

## SUTTON POYNTEZ SOCIETY

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Has it all been worth while? Founder members may recall the high hopes of our first meeting on March 5th, 1968, not all of which have been translated into fact. Perhaps none of us is satisfied, yet visitors to the village, who possibly see change more clearly, say they find a definite improvement since the Society was founded, and remind us that Sutton Poyntz has a very special charm, worthy of all our efforts, becoming more precious with time.

### Recent Events

In February Mr. Putnam, our local archaeologist opened our eyes to the evidence around us of long ago inhabitants, and pointed out simple ways in which we can all play archaeologist to good purpose. If anyone finding pottery, axeheads, any relic would label the find with the place of discovery our History Group will begin to build up an invaluable map. This enjoyable meeting was crowded to the door. Do not allow your interest and the village history to fade. You are welcome to join with the History Group, meeting next at Camelot, Sutton Road, on Thursday June 10th.

The Deputy County Planning Officer, Mr. Scutt, spent an evening with members in March explaining the 1967 act and how conservation might effect Sutton Poyntz. We all appreciated this opportunity, a real achievement of the Society, to talk freely with a representative of "remote" authority and were all heartened to find that Mr. Scutt knows the village intimately and shares our cares and concerns. During 1971 the Conservation area should be officially designated, at last, after which we can all play in contributing suggestions for the Conservation Policy which will be drawn up and to which future decisions will be related. From now on you must take that little bit of trouble to jot down your ideas, instead of just airing them, about what matters visually. Pass your notes to your committee. It cannot be claimed now, as it could in the past, that "There is nothing we can do about it".

The Annual General Meeting, in April, for the first time produced competition for committee membership, a welcome change from earlier years. Your Committee for this year is:-

Chairman	Mr. H. Lockett-Jones,
Vice Chairman	Mrs. J. Morris,
Secretary	Mrs. J. Litschi,
Treasurer	Mr. E. Saunders,
Press Officer	Mr. A. Pelley,
Membership Secretary	Mr. Fenton
	Mr. N. Brown,
	Mr. H. Bullen,
	Mr. C. Cox,
	Mrs. H. Hunt,
	Mr. F. Litschi,
	Mr. Pressly,
	Mr. Presswell,
	Mr. & Mrs. Shires,

The Film "Between the Tides", kindly loaned by Dorset County Council was filmed partly in Dorset, - another reminder of our rich heritage. Members ended the evening by paying their subscription, now reduced to 35p. per household. Have you paid yours? Membership is open to any resident or lover of Sutton Poyntz and new members are most welcome.

Current Affairs

We were just rejoicing over the slow signs in Plaisters Lane when several were painted out again! It appears this is a sad case of non-cooperation between authorities and your committee intends to pursue the matter. Meanwhile we are grateful for the remaining compelling warnings of the extensive narrowness (9 feet) of parts of the Lane.

Dangers at the Junction of Preston and Sutton Roads when cars are parked alongside the telephone box and Box Tree Cottage have concerned many of us. Secretary Mrs. Litschi, in her capacity as Councillor, has pressed for an extension of no parking so that cars are not forced into the wrong side of the road at a blind corner, and your Committee has strongly supported this.

The Society has been presented with two Aerial Photographs of the village by H.M.S. Osprey. These will be of great help in up-dating maps for example. Have you seen the helicopter-eye view of your home?

Signposts have improved: we are grateful to the local authority for having put Puddledock Lane and Plaisters Lane on the map, which should save considerable inconvenience.

Future events

Mr. and Mrs. Wright of Staddles, Plaisters Lane, have kindly come forward as host and hostess for this year's Tea on the Lawn. All members are cordially invited for Saturday 19th June, at 3.30 pm.

On September 24th, Friday, Mr. Jones of the Agricultural College will speak to us on Small Gardens 7.30 pm, Mission Hall, all welcome.

November 13th, Saturday, is the date of the Sutton Poyntz Social Evening. Keep that date free for your own community's celebration.

Osmington Society extend an invitation to our members to join their Boat trip on the Weymouth Belle on Saturday July 17th. Enquiries to Mrs. Mulliner now, Preston .

Put these dates straight into your diary.