping

Springhead car park – Some advice received on Springhead car park

Pond – Letter written to Council explaining why we believe they own the trees

Contact with Council on repairs to seat

Finance - £5458.75 including £189.67 village plan

Discussions with insurance company in advance of renewal

Noted that biodiversity telescope has gone missing

Bus service – Echo article, but no concrete news

### 21/11/2012 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Mission Hall – Successful Armistice Day lunch raising about £400

Social – Wine tasting 23/1

Display of toys at December coffee morning. Later displays by John Newbould and WI, and jam competition

Decided Christmas Tree not needed, but December coffee morning profit will go to Julia's House

Society – Hoped Mark Tewkesbury would attend AGM 17/4

Planning – No comment on Mullions tree

Rose Cottage application to be circulated for comment

Springhead car park – New solicitor appointed to obtain Springhead car park, creating Limited Company to own it. John Crisp and John Sutherland appointed to work with solicitor on behalf of Society

Village – Biodiversity meeting with Wessex Water – intending to clear brambles in water meadow

Pond – Council offered replacement bench for £800. Other source to be sought

Finance - £5396.77 including £94.51 village plan

Biodiversity Group overspend approved

Newsletter – Chris Hubbard willing to help with next Newsletter

### November 2012 – Newsletter #151

Village – Feature on Springhead, under new management (Jo Parker and Karen Smith)

Social – Village Christmas meal at Springhead 14/12

New Year's Eve "James Bond" evening at Springhead

Wine tasting evening 23/1 with Jack de Cartaret

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Reminder of Ladies' Lunch second Wednesday of every month, at Springhead  
Coffee mornings. Mince pies in December, and home-made jams February  
Armistice Day lunch 11/11, enjoyed by about 60 at Mission Hall  
Planning – Society opposed revision to plans for 1 Myrtle Cottages  
Lots of tree maintenance or felling applications. Society policy for replacement when felling is necessary  
Street Fayre – Presentation evening 5/10 to issue cheques for almost £15000 to 20 charities. 5000 attended Fayre this year  
Society – Appeal for new Committee members

### 15/1/2013 – Committee meeting – Springhead

Social – Richard Backwell to be asked to organise walk  
Veg Show 3/8  
Footpaths – Open meeting 17/1 on BOAT application (Byways Open to All Traffic). Invitations to Ian Brice [sic] and Brian Ellis  
Flooding – Flooding 12 & 13/1, due to Wessex Water switching off pumps. Newsletter item to ask for ideas, and Wessex Water to be invited to site meeting  
Team to be assembled to clear gully along Plaisters Lane  
Pond – Proposing to repair bench – materials estimated at about £60  
Website - £25 for upgrade software approved  
Finance - £5319.83 including £154.51 village plan  
Julia's House donation to be rounded up to £50

### 20/2/2013 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Bus service – Under threat. Alternatives investigated but not satisfactory. Open Meeting 23/2 with Ian Bruce, First Bus and Richard Drax  
Mission Hall – Successful safari supper  
Social – Successful wine tasting, raising £180. If repeated, seating at tables and greater variety of wines  
Summer walk organised  
Dave Martin to be asked to organise scarecrows  
Society Mark Tewkesbury confirmed for AGM  
Planning – Local Plan revision with proposed site south-east of Dorchester. No representation necessary  
Springhead car park – Agreed that we would be willing to pay agent's fees [sic] re Springhead car park purchase. Thought to be some progress. Advice to be sought on form of corporate body to hold land  
Village – Discussions with Wessex Water may lead to opening up of part of woodland  
Pond – Timber purchased for Saunders bench £100  
Finance - £5418.93 including £128.78 village plan

### February 2013 – Newsletter #152

Bus service – Proposal by First Bus to remove Sutton Poyntz bus service  
Social – Wine tasting evening with Jack de Cartaret, Master of Wine. Mission Hall packed  
Vegetable Show 3/8, including Spud in a Tub competition for Des Evans Trophy  
Coffee morning 1/3  
Village walk 9/6  
Footpaths – Application to convert bridleways on Ridgeway to BOAT (Bridleway Open to All Traffic). Meeting held. Need for evidence that track had not been used by motor traffic  
Village – Village clean up Plaisters, organised by John Sutherland with Ian, Mark, Dermot, Ray, Guy, Mike, and Seamus, with refreshments by Eileen

## Summary note of Sutton Poyntz Society Committee Minutes and Newsletters

Scouts – Spring Jumble Sale 30/3, organised by Betty Hennesey  
Newsletter – Now edited by Chris Hubbard

### **20/3/2013 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall**

Footpaths – No news on date of Council hearing on BOAT

Social – Walk 9/6

Planning – Walk of village with Mark Tewkesbury before meeting to review some planning applications

No objection to 119 Sutton Road alterations

Society – AGM 17/4. Thought separate Secretary's Report unnecessary

Pond – Council have agreed it is "appropriate" that they deal with trees at this time  
Council have removed Saunders seat [just] before repairs could be completed

Bus Service – being retained. Site meeting with First Bus and County Council to discuss works

Finance – £5458.93 including £128.78 village plan

### **17/4/2013 – AGM – Mission Hall**

(no number given)

Social – Talk by Mark Tewkesbury, Chairman of Borough Planning Committee. New local plan being developed with West Dorset

Chairmans Report – Distributed and taken as read

Treasurers Report – Biggest expense was money set aside for purchase of Springhead Car Park

Committee – Bill Egerton (Chairman), Shirley Davies (Secretary), John Crisp, David Rees, Peter Riley, Peter Sheaves, John Sutherland, Sue Wintle. Treasurer vacant. Tamzin Hyde to be coopted if willing

Village – Peter Jones trying to get broken road sign replaced

Bus service – Road markings now in place. Pointed out that tickets issued in SP sometimes give wrong location, preventing accurate estimate of use of bus by village

Society – Thanks to Tony Heathershaw for new logo

### **May 2013 – Newsletter #153**

Society – Report on AGM, and appeal for more Committee members

Village – Request from Peter Jones for help and funding to replace signpost at top of Plaisters Lane. Some funding available from AONB

Extensive tree pruning done on land between stream and Puddledock Lane

Bus service – Site meeting with First Bus arranged by Ian Bruce. Some road markings requested and done. Need to find who owns land below No 42 to get trees and shrubs cut back

Newsletter – Guess what event the photo recorded

Homewatch – Community Speedwatch system being introduced, with training available

Social – Village walk 9/6 led by Richard Backwell from Athelhampton

Friday Art Group exhibition 15-16/6 Mission Hall

Cream Teas 20/7 Mission Hall

Scarecrows 20/7-3/8. No theme

Vegetable Show 3/8 Scutt Hall

Committee – Bill Egerton (Chairman), Shirley Davies (Secretary), John Crisp, John Sutherland, Peter Riley, Peter Sheaves, Sue Wintle, David Rees. No Treasurer

### **11/6/2013 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall**

Society – [Chris Hubbard, Newsletter editor] to be approached about committee membership

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Mission Hall – Mowing rota being arranged. Will ask if village green can be included

Social – 12 walkers

Cream Teas 20/7 organised by BE

Planning – Springbank application being circulated for comments

Complaints about smoke caused by campers. Advised to keep record of when this is problem. Advised that camping on higher hills does not cause additional planning issue.

Bus service – Council agreed to clear bushes to improve access

Footpaths – Route Old Bincombe [sic] to Came recommended for refusal

Finance - £44444.93 [sic] including £113.78 village plan

BE proposing to take over as Treasurer

Newsletter – Goadsby offer to print Newsletters accepted with thanks

Village – Thank you card being sent to Maureen Tipper [sic] and Tim Maidment as they emigrate

### 17/7/2013 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Society – Chris Hubbard [willing to attend, but] does not want to be Committee member

Footpaths – BOAT application refused

Mission Hall – AGM 24/7

Social – About 18 scarecrow entries

Planning – Happy with 69 and 97 Sutton Road

Old Rectory application some concern about visual impact

### August 2013 – Newsletter #154

Newsletter – First one printed by Goadsby

Last Newsletter's picture competition won by Anne Kemp, who remembers complete chaos and much fun when BBC Seaside Special programme came to Sutton Poyntz in 1977

Social – Report on Vegetable show (organised by Peter Sheaves) and Scarecrow competition (organised by Dave Martin and won by Chris & Liz Balfe with their Baker). £305 donated to Waves, including £116 raised by teas organised by Weymouth College students

Cream Teas attended by about 70 raised £160

Sout & Guide Spring Jumble Sale and Beach Stall raised £1400. Thanks to Betty Hennessey and helpers, and especially Simon Grant-Jones for providing transport

Village BBQ 8/9 £6 Mission Hall contact Maureen

Village Sunday Lunch 3/11 £12 Mission Hall contact Mureen

Street Fayre – New committee members sought – contact Guy Bridge. Wessex Water have agreed to allow us to keep shed on their land for Fayre storage. Appeal for a suitable shed

Homewatch – Community Speed Watch scheme introduced, allowing communities to survey traffic speed

Village – Picture of Anne & Richard Crocker's three pigs, Henry Kate & George, kept alongside Puddledock Lane

### 18/9/2013 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Planning – Discussion of process in dealing with planning applications; committee members urged to look at site; comments must only refer to our Policy.

No comment on Tasman extension, Cob Cottage trees, 55 Sutton Road trees

Comment but not objection on materials for Waterworks development

Mission Hall – Lunch 3/11 fully booked. Sausage Sizzle 31/10

Ceiling repairs being planned, to include soundproofing

Newsletter – Use of colour liked, but too much clip art and wrong balance between material and blank space. These were result of changes by Goadsby who will be advised of comments

Social – Ideas being sought for coffee mornings

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Finance - £4944.97 including £93.62 village plan

Margaret's Seat – Report of damage to Margaret's Seat. Peter Broatch to be contacted

### **16/10/2013 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall**

Society – Flowers sent to Joyce Litschi. £23 approved

Margaret's Seat – Peter Broatch has repaired Margaret's Seat

Village – Peter Jones seeking funding for replacement sign at top of Plaisters Lane; decided Society would no contribute

No support for road sign for Silver Street

Work started by Biodiversity Group and Wessex Water on bridge over stream, as first step to opening part of woodland.

Planning – Further discussion of process; whole committee should be consulted; email discussion acceptable if responses are in reasonable agreement; special meeting if necessary.

No objection Dell Cottage trees

Some application expected for Land at Plaisters Lane

Mission Hall – Security light installed. Ceiling made safe.

Social – First coffee morning. Ideas for next three

Ideas sought for winter socials

Street Fayre – Village meeting 23/10

Finance - £4728.87 including £108.62 village plan. Insurance premium £297.70 paid  
Donation of £306 to Waves from Veg Show [and scarecrows]

### **20/11/2013 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall**

Planning – Too late to comment on some applications

Mission Hall – Successful lunch

Society – Plans for AGM 9/4, probably with debate on value of Society  
BE happy to become Treasurer. New Secretary and Chairman needed

Newsletter – Recent one was much improved. Goadsbys to be thanked

Springhead car park – Solicitor's advice not to ask any permission to use Springhead car park

Social – Waves display at Deember coffee morning

DIY wine tasting in February

Finance - £4799.88 including £108.62 village plan

Bus service – Noted that bus tickets sometimes do not show correct stop

### **November 2013 – Newsletter #155**

Village – Farewell note to Litschi's, Fredy and Joyce, on move to retirement home after 47 years in village. Brief life story

New reading group being formed – contact Jane Young

Simon & Dot Emblen celebrating 'significant' birthdays

Note on stories of ghost at Waterworks. John Willows thinks it's Eric Aubin, Chief Engineer 1948 to 1982, still looking after the place

Homewatch – Crime rate dropping apart from shed break-ins

Social – Overcomeb WI Christmas coffee morning 22/11 Mission Hall £1.50 including coffee & cake. Jams, chutneys, cakes, gifts

Scout & Guide Jumble Sale raised £500. Thanks to Betty Hennessey and helpers

Cancer Research coffee morning raised £260. Thanks to Jane Young and helpers

Coffee mornings monthly Mission Hall. December one with Waves display

Carol Service 16/12 Mission Hall with Salvation Army band, followed by baptisms in pond

Street Fayre – 29/6. Volunteers fr Committee contact Guy Bridge

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Footpaths – Thanks to unknown benefactor who has put longer loop on second gate behind old stables

Planning – Reminder that Society policy is for tree replacement when felling is necessary

Pond – Branches blown down in recent gales. Yvonne Emery has arranged visit by Council and Southern Electricity representatives

### **18/12/2013 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall**

Planning – Hillside trees – accept trees officer judgement but comment that we do not like tree felling

Society – AGM debate with Council perspective by Ian Bruce. Need someone to put rival views of Society's value

Springhead car park – Street Fayre agreed not to be seen to ask permission for use of Springhead car park

Village – Dog mess problem discussed

Simon Grant-Jones to be contacted about beacon repair

Pond – Meeting with Council officer 16/1 to discuss trees

Social – Coffee morning arrangement of tables and chairs to be changed to prevent small 'closed' groups

Wine tasting 21/2

History Evening 19/3 with John Willows talk on Great Eastern funnel

Finance - £4802.60 including £54.62 village plan

Biodiversity Group overdrawn by £120. Supposed to be self-funding. To be asked to restore situation

### **15/1/2014 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall**

Planning – No comment on Sunnyside Cottage willow pollarding

Same comment as before on Old Rectory revised plan

Society – Ian Bruce to put Council view of Society to AGM. Peter Broatch, Paul Critchell, Brian Ellis, Peter Chapman, Hazel Bruce and Chair of Osmington Society to be welcomed  
Letter from Graeme Jones in Australia with photos of George & Joy Shires

Pond – Meeting with Council officer on trees tomorrow

Social – SPAM photos at next coffee morning [January 31]

Wine tasting moved to 7/3

Village – Village tidy 15/3

Finance - £4810.60 including £54.62 village plan

### **January 2014 – Newsletter #156**

Street Fayre – 29/6. Village stalls (perfect presents, accessories, gardening, books, antiques & bygones, wedding finery, shabby chic) wanting items for sale. Helper volunteers contact Jane Young

Social – John Crisp's 70<sup>th</sup> led to postponement of Wine Tasting Evening; now 7/3 Mission Hall £7.50 including refreshments from John Crisp or Bill Egerton

Fish & Chip supper and quiz 20/2 Scutt Hall £6 in aid of World Scout Jamboree fund

History Evening 19/3 Mission Hall – John Willows on Great Eastern funnel £2.50 from John Crisp or Bill Egerton

Homewatch – Increases in garage & shed break-ins

Planning – New garage & lodge for Old Rectory – response asking for view from road to be considered

Pond – Council have accepted responsibility for trees around pond



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Village – Imogen Breaks doing litter picks around village as part of Civic Award scheme.

Samuel Breaks seeking teddy bears for Teddy Bear tombola, part of fund raising for World Scout Jamboree

Discussions between Wessex Water, George & Sally Lunn, and Biodiversity Group on use of woodland north of pumping station. Plan to open permissive path through lower part, and to enclose upper part (on SSSI land). Biodiversity Group also clearing bramble and creating reed bed

Village spring clean 15-16/3

Art Group Exhibition 26-27/4 Mission Hall

Society – Debate “What good is the SP Society” after AGM 9/4. Divergent views from “Conservation is what the Society is about” to “Society should not represent villager against villager”

### **19/2/2014 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall**

Planning – Site meeting to be held with Euan Reynolds at 112 Sutton Rd

Mission Hall – Acoustics improvement still being considered. School Dinner event profit for storage shed. Donation to Salvation Army after carol service

Society – Ian Bruce to chair debate. John Crisp to talk about principles of planning policy.

Map of open spaces to be displayed seeking opinions

Social – Display of WW1 postcards (Brenda Pennington) at next coffee morning

History evening 19/3

Finance - £4892.35 including £54.62 village plan

Flooding – Discussion of flood monitoring and prevention. Wessex Water monitoring records requested

Village – Quote being sought from Simon Grant-Jones for beacon repair

### **18/3/2014 – Committee meeting – Springhead**

Planning – No comment on True Blu alterations

Objection to Waterside plans [glamping] on basis of visual damage

Comments to be submitted on Borough Statement of Community Involvement

Society – Hilary Davidson volunteer for Committee. No volunteer for Chairman or Secretary

Village – Successful village clean

Concern by some villagers about new fencing on Waterworks land. To be explained at AGM

Social – Enjoyable wine tasting

Cream Teas 19/7

Veg Show 2/8

Scarecrows to be run by Dave Martin

### **9/4/2014 – AGM – Mission Hall**

About 35 members

Social – Debate “What good is the SP Society?” chaired by Ian Bruce. Agreed that Society should carry out review of Village Plan actions, and consider Neighbourhood Plan.

Village – Peter Jones still trying to get road sign at top of Plaisters renewed.

Committee Report – Distributed and taken as read. Dave Emery gave update on Wessex Water work in woodlands

Treasurers Report – Surplus of £500 over year, and balance of just over £5000.

Committee – John Sutherland (Treasurer), Bill Egerton (Secretary), Jacqui Atkinson, John Crisp, Hilary Davidson, Tamzin Hyde, David Rees, Peter Riley, Peter Sheaves, Sue Wintle. Chairman left vacant

Village – Progress update and discussion on village beacon

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### **16/4/2014 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall**

Society – John Crisp volunteered to be Acting Chairman for 3 months  
Planning – No response necessary on Borough’s Statement of Community Involvement  
Response to Euan Reynolds thanking him for early view of plans, and suggesting they probably do not offend Society policy. Urging that neighbours be contacted  
No comment on various tree applications  
Village Plan – Agreed to do review of Village Survey and Village Plan actions  
Finance – Auditor to be proposed at next meeting  
Village – Simon Grant-Jones to be contacted about beacon, but agreed restoration of Margaret’s Seat is higher priority  
Social – Peter Sheaves to run Vegetable Show  
Enjoyable History Evening  
Springhead car park – Vendors have signed conveyance. Advice to be sought about Limited Company to hold land  
Finance – Bank account signatories to be checked  
Welcome leaflet – Needs to be updated, and then provided to Distributors for use  
Traffic – Discussion on street signs for Silver Street. Council not likely to provide one. Cornhill Way had procured their own

### **15/5/2014 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall**

Planning – Waterside glamping approved. John Crisp to raise question of development boundary with Ian Bruce  
Usual responses on tree maintenance applications  
Social – CreamTeas 19/7 to be run by Sue Wintle  
BE to run Vegetable Show 2/8  
Springhead car park – Land Registration fee paid  
Welcome leaflet – Updated and distributed  
Newsletter – Latest Newsletter distributed. Tamzin Hyde replacing Peter Sheaves as distributor  
Finance - £4999.71  
John Bellis appointed as Auditor  
Motion passed to change savings account signatories  
Village – Discussion of access to Wessex Water woodland. Support for use by children, provided the wildlife part is protected. Signage to be discussed with Dave Emery  
Village Plan – Review of Village Plan actions.  
Discussion with pub about children’s facilities  
Conservation Area character appraisal overtaken by Neighbourhood Plan  
Extra dog fouling container to be commissioned  
Group to care for village public areas deferred until Springhead car park resolved  
Various actions related to car parking at fork and around pond  
Information about speed limit to be obtained

### **May 2014 – Newsletter #157**

Social – Village Art Group exhibition attended by over 200  
Wine Tasting evening attended by over 40 and raised over £100  
History evening with fascinating talk by John Willows on Great Eastern funnel  
Ladies’ lunches every month at Springhead – contact Maureen  
Cream Teas 19/7 in Mission Hall garden  
Scarecrow competition starting 19/7. No theme this year. Contact Dave Martin. Voting slips £1 from Springhead  
Vegetable Show 2/8 Scutt Hall organised by Peter Sheaves. £1 entry

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Street Fayre – Helpers sought by Jane Young. Items for village stalls sought by Dave Langridge

Homewatch – Note that free fire safety checks available from Dorset Fire & Rescue Service

Society – Debate “What good is the Sutton Poyntz Society” after AM, chaired by Ian Bruce.

Review of Village Survey and Village Plan to be carried out

Scouts – Lots of fund raising events on behalf of Bethany and Samuel, selected to attend World Scout & Guide Jamboree in Japan

Betty Hennessey and Jill Small retiring soon from running Scout & Guide jumble sales. Many thanks to them – replacement sought

Village – New woodland permissive path through Waterworks copse nearly complete.

Already problems with damage and dog mess.

Thanks to helpers at village spring-clean

Regular Tuesday “Weigh-in” sessions at Mission Hall. £1 including coffee (but definitely no cake!)

Planning – Application for safari tent area at Waterside. Response submitted

Mission Hall – Barbecue 2/8

French style picnic 3/8 Mission Hall. £12 from Maureen

Committee – John Crisp (Chairman), Bill Egerton (Secretary), John Sutherland (Treasurer), Peter Riley, Peter Sheaves, Sue Wintle, David Rees, Tamzin Hyde, Hilary Davidson, Jacqui Atkinson

### 16/7/2014 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Village – Wessex Water to be consulted about liability if Society fixes beacon

New dog mess container made but not yet in place

Society – Agreed to retain membership of Dorset Wildlife Trust after advice from Biodiversity Group

Website – Copy of Village Survey being put on website with authors’ permission

Suggestion of skills register

Social – Cream Teas 19/7. Entry £3

Open Gardens – Team led by Jane Young planning for a weekend next year. Proceeds to be split between Cancer Research and another charity, to be chosen. Question of whether Society insurance can be used for this

Springhead car park – Sum of £350 agreed for creating Limited Company

Suggested that noticeboard could be put there

Sutton Poyntz Ltd – Correspondence with HMRC

Village green – Thought that village green used for 20 years by Street Fayre, and therefore can be formally registered

Welcome leaflet – New version produced

Newsletter – Being written, with obituary to Peter Sheaves

Mission Hall – French picnic 3/8

Finance - £5174.71

Motion to appoint current account signatories

### 20/8/2014 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Margaret’s Seat – Peter Broatch to be contacted about how to better protect Margaret’s Seat

Village – New dog bin in place at entrance to Puddledock Lane. Question of how to get it emptied

Traffic – Discussions with Tone Eaves [sic] about car parking

Planning – Agreed Loveday House balcony

Social – Cream Teas made £87.76

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£357.96 donation to Waves from Scarecrows, Vegetable Show and History Group entertaining retired insurance company group  
Family memorabilia display at October coffee morning. Old minute books etc at future one.  
Open Gardens – Insurance situation being investigated. Agreed that would need formal link between Society and organising committee  
Village green – Forms obtained. Advice sought from County Council, who suggested Open Spaces Society. Being investigated  
Finance - £4954.47  
Agreed need to make sure insurers have clear picture of Society activities, including all regular events  
Society archive – Subteam appointed to do weed of old documents before sending to County History Centre

### August 2014 – Newsletter #158

Street Fayre – Good weather, over 6000 people. Thanks to Guy Bridge and organisers. Over £20000 raised- presentation evening in October  
Committee – In memoriam for Peter Sheaves, Society Committee member, organiser of Vegetable Show, founder member of Biodiversity Group and History Group  
CV of Hilary Davidson  
Homewatch – Peter Jones has “Stay Safe” leaflet with tips on keeping your home safe  
Village – Fingerpost at top of Plaisters Lane to be replaced with one with security features. Thanks to Peter Jones for fund raising efforts  
Social – Cream Teas at Mission Hall organised by Sue Wintle with Ruth, Maureen, Pam and Hilary. Bad weather in morning, but sun came out to order  
Vegetable Show organised by Bill Egerton. Tribute paid to Peter Sheaves. Scarecrow winner (Barry White, with his knight) announced by Dave Martin. £350 raised for Waves  
French Picnic attended by over 70 in Mission Hall garden. Thanks to Maureen and helpers  
Coffee mornings restarting soon, organised by Peter Riley  
Views sought on entering Best Kept Village again  
Proposal to run Open Gardens – interest sought

### 17/9/2014 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Margaret’s Seat – Margaret’s Seat severely damaged. Peter Broatch happy for replacement to be put up, and suggested single stone to be damage-proof. Offers of contributions from villagers. Society willing to contribute. Mick Hobson to be contacted  
Planning – No comment on felling of 3 conifers at 96 Sutton Road, or on tree management work at Valley Cottage  
Agreed to request replacement of willow at 3 Silver Street  
Social – Posters and flyers for coffee morning. Homewatch material in November, Society archive in December, Biodiversity in January  
Social evening (to be decided) on 18/2, plus History Evening  
Open Gardens – About 20 gardens volunteered, meeting of gardeners to be organised. 27-28/6 decided. Agreed to accept it as Society event, on zero cost basis. Insurers to be contacted  
Sutton Poyntz Ltd – HMRC agreed it was a dormant Company  
Village Green – Street Fayre did not use it in 1994, so 20 years not yet elapsed.  
Recommendation to join Open Spaces Society at appropriate time  
Pond – Council officer to be contacted to get trees surveyed  
Discussion of pond safety, but action not thought necessary  
Mission Hall – Carol service 22/12. Sunday lunch event being considered. MacMillan fund-raising coffee morning 26/9

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Finance - £5046.73

List of questions received from insurers prior to renewal

Agreed to continue CPRE membership

### 15/10/2014 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Planning – No comment on Spinneys tree work

Village Plan – Village Plan and Village Survey to be reviewed, for report back to next AGM

Social – Successful October coffee morning. Homewatch display in November, Society archive in December

Chris Balfe bread-making talk and demonstration 18/2

Margaret's Seat – Mick Hobson pleased Society would manage replacement of Margaret's Seat. Inscription to be considered

Society archive – Sift complete apart from number of slides and photographs. Records to be lodged at County History Centre

Website – Discussion of use of social media

Finance - £5160

### 19/11/2014 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Planning – Opposed felling of trees at Littlecot. Tried to talk to owners without success.

Need to look at Planning Policy to see if valuable words from old Trees Policy lost

Village Plan – Summary of actions, prepared for AGM, to be circulated

Social – Thanks to Peter Jones and PC Joiner for November coffee morning display. Old photographs on 2/1

Bread-making display 18/2

History Evening 21/1 with Joyce Fannon on Sir Thomas Buxton

Evening planned to show Fredy Litschi's slides

Village Green – First used by Street Fayre in 1998, so action in 2018

Pond – Meeting with Carl Dallison 24/11. Asking to have trees made safe, but not more

Margaret's Seat – Agreed to commission new Margaret's Seat, at Society risk, and seek donations. Permission from Peter Broatch to be sought. Echo article to be written

Village – Contact with Wessex Water about beacon

Society archive – Sift complete. Documents to be displayed at December coffee morning, then lodged with County History Centre. Photos to be scanned and put on website

Website – Discussion on use of social media. Decided to start sending Village Updates by email, to as large a list of addresses as can be obtained

Open Gardens – 19 gardens (counting OBL as one!)

Finance £4957 after payment of insurance premium

Footpaths – Society support sought for footpath from top of Verlands Road past Winslow to Preston Road. Members to be alerted

Pylons – Discussion of scheme to bury cables in important spots. Will ask for cable above Combe Valley Road to be included

Society – Write to Isolde Martyn with gratitude for Joyce's contribution to village

### November 2014 – Newsletter #159

Margaret's Seat – Margaret's Seat – Original seat damaged and now not repairable. Proposal to replace with single block of stone, inscribed "Margaret's Seat". Magical place

Village – Note that two of the pigs by the stream at Puddledock Lane have died and been replaced, to keep Henry company.

Thanks from David Wilson for sympathy after Rita's death, and for number at funeral service

New dog bin placed at Puddledock/Sutton Rd junction – made by Ray Aggett (like the other 2 in the village)

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Scouts – Betty Hennessey wishing to retire from role of organising Scouts Jumble Sales. Mo & Dave Martin have offered to take over

Homewatch – Peter Jones continues to attend meetings and report trends

Social – Macmillan coffee morning organised by Maureen Morris & Jacqu Atkinson. Raffle. Raised £290

First winter coffee morning, with display of personal memorabilia. Homewatch in November, and SP Society archive material in December

Carol Service with Salvation Army Band 22/12 Mission Hall followed by mince pies and mulled wine. Collection for Salvation Army

Committee (Jane Young, Jez Cunningham, Hlary Davidson, Ruth Egerton) formed to run Open Gardens event 27-28/6

Scarecrows will have Comic Book Characters theme

Committee – Jez Cunningham coopted

### 17/12/2014 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Planning – Two adverse comments to be made on 112 Sutton Road – overdevelopment of site, and inadequate provision for storm water

Welcome for fact that 3 Silver Street trees application provided for replacement

Correspondence with Trees Officer about Littlecot decision. Meeting to be sought

Springhead car park – Absolute title granted. Believed that a rival claimant could now only seek redress from Land Registry. Agreed to serve wine at village meeting 19/12. Letter received from Mr Skinner; reply to be sent after village meeting. Thanks expressed to Paul Marsh

Margaret's Seat – Cost of replacement around £2000. Agreed to seek donations before committing to such a large expenditure

Village – Wessex Water would like beacon repaired, and have offered up to £150 half share of costs. Simon Grant-Jones has been asked for estimate

Finance - £5004. Final invoice of £663.80 for purchase of Springhead car park

Pylons – Information received about how to register interest

Social – Biodiversity display at January coffee morning

### December 2014 – Newsletter #159.1

Springhead car park – Announcement that land formerly called Springhead Car Park purchased on behalf of village from Devenish Brewery Ltd. Open Meeting 19/12 Mission Hall to hear how this happened and discuss future of land

### 19/12/2014 – Open meeting – Mission Hall

Springhead car park – Meeting to explain purchase of Springhead car park, using Limited Company to hold the land. Discussion of what the village wants to do with land. Clear opinion that we want to remove the skip. General feeling that car parking is needed. Need for sign identifying land as private. Discussion on notice board and seat.

### 22/1/2015 – Committee meeting – Springhead

Planning – Meeting with Trees Officer being arranged

Tree at Sutton House already approved

Greendown House tree felling to be opposed. Check if planning permission for building imposed conditions on trees

Society archive – Delivery of documents to History Centre being arranged. Decision needed about gifting or loaning documents

Pylons – Briefing to be attended 18/2. Letters to MP and Osmington and Upwy Societies



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Springhead car park – Letter to Mr Skinner requesting removal of skip. No action taken, so skip company contacted direct and agreed to remove skip. Letters to other skip companies requesting them not to deliver skips there

Committee agreed in principle that Society would fund future Limited Company costs, with payments to be requested by Company Directors

Sub-team to be assembled to investigate means of amalgamating Society and Limited Company

Treasurer to contact insurers to get cost of adding land to Society insurance

Society – Agreed to run village quiz after AGM

Social – February coffee morning with display of Programmes from interesting events; March with Fredy Litschi slides

Open Gardens – Garden owners required to do risk assessments

Finance - £4506.60 after last payment to Solicitors. History evening profit £45; last two coffee mornings £50

Newsletter – Next one due in February

### 13/2/2015 – Village meeting – Mission Hall

Planning – Village meeting to discuss Land off Plaisters Lane proposal. Attended by about 60. Thought that plans offended against 6 of the Society's 7 policies. Outside Development Boundary, and survey for Village Plan had shown wide support for maintaining boundary. Design and materials not popular. Protection of AONB probably strongest argument. Recommended that villagers respond to planning application rather than to developers' consultation. Noted that Council does not have an enforceable Local Plan, so presumption in favour of sustainable development

### 19/2/2015 – Committee meeting – Springhead

Pylons – Nationally, funding to put 40km of cable underground. 11 sections of cable shortlisted, including section northeast from Combe Valley Road towards Broadmayne. Members had attended briefing. Learnt that undergrounding would involve building of large substation near Combe Valley Road. Concluded this would cause more visual damage vor village than the pylons, unless underground section could be extended one more pylon. Representation agreed to this effect.

Planning – Despite some views that some development of Land off Plaisters Lane site could benefit the village, agreed that these plans offended against a number of Society policies. Agreed to oppose principle of this development, and to commission Richard Burgess to write representation

Agreed that Cart Shed flat not against Society Policy

Meeting with Trees Officer not arranged, so representation submitted on Greendown trees. Concern about felling of trees in land at beginning of Puddledock. Thought to be subject of old planning application, but no details found

Margaret's Seat – Grant from David Manning's County Councillor Fund. Stone will be ordered, with 17 week delivery. Other donations noted. Publicity arranged

Society – Quiz after AGM. Mike Blee willing to be Chairman; Peter Dye and Chris Balfe joining Committee.

Open Gardens – Briefing of gardeners 25/2. Concerns about parking

Newsletter – Chris Hubbard to be asked to edit Newsbites as well as Newsletter

Finance - £4730.51

Agreed no need for separate Village Plan accounting

Springhead car park – Letter of thanks sent to Paul Marsh

Neighbourhood Plan – Believed funding will be available next year. Example Plans to be obtained

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Social – Baking evening very successful

### February 2015 – Newsletter #160

Street Fayre – Presentation evening in Mission Hall, with cheques presented to 41 charities, totalling £21000

Planning – Application to fell 6 trees at Greendown. Representation pointing out that application does not give any justification, and that planning permission for new house stipulated tree conservation

Springhead car park – Land known as Springhead Car Park purchased on behalf of village. Public meeting to explain, and to discuss future use

Village – Proposal by Ofgem to bury some power lines in AONB's. Top of our Ridgeway is one candidate. Exhibition organised

Note that Preston Village Hall committee needs a new Chairman, as Terry Marsden is moving away.

Also Weldmar Trust looking for volunteers to serve teas a Magistrates' Court – contact Irene Brierley

Scouts – Scout Autumn Jumble Sale organised by Mo & Dave Martin and Betty Hennessey raised £720, a record

Social – Coffee mornings – 6/2 with display of “Programmes of interesting events” and 6/3 with display of Fredy Litschi slides. £1.50 including cake and coffee Mission Hall

“Ready Steady Bake” event 18/2 Mission Hall, with demonstration by Chris Balfe. £3.50 including glass of wine from John Crisp, Jez Cunningham, Chris Balfe

Open Gardens, with 19 gardens plus Old Bincombe Lane. £5, proceeds to Cancer Research UK and Water Aid 27-28/6

Committee – CV for Jez Cunningham

### 11/3/2015 – Committee meeting – Northdown Farmhouse

Springhead car park – Letter received from Mr Skinner's Solicitor. Recommended that response (thorough and firm) should be sent by our Solicitor. Special rate of £250+VAT offered. Agreed to commit a maximum of £500, to include £150 collected at village meeting in December, and to commission Solicitors to write reply

### 18/3/2015 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Planning – Springhead Bungalow application approved. Cart Shed application approved  
No comment on replacement staircase at Old Rectory

Two applications for 3 Silver Street, both judged in accordance with Society policy.

Representation that work should be done so as to minimise and reinstate damage to Silver Street, and to minimise disruption for neighbours

Tree felling at Greendown approved. BE had talked to owners and understood concern about state. Letter to be written to Council asking for better process

No reply needed to Council letter on Community Infrastructure Levy

Neighbourhood Plan – Working Party set up to investigate

Margarets Seat – Another donation. Further publicity planned

Springhead Car Park – Solicitors commissioned to write reply

Society – Quiz after AGM with nibbles – people invited to bring own drinks. Mike Blee willing to be Chairman; Peter Dye and Chris Balfe joining Committee.

Social – Coffee mornings still well attended. Agreed 4 cakes is normally sufficient

Cream Teas 11/7

Scarecrows 18/7 organised by Dave Martin

Vegetable Show 1/8 organised by BE

Pimms Evening 11/8 (new event)

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Finance - £4804.92. Baking event raised £64. Subscriptions discussed and despite cost of land acquisition, able to retain as is

Springhead car park – John Wilson wishing to donate memorial to Lesley. Committee considered noticeboard at Top of the Pond (as Springhead car park will now be known) to be most appropriate

Village – Thanks to SPAM for organising village clean-up 21/3

### 15/4/2015 – AGM – Mission Hall

45 members

Village – Still trying to get beacon repaired

Committee report – Order for new Margarets Seat has been placed. Neighbourhood Plan being considered

Treasurers Report – Balance down £230, mainly through costs for purchase of Springhead Car Park. Further solicitor's bill awaiting payment. Village Plan activities not now shown separately – they had spent £4700 over 7 years, all self-funded

Committee – Mike Blee (Chairman), Bill Egerton (Secretary), John Sutherland (Treasurer), Jacqui Atkinson, Chris Balfe, Jez Cunningham, Hilary Davidson, Peter Dye, Tamzin Hyde, Peter Riley, Sue Wintle

Springhead Car Park – Question about liability for bridge under car park. Idea of putting village noticeboard in car park.

Village – Plea to discourage seagulls (in accordance with law)

Pond – Note that ashes had been spread there. Said to be surprisingly common

Planning – Response to Land off Plaisters Lane applications being drafted for Society by Richard Burgess. Agreed that this development was wrong style for village

Noted that Hunt's Yard up for sale

Social - Quiz

### 20/5/2015 – Committee meeting – Springhead

Society archive – Discussions with Dorset History Centre about lodging Society archive. Loan is normal, rather than gift of documents. Agreed this is appropriate. Date for transfer had been agreed.

Planning – Response from Council about how tree applications are considered. Not thought satisfactory so second letter to be sent

Website had not been populated with information on two recent trees applications.

Information requested and will be circulated

Margarets Seat – Stone has been cut and will be delivered to Eweleaze Farm. Peter Broatch will arrange delivery to site. Working Party planning laying of stone

Springhead car park – Follow-up letter received from Mr Skinner's solicitor. Response by Society's solicitor dealing very briefly with issues raised and closing correspondence.

Solicitors invoice approved.

Meeting to be called to consider relationship between SPSoc and SPLtd

Springhead car park – John Wilson had offered funds for noticeboard at Top of the Pond as memorial to Lesley. New landscaping for the area considered, proposed by Jez Cunningham, allowing clear space for noticeboard

Open Gardens – Minutes of Open Gardens committee circulated

Social – Cream Teas 11/7 organised by Sue Wintle

Pimms Evening 22/8 organised by Jacqui Atkinson

Richard Backwell to be asked to organise village walk

Agreed that coffee mornings are popular and should be continued next winter

Newsletter – Printing had been delayed. Distributors listed – Anne Dye (Sutton Road south of fork and Brookmead), John Crisp (Sutton Road north of fork, Silver Street and White Horse

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Lane), Hilary Davidson (Puddledock Lane), Alan Dawson-Hollis (OBL and Plaisters Lane west to Clyffe Cottage), Bill Egerton (Mission Hall Lane, Plaisters Lane east to Mission Hall Lane, Sutton Close, Sutton Court Lawns), Louise Sheaves (Plaisters Lane from Mission Hall Lane to bend before Wyndings), Karen Phillips (Plaisters Land beyond bend), Peter Riley (outside village)

Finance – £4598.92 after paying final solicitors' invoice

Agreed to retain savings account signatories, but motion to change current account signatories

Discussion of whether Society needs a subscription. Agreed to retain

Mission Hall – Village Picnic 2/8

Society – Discussion of whether Deputy Chair needed. Thought not.

Agreed committee minutes should be published as from now on village website

### May 2015 – Newsletter #161

Committee – Mike Blee elected as Chairman. Thanked John Crisp. Mike's CV included Mike Blee (Chairman), Bill Egerton (Secretary), John Sutherland (Treasurer), Peter Riley, Peter Dye, Sue Wintle, Hilary Davidson, Tamzin Hyde, Jacqui Atkinson, Jez Cunningham, Chris Balfe

Society – Topics discussed at AGM – Land off Plaisters Lane, Village beacon, top of the pond land, seagull problem, rubbish bins around pond

Social – Village quiz after AGM, organised by Jez Cunningham

Richard Backwell organising lunch to raise money for earthquake victims in Nepal

Somerleigh Players performed "Mum's the Word" in Mission Hall, organised by Pam Dawson-Hollis

Baking demonstration ("Ready Steady Bake") by Chris Balfe (a master baker after a career as an auditor) in Mission Hall, followed by baking quiz

Coffee mornings enjoyed. Display of event programmes and of manuals for cars etc.

Open Gardens event being organised 27-28/6. 17 gardens plus Old Bincombe Lane, plus art exhibition, children's events, craft stalls. Proceeds for Cancer Aid UK and Water Aid.

Cream Teas 11/7

Scarecrow Competition starting 18/7 with "Comic Book Characters" theme, organised by Dave Martin

Vegetable Show 1/8 Scutt Hall

Pimms Evening 11/7

Planning – 15 houses off Plaisters Lane. Opposed as contrary to 5 of the 7 Society planning policies, in particular doing damage to Conservation Area and AONB

Village – Hunt's Yard up for sale – planning application expected some time

Plea for people not to feed seagulls

Scouts – Scouts Spring Jumble Sale raised £368. Thanks to Mo & Dave Martin and helpers.

Homewatch – Assessment of job activities by Dorset Police leading to slight reductions in community policing. Plea to beware of scams

### 10/6/2015 – Committee meeting – Springhead

Society archive – Lodged at History Centre. Receipt received

Planning – Response from trees officer about Greendown permission

Letter received from Land off Plaisters Lane applicant responding to Richard Burgess's representation. Agreed not to reply

Agreed 42 Sutton Road application was acceptable in principle but concerned at over-development and particularly assumed reliance on on-street parking

Discussion between Jacqui Atkinson and owners of 3 Silver Street. Question of ownership of Street

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Margarets Seat – Visit to Albion Stone arranged to view seat and arrange delivery and installation. Opening ceremony 9/8  
Collection box at pub recovered with donations of about £120  
Sutton Poyntz Ltd – Agreed to fund £13 fee for annual return  
Springhead car park – Layout discussed again. Noticeboard suppliers being investigated  
Open Gardens – Signs put up for event 27-28/6  
Social – Cream Teas 11/7 £3 entry. Volunteer help being arranged  
Scarecrows with Comic Character theme  
Vegetable Show advertisement in Register  
Pimms Evening 22/8 to be barbecue. Barbecues to be sourced  
Society – Agendas of future meetings to be published on website  
Agreed to terminate Dorset Wildlife Trust membership  
Mission Hall – Village picnic 2/8

### 8/7/2015 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Planning – Recent report by Council trees officer applauded  
Invoice from Richard Burgess for work on Land off Plaisters Lane representation, but for rather more than expected. To be contacted  
No comment on trees at 45 Suttton Road and The Cottage Puddledock LLane  
Reported that work at 3 Silver Street being done with suitable care  
Margarets Seat – Footings dug and concreted. Delivery to Eweleaze Farm 10/7  
Sutton Poyntz Ltd – Short meeting between Directors and John Allen. Concluded Society constitution should explicitly allow the purchase that had been made. Various ideas for combining bodies discussed. Separate bank account probably not needed. SPLtd accounts should probably show full cost of purchase as asset value – to be checked. Accounts to be prepared in March.  
Springhead car park – No progress on noticeboard due to illness of John Wilson. Discussion to be held with David Mannings about possible further Community Fund grant for landscaping  
Village – Estimate from Simon Grant-Jones of £100 for beacon repair. Wessex Water to be contacted to see if they will part fund work  
Open Gardens – Great success. Letter of thanks to be sent to organisers. 730 visitors, £5800 raised  
Social – Not enough offers of scarecrows for event to go ahead  
Discussions of what refreshments for Pimms Evening – left to organisers. After taste test, decided to have Pimms rather than lookalike. Alcohol licence needed  
Finance - £153.17 surplus shown on Margarets Seat  
£5896.13 income from Open Gardens, to be distributed to charities  
Pond – Getting silted and overgrown. Dave Emery's advice to be sought

### July 2015 – Newsletter #162

Village – Open Gardens visited by over 700, and raised £6000 for Cancer Research UK and WaterAid. Gardens, Art Exhibition, refreshments, stalls. Gardeners able to visit on the Monday  
Article on Simon Grant-Jones, village blacksmith, one of 12 Licentiates of the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths, UK National Champion 2010 and 2012, recently entertained to lunch at House of Lords with other senior blacksmiths  
WI representatives (Liz Newbould, Anthea Heathershaw, Jane Young, Valerie Stevens) attended Buckingham Palace Garden Party celebrating WI centenary  
Margaret's Seat – Footings dug for replacement Margaret's Seat. Peter Broach [sic] will transport new seat. Unveiling planned for 9/8

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Planning – Application for 8 houses at 42 Sutton Road. Concerns about density, small gardens, and availability of parking

Revised plans for two parcels off Plaisters Lane

Mission Hall – Volunteer grass cutters wanted. Contact Pam

AGM held. John Allen thanked as retiring Treasurer after 16 years, and presented with bottle – will remain on Committee.

Social – Cream Teas attended by over 70 in Mission Hall orchard. Thanks to Sue Wintle and helpers

Scarecrow Competition cancelled due to lack of entries

Vegetable Show 1/8 Scutt Hall

Summer Picnic 2/8 in Mission Hall orchard £12 from Maureen

Pimms Evening 22/8 at Mission Hall £10

### 12/8/2015 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Planning – Discussions with Richard Burgess about his invoice. Offer to include representation at Planning Committee hearing. Agreed to settle invoice. Agreed must obtain formal quote in future. For Planning Committee hearing, Society can coordinate verbal representations by those who were already intending to speak, but should not be seen to orchestrate [i.e. solicit] representations

Noted that application for tree work at Cob Cottage does not give justification for felling of cypresses. Representation should request no felling without documented justification

No comment on tree work at 2 Sutton Close

Visit to White Horse Cottage to view plans for new cottage

Proposed that representative visit public consultation event on North Littlemoor proposed development, although out of area

Margarets Seat – Installed with excellent help from Peter Broatch. Opening ceremony held with representatives of Hobson family and Mr & Mrs Mannings. Donation of bottles of prosecco by pub

Springhead car park – Wilson family wish to donate towards noticeboard in memory of their parents. Will be considered for Community Fund grant. Subcommittee appointed to draw up detailed plan for area

Village – Beacon recovered from hillside and delivered to Simon Grant-Jones for repair.

Repair completed. Cost of paint approved. George Lunn will help get beacon back up hill and reinstalled. Proposed recommissioning on 5/11

Pond – Agreed that some clearance of silt at the top end would help. Contact Council via Ian Bruce to work out how silt can be removed from site. Some control of area of reeds would also help. Main job to clear willow saplings.

Advice to be sought from Council about lids for bins by pond to make them gull-proof

Social – Cream Teas raised £211.30

Profit of £113 from Vegetable Show donated to Waves

Licence obtained for Pimms Evening. Team to prepare kebabs

Newsletters – Agreed that some Newsbites should report recent events as well as give notice of forthcoming events

Distribution discussed. More copies printed when distributors are trying to collect subscriptions. Newsletters not distributed to confirmed non-members

Mission Hall – Village picnic raised £400 for Mission Hall funds

Finance - £5138.05. Simpler report format proposed

Society – Funeral of Chris Fulford late of 9 Sutton Close, founding member

### 9/9/2015 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Planning – No comment Meadow View tree work



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Document received about North Littlemoor development. No action needed

Margarets Seat – Donation of £300 from Mike Hobson. Leaves project in surplus. Mike has said he is happy for Society to use money for other projects of their choice. Letter of thanks to him, and also to John Crisp

Springhead car park – Agreed that Top of the Pond will be used as name in future

Beacon – George Lunn contacted about reinstallation

Pond – Ian Bruce seeking advice about clearance and covers for bins

Social – Pimms Evening great success. Thanks to Jacqui Atkinson and team. Profit around £200. Agreed food preparation had been a very big job

Helpers and cakes organised for coffee mornings

Showing of Fredy Litschi slides end October. Another History Evening February or March

Newsletters – Ian Bruce apologised for misusing Newsletter email list

Mission Hall – Carol Service 21/12

Finance - £4787.54 after payment of Richard Burgess invoice

Footpaths – Footpath from top of Verlands Road approved. Letter to Mr McCune whose work had led to this

Traffic – Site meeting with David Mannings and Highways officers. Speed reduction discussed. Yellow lines not wanted. Bus turning is regarded as satisfactory by First Bus  
Parking problem for Springhead dog show 30/8. To be discussed by Jo & Karen, with offer of village help

Village – Discussion of bins left on road permanently at holiday lets.

### September 2015 – Newsletter #163

Social – Vegetable Show; Spud in a Tub won by Tony & Anthea Heathershaw, just pipping Jane Walsh. £113 raised for Waves

Village picnic, organised by Maureen and helpers, raised over £400 for Mission Hall

Pimms evening organised by Jacqui and helpers, with Pimms and barbecued kebabs

Cream Teas raised over £210 for Society. Thanks to Sue Wintle and helpers

Coffee mornings monthly October to March £1.50

Carol Service 21/12 at Mission Hall with Salvation Army Band. Mulled wine and mince pies afterwards

Margaret's Seat – Replacement Margaret's Seat 'christened', in memory of Margaret Hobson, replacing the one badly damaged last year. Attended by Mick Hobson and family, John Crisp, David Mannings and about 30 others. Wine supplied by Springhead. Donations, including from Cllr David Mannings County Council fund. Stone transported to the site by Peter Broach [sic], and installed on footings set by Jez Cunningham, John Crisp and Clive Davies

Village – Village Beacon repaired by Simon Grant-Jones, paid for by Wessex Water, and repainted by Bill Egerton. George Lunn to help transport and refit

Two recent incidents reported of sheep worrying by uncontrolled dogs

Top of the pond – Proposal to landscape, with noticeboard and planters

### 14/10/2015 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Planning – No comment on tree maintenance at 63 Sutton Road

New cottage at White Horse Cottage – nothing against policy

Ditto for minor changes at Laurel Cottage

Springhead car park – Joiner appointed to build noticeboard. Estimate £780 including installation. Wilson family wanting to sponsor as memorial to John and Lesley.

Planters to be built to separate car and pedestrian areas. Views to be solicited via Newsbite

Discussion of using Cartshed noticeboard just for Biodiversity

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Social – Agreed to raise coffee morning price to £2 in January. Future displays to include Emblen’s roman remains and Homewatch

Idea of history walk around village in summer

Idea of talk by local farmer on land management in 21<sup>st</sup> century

Village – Celebration lighting of beacon planned 5/11

Discussion of phone box but no action needed

Discussion of dog mess. Silver Street residents considering another bin. Question of getting bins emptied discussed – Ian Bruce’s advice to be sought

Owner of one holiday let to be contacted to ask if bins can be off road most of time

Finance – Insurance bill agreed

Neighbourhood Plan – Meeting planned to discuss process

Pond – Seating round pond discussed. Thought that reeds in front of seat by bridge need some clearance. Seat at Top of the Pond to be considered

### 11/11/2015 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Traffic – Pub well aware of parking problem and will find better solution next year

Planning – No comment on tree maintenance at Old Bakehouse, Cork Hill, 6 Sutton Close

Happy with porch for 7 Sutton Close

Stronger response to revised plans for 42 Sutton Road, stressing overdevelopment, inadequate parking and visual impact

Neighbourhood Poan – Agreed to proceed with Neighbourhood Plan. Meeting with Council Officers to be set up to agree principle, area, and required changes to Constitution. Arrange meeting with Dorset Association of Parish Councils representative

Sutton Poyntz Ltd – Changed wording to Constitution, establishing relationship between SPSoc and SPLtd, agreed and to be put to AGM

Top of the Pond – Two representations against proposed changes. Agreed to go ahead, and commitment of £1600 for scheme, although hoped that Wilson family donation and Community Fund grant would reduce this considerably. Leaflet drop agreed to those living nearby. Response to be written to two representations

Social – Street Fayre material at December coffee morning. Jurassica in January, Wyndings archaeology in February. Charge to go up to £2 next October

Finance - £4778.53

Village – Emptying of dog bins to be discussed with Ian Bruce

### 9/12/2015 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Planning – Revised plans for Land off Plaisters Lane. Agreed to advise all villagers who submitted representations to first plans, on either side. Agreed to confirm our previous representation

No response to be submitted on revised garage at Old Rectory

Criticism from member about Society’s response on 42 Sutton Road by comparison with Land off Plaisters Lane. Concluded that Committee’s actions were correct but may not be well understood. Explanation to be given in next Newsbite, and letter to member

Neighbourhood Plan – Question about whether a Neighbourhood Forum can charge a subscription. Newsletter to be drafted, to be sent to all living in or near to proposed Neighbourhood Area

Springhead car park – Planters built. Purchase of top soil approved. Grant being sought

Social – December coffee morning made £45

Finance - £4159.46, after £630 spent on planters

Traffic – Discussion of speed limit in village. Understood that cost of changing speed limit would be about £3000. Decided this is well beyond what village can afford

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### 20/1/2016 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Society – Rewording of Constitution needed for SPLtd and Neighbourhood Forum agreed. To be put to AGM

50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018. Ideas sought for celebration

Planning – No response needed on removal of leylandii at Old Rectory

Neighbourhood Plan – Council officers not happy with Society acting as Forum. Several precedents found. Consultants workshop to be attended. Newsletter draft agreed.

Springhead car park – Planters completed and installed. Grant covered cost of top soil.

Agreed sign needed, disclaiming responsibility

Social – Rise in coffee morning price accepted. Discussion of cake reimbursement.

Neighbourhood Plan examples to be on display at March coffee morning

Agreed to invite Jurassic people to give evening presentation on project

Finance - £365.43 received from David Mannings' Councillor Community Fund.

Noted that a large number of village postcards had been retrieved. Suggested that they be put on sale at pub, on 50:50 basis

### January 2016 – Newsletter #164

Village – Update on Okhle in Nepal, supported by Richard Backwell's Okhle Village Trust, after the earthquake

Lighting of village beacon on 5/11 after refurbishment work by Simon Grant-Jones, attended (on a foul evening) by 17 brave souls

Rain has made Puddledock Lane almost impassable

Article expected on Sutton Poyntz in Dorset Magazine

Scouts – Autumn Jumble Sale for Scouts raised £679. Thanks to Dave and Mo Martin

Social – Coffee mornings well attended. Homewatch information in November; Street Fayre December. Entry £2

Carol service with Salvation Army Band followed by christenings in pond

History Evening 28/10 to review slides taken by Fredy Litschi 1967-1992, including photo of Sue Wintle as Good Queen Bess at Coronation celebrations in 1953

Top of the pond – New noticeboard and planters installed

Homewatch – Village scheme continues, with volunteers to pass out information

Street Fayre – 26/6. Donations of items to Judy Backwell

### 10/2/2016 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Society – John Sutherland wanting to step down as Treasurer

Planning – Land off Plaisters Lane applications refused. Agreement in Committee that this application makes a Neighbourhood Plan highly important

Neighbourhood Plan – Newsletter wording agreed. Will be printed and distributed, and web subsite will go live. Further meeting to be arranged with Council officer

Springhead car park – Planters filled with soil. Cost of signs being investigated

Pond – Damage to sides at bottom end. Council will be notified

Village – Urgent need to get Council to empty additional dog bin. Willing to pay

Social – Reimbursement for cakes for coffee mornings increased to £3

Jurassica founder has died. Not clear where project goes now

Mission Hall – Christmas Tree outside hall now too large for purpose and will be cut down

Finance - £4549.73 after payment for planter soil

Sutton Poyntz Ltd – Accounts being prepared. Will show value of land at £2068.80, amount paid including fees, funded by loan from SPSoc. Motion agreed to record this loan by the Society, repayable if SPLtd is wound up or disposes of the land

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### 9/3/2016 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Planning – Planning Committee hearing for 42 Sutton Road 16/3. Society representation planned

No change of opinion as result of changes to White Horse Cottage application

Neighbourhood Plan – Council officers seem to have accepted Society can be Forum. Some suggested changes to Constitution. Society will act as Forum, but writing will be done by Neighbourhood Plan Working Party, overseen by Society Committee. Terms of Reference for Working Party to be written

Comments received to Newsletter – one opposed to principle, 3 requesting extension of Area in Puddledock Lane, 2 requesting extension in Sutton Road, several expressing willingness to help. Question of Area left to Working Party, informed by AGM debate

Society – Final changes to draft Constitution, before presentation to AGM

Springhead car park – Planting done. Plaque acknowledging grant ordered

Pond – Noted that winter rain has washed much of the silt away, so planned clearance not needed

Social – Discussion on extending coffee morning season

Jurassica presentation idea shelved

Finance - £4672.83. No change to subscription

### 13/4/2016 – AGM – Mission Hall

60 members

Annual Report – distributed and taken as read

Treasurers Report – Balance down £350; costs for Land off Plaisters Lane application and Top of the Pond purchase and works, partly offset by donations from Wilson family, Mike Hobson and County Council Community Fund

Sutton Poyntz Ltd – Constitution changes to rationalise relationship between SPLtd and SPSoc. Accounts show purchase funded by SPSoc loan – should be shown as such in Society accounts

Neighbourhood Planning – Committee had concluded a Neighbourhood Plan would help to protect our vision of the village. Discussion of detailed boundary – agreed to move boundary in Puddledock Lane area. Vote approving formal application for Neighbourhood Area and Neighbourhood Forum status,

Society – Debate and approval of a number of detailed changes to Society Constitution (a) to formalise relationship with SPLtd (b) to satisfy legal requirements for Neighbourhood Forum status and (c) some general tidying. Agreed to leave minimum Committee size at 7. Agreed to permit changes to membership rule.

Committee – Mike Blee (Chairman), Bill Egerton (Secretary), John Sutherland (Treasurer), Jacqui Atkinson, Chris Balfe, Jez Cunningham, Hilary Davidson, Peter Dye, Peter Riley, Sue Wintle

### April 2016 – Newsletter #165

Top of the Pond – Erection of new village noticeboard and 3 large planters, with plants. Thanks to Jez Cunningham, Hilary and Bill Davidson, and Colin Marsh for their work, to Wilson family for donating noticeboard in memory of John & Lesley Wilson, and David Mannings for donation from County Council Community Fund

Street Fayre – 26/4. Last time 6000 people attended and over £20000 was raised for charities. Donations of items to Judy or Sharon. Volunteers to help contact Elise

Village – Obituary for Fredy Litschi, villager since 1966 with Joyce. County Councillor, founder of SP Players, author of popular history of village

Description of Dave Emery's pottery creations

Expected that Sutton Poyntz will feature in Dorset Magazine soon

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Homewatch – Reorganisation, with Neighbourhood Policing Teams, staffed by additional PCSO's

Social – Winter coffee mornings well attended and with interesting presentations

Scouts – Spring Jumble Sale for local Scout Troop 26/3 Scutt Hall – contact Mo Martin

Planning – Land off Plaisters Lane application turned down

Neighbourhood Plan newsletter published. Constitution revisions to be discussed at AGM 13/4

### 11/5/2016 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Neighbourhood Planning – Workshop attended and reported on. Steering Group to be assembled quickly now. Terms of Reference to be reviewed. Application to be finalised and submitted. Names of volunteers for Steering Group reviewed.

Planning – No comment tree felling 69 Sutton Road or Spinneys, or tree maintenance at Springhead

Oppose felling of trees at Valley Cottage

Support change of use at Puddle Cottage

Springhead car park – Ownership has been challenged by Mr Skinner, on basis that application for registration was fraudulent. Our previous solicitor, now retired, offered to write rebuttal on pro-bono basis. Extensive evidence collected and passed on. Rebuttal written, and will be sent to Land Registry by Downs Solicitors

Softboard to be fitted inside noticeboard

Sutton Poyntz Ltd – Directors had created Rule on membership and directors mirroring SPSoc Constitution. Membership forms distributed and signed

Village – Mobile library service about to be withdrawn. Representation asking for reconsideration

Society help to be offered to Street Fayre if they plan a village clean-up

Traffic – Concern about campervan parked at pond. Longer-term solution might be sought by Neighbourhood Plan

Pond – History board has been pushed over. Rescued but not reset. Council to be approached, with suggestion of another site

Bus service – 4A being reduced by one bus at each end of day, with new 4B to Warmwell

Social – Cream Teas 16/7, organised by Sue Wintle

Vegetable Show 6/8 organised by BE

Pimms Evening 3/9

Richard Backwell to be approached about village walk

Decided against extending coffee mornings into summer

Mission Hall – Village picnic 21/8

AGM 29/6

Finance - £4525.65

### May 2016 – Newsletter #166

Village – Report on lighting of village beacon for Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

Volunteers sought to refurbish seats around village

Report on model of Mk I Tank, created by Mike Haine for visit of Princess Anne to Tank Museum. Mike presented to Princess Anne

Planning – Various trees maintenance/felling applications

Pond – Village History Board has fallen and been rescued. Suggestion of re-erecting on other side of pond

Society – Report of AGM. Motion to create Neighbourhood Plan approved. Changes to Constitution discussed and agreed, to formalise relation with SPLtd and to achieve Neighbourhood Forum status

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Terms of Reference for NP Steering Group to be agreed  
Committee Mike Blee (Chairman), Bill Egerton (Secretary), John Sutherland (Treasurer), Jacqui Atkinson, Chris Balfe, Jez Cunningham, Hilary Davidson, Peter Dye, Peter Riley, Sue Wintle

Street Fayre – 26/6. Request for items for village stalls, and for helpers

Mission Hall – AGM 29/6

Social – Scout Spring Jumble Sale raised £511. Next event Esplanade Stall 16/7

Cream Teas 16/7 at Mission Hall, organised by Sue Wintle and Maureen Morris

Vegetable Show 6/8

Scarecrows 23/7 to 6/8

Village clean-up, village walk and Pimms Evening being planned

### 8/6/2016 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Neighbourhood Planning – Application submitted 27/5

Chairman not yet found for Steering Group

Some discussion of detail of Terms of Reference, but no change needed

Planning – No comment on Smithy Cottage extension

Hunt's Yard development complies with Society policy and generally welcomed

Valley Cottage tree felling approved. Correspondence with Trees Officer shows the

application was misunderstood. Letter to be written to senior officer and to Councillors

Sutton Poytz Ltd – Annual Return needs to be submitted. £13 fee approved

Social – Cream Teas 16/7; entry price increased to £3.50

Pimms evening moved to 6/8

Summer walk being organised

Society – Asked by CPRE to support their campaign by writing to MP. Decided Society should not be involved in such campaigns.

Finance - £4499.67

Newsletter – Distribution rounds amended to even up numbers. Doug & Polly Watson distributing to far end of Puddledock Lane

### 13/7/2016 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Neighbourhood Planning – Steering Group has met twice, including briefing about Cerne Valley Neighbourhood Plan. Application in consultation phase, ending 5/8. Will then be considered by Borough's Pkanning Committee [sic]. Steering Group seeking to improve mix, perhaps with second Newsletter. Discussion of Committee representation on Steering Group.

Planning – No representation needed on 30 Verlands Road (raised because of change of use of some agricultural land)

Response from Trees Officer explaining Valley Cottage decision. Society response agreed.

Village – Library service has finished

Discussion of defibrillator, which the Street Fayre are thinking of buying. Supported

Social – Not enough scarecrow offers, so cancelled

Cream Teas date clashes with Theatre Group trip

Pimms Evening – Supply of Pimms donated by Street Fayre. Discussion of refreshments – agreed to go with Ploughmans

Summer walk from Ferrybridge to Portland 22/7, with refreshments at Blue Fish Restaurant in Chiswell

Briefing to be sought for village on Dorset NHS reorganisation consultation

Finance - £4724.27 after subscriptions of about £250



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### 10/8/2016 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Neighbourhood Planning – Steering Group debate about what topics might be included in Plan. First draft of consultation Newsletter written. Application made for Technical Support package to help with planning and budgeting. Committee representation discussed, but not thought to be a problem – Steering Group still trying to seek more volunteers. Borough Consultation period ended; officers report to be written for consideration by Borough Management Committee.

Planning – Documents sought for tree felling at Greendown

Notified that new owners of 84 Sutton Road would like to consult on proposed changes

Springhead car park – Land Registry have confirmed our ownership. Police have dismissed allegations of fraud against Society and Solicitor

Plaque supplied by Wilson family and fitted to noticeboard. Wonderful wording.

Social – Cream Teas profit £113. Thanks to Sue Wintle and helpers

Vegetable Show profit £85. Agreed to round up to £100 for donation to Waves. Agreed holding this at Mission Hall was good.

Pimms Evening profit £235. Food agreed to be just right. No need for puddings. Alternative drinks to be supplied next time. Discussion of buying tumblers, but not thought necessary. Thanks to Richard Backwell for summer walk, enjoyed by 18 villagers. Day walk later in year being considered

Coffee mornings starting soon. £2 per person, with £3 per cake

Talk on NHS consultation planned for October. Two possible History Evenings

Contact by Windrose Rural Media Trust, embers of Ridgeway Partnership, wanting to arrange interviews by youngsters with villagers for local radio broadcast

Society – Welcome leaflet to be reprinted and distributed to distributors, asking them to try to identify newcomers to village.

Jill Kelsey coopted to Committee. Jackie Greet expressed interest

Finance - £4925.64

### 14/9/2016 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Neighbourhood Planning – Consultation Newsletter to be distributed in early October.

Mission Hall booked for weekend 29-31 October for display.

Grant to be applied for shortly; grant money to be held by SPLtd, which will need a bank account opened. Process: Steering Group set budget, Society apply for funding, Ltd hold money and make payments on request from Steering Group passed through Committee.

Application to be heard by Council Management Committee 20/9. Officers report in favour

Planning – No documentation on tree felling at Greendown, but understood a Tree Preservation Order to be imposed

Application for extension to Springfield Cottage – extension would be partially visible through gap by 2 Myrtle Cottage. Committee members to study plans

No documentation for tree work at Willowdene

No comment on Longmead tree work

Understood that both an appeal and a fresh application are intended for Land off Plaisters Lane

Springhead car park – Letter from Land Registry, with copy of further letter from Mr Skinner.

No action needed.

Bulbs planted in planters for spring

Social – Biodiversity material for October coffee morning. Bread will be made for sale at coffee mornings

NHS consultation delayed.

History talk 26/10. Talk on history of church in spring

Newsletters – Latest newsletter highly praised

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Village – Idea of village history leaflet

Society – Discussion on how to action responsibility for “economic wellbeing” of village.

Agreed to draft additional policy in Planning Policy, on encouragement of suitable business

Finance - £5185.23

Correspondence with insurers to update their understanding of our activities. Premium up slightly at £323.40. Agreed to accept; seek competitive quotes next year

### September 2016 – Newsletter #167

Street Fayre – Report on Fayre. About £14000 raised, distributed to about 30 charities on Presentation Night. Thanks expressed to Guy Bridge, stepping down as Chairman after 7 Fayres

Social – Vegetable Show report. At Mission Hall for first time – thought to be success. Spud in a Tub won by Loop Walsh with 2.64kg – Des Evans trophy presented by last year’s winner, Tony Heathershaw. £100 raised for Waves.

Pimms & Ploughmans in Mission Hall orchard

Over 60 at Village Picnic, organised by Mission Hall Trust

Cream Teas attended by over 50

Village Walk led by Richard Backwell, with 18 walkers, from Ferrybridge

Coffee mornings resuming October

Village – Scout stall on esplanade raised over £700, organised by Mo & Dave Martin

Report on rescue of Peter & Sue Jones’ dog, Katie, found as a result of the vigilance of Maureen Morris’s dog Bru. Showing the power of the village’s Newsbite system

Planning – Work started at 42 Sutton Road. Hunt’s Yard application approved

### 12/10/2016 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Springhead car park – Visit by Lesley Wilson’s mother, who was delighted at noticeboard and plaque

No further word from Mr Skinner. Agreed to recover our documents from Land Registry.

Neighbourhood Planning – Second newsletter printed, ready for distribution. Printing costs approved.

Steering Group training session planned for 24/10.

Budget prepared and grant applied for, but not using process defined in Terms of Reference. Budget to be circulated. Agreed that in future, Committee will be asked to agree budget, but once agreed, Steering Group is given delegated power to spend in accordance with budget and terms of grant.

Planning – Land off Plaisters Lane applicants have appealed. Noted that some people who sent representations have not been notified of appeal. Agreed to send short confirmation of our previous representation, also pointing out that Neighbourhood Planning has started. No comment on tree maintenance at 96 Sutton Road.

Springfield Cottage application refused by Council Officers. Committee approached by owners, disappointed not to have been notified of Society representation. Agreed in future to inform owners of our views when they have already approached Society.

Social – Good numbers at October coffee morning, and good biodiversity presentation material. Agreed not necessary to have presentation material at every coffee morning.

History Evening “Owners of Sutton Poyntz” 26/10. Talk on church history in March

Society – Agreed Agendas should go on Society noticeboard before meetings

Draft amendment to Constitution, adding policy on supporting business. To be ratified at AGM, but used in the meantime where relevant.

Jackie Greet coopted

Finance - £4855.83 after payment of insurance and CPRE membership

Membership almost exactly as previous year

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### 9/11/2016 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall

Neighbourhood Planning – Training for Steering Group fairly useful. Second Newsletter distributed. About 80 responses, plus 70 attending Open Days, making around 100 responders. Responses being transcribed. Likely to use Consultant to help with analysis.

Modified Terms of Reference approved. Grant approved; bank account being opened.

Planning – Revised plans for Springfield Cottage circulated, and thought to overcome slight reservation about previous plan

Plans for 84 Sutton Road welcomed as improvement

Tree felling at Peveril shown on Council website as approved, although Committee had been informed that TPO issued. Representation to be submitted about processes being shortcut

Tree felling at 2 Sutton Close approved very quickly. Committee would have left to Trees Officer had it been given chance

Tree work at Blue Shutters left to Trees Officer

Springhead car park – Original documents recovered from Land Registry and passed to John Sutherland

Pond – Email to Isolde Martyn suggesting History Board as memorial to parents

Agreed to contact Council about old History Board

Social – Sales of home made bread at November coffee morning raised £41, donated, with spare bread, to Lantern Centre

History Evening raised £55.30, much from sale of Fredy Litschi books. Talk on St Andrews Church 22/2

Jurassica talk unlikely, but still hope for NHS Consultation briefing

Village – WI to be approached about joint funding of village defibrillator

Mission Hall – Carol Service 19/12

Pop in 4 Pudsey event 26/11 for Children in Need

Finance - £5105.65 with income from subscriptions and events

### 14/12/2016 – Committee meeting – Springhead

Neighbourhood Planning – Grant money (£2200) received. Specification for Consultancy written

Planning – New plan submitted for Land off Plaisters Lane, in parallel with appeal. Agreed new submission is improvement but still contrary to Society policy. Representation to be written. Next Newsletter to give information

Pond – Isolde Martyn responded agreeing idea of History Board as memorial for parents

Discussion of new seat, perhaps on Silver Street side of pond

Social – Attendance at coffee morning down this month

Village – Application submitted for grant for defibrillator

Mission Hall – Carol Service 19/12. Mission Hall rent going up to £6 per hour.

Pop in 4 Pudsey event raised over £900 for Children in Need

### December 2016 – Newsletter #168

Village – Report of Sutton Poyntz Community Bakers, with over 20 bakers led by Chris Balfe, who have raised £135 for Children in Need, over £100 for Lantern Centre, plus a very successful stall at the Street Fayre.

Note on Village Noticeboard plaque in memory of Lesley & John Wilson “who found so much happiness in this village. May all who seek it, find their own happiness here too”.

Plan to revise village history – request for volunteers

Scout Autumn Jumble Sale, organised by Mo & Dave, raised £670

Children in Need “Pop in 4 Pudsey” event organised by Hilary Davidson and Maureen Morris raised over £900.

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Social – Plea for cake bakers for coffee mornings

History Evening with reprise of Bill Egerton’s talk on owners of Sutton Poyntz

Carol Service 19/12 outside Mission Hall, followed by mulled wine & mince pies

History Evening talk on St Andrews Church 22/2

Planning – New planning application for Land off Plaisters Lane

Society – Spotlight on Peter Dye

### **11/1/2017 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall**

Neighbourhood Planning – Selection of consultant at Steering Group meeting 17/1 after presentations the previous day. Selected consultant will help with analysis of consultation results

Planning – No comment needed on extension of 18 Winslow Road. Usual comment on tree reduction applications

New applications for Land off Plaisters Lane withdrawn. Discussion of two emails received from member criticising different aspects of Society’s handling of this application. Responses agreed, stating that Committee takes great care to ensure Society actions are determined by its policies and that Society’s communications generally focus on forthcoming activities rather than the past

Village – Grant obtained for defibrillator. Training will be planned

Biodiversity team to be asked about long term policy for woods behind Waterworks

Social – Coffee morning attendance significantly down. Neighbourhood Watch theme in February, and defibrillator in March

St Andrews Church talk 22/2

Finance – Report tabled by email

### **8/2/2017 – Committee meeting – Mission Hall**

Neighbourhood Planning -