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NEWSLETTER NO 14

We apologise for being late with our first Newsletter of the year 1974-75 but we have been awaiting ratification of dates in our Social calendar.

First we would like to extend a hearty welcome to all newcomers to the village. We hope that they will join our Society. Our aims, as during the past six years, are to conserve the rural and tranquil character of our village, to ensure that all new development is in keeping, and to increase, where possible, the beauty and amenities of our environment. We also endeavour to retain the character of a village community life in our social functions.

Enrolment of our Committee which for the year 1974-75 is as follows:-

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Chairman	Mr F Litschi	83
Vice Chairman	Mr B Fenton	83
Secretary	Mrs M Hanson	83
Treasurer	Mr E Saunders	83
	Mrs A Medcalfe	83
	Mrs J Morris	83
	Mrs J Litschi	83
	Mr & Mrs J Harrison	Springside, Plaisters Lane
	Mr C Cox	83
	Mr C Galpin	83
	Mr R L Scott	83
	Mr F Wright	83
	Mr G Shires	83

At long last more definite action has been taken by the Corporation to ensure a cleaner pond, and we trust, a more satisfactory retention of water. Thanks also to the manual efforts of Mrs Shires, Mrs Wherrett and Mr Litschi, the unsightly island has been removed, and once again in a clean stretch of water, the pond mirrors the willows and the cottages. Mr Saunders hopes to provide and care for several ducks, and in the Spring we would like to reinstall the goldfish. The £20 promised by the Society as part payment for the water meter has now been paid to the Corporation.

The Society is donating a bench to the Corporation, to be placed at a suitable site in the village, and moves are also afoot to set a bench on the hillside behind Plaisters Lane with a view of the sea.

Correspondence has ensued with the G.P.O. and with the Electricity Board regarding the conglomeration of wires with which the village abounds.

With the increasing number of children in the village the need for a Play area becomes acute. Should further development be applied for, the Society will recommend to the Planning Dept. that an open space be retained for this purpose. Since provision for such areas are the policy of the Planning Committee, there is every likelihood that our request would be favourably considered. We would be glad to receive parents' views on this suggestion. We are glad to say that we are fortunate in having a good liaison with our new District Planning Dept, and are informed of all applications relating to the village so that our comments may be taken into consideration.

We still have Xmas Cards from last year for sale (apply at "Camelot"). Regarding a new design, we were offered one, but the Committee decided that it was not of a sufficiently high standard. We have commissioned another artist, and should her design be acceptable, cards will be available in time for Christmas.

Following the success of our production of the 'Trumpet Major' we hope to produce yet another Hardy play for our next Annual General Meeting.

We had hoped to make a film of the "Tolpuddle Martyrs" using excerpts from the play "6 Men of Dorset", but to our great disappointment we have not as yet been granted permission. From telephone conversations with the receivers of the royalties it would appear that we are not a rich enough organisation to ensure large returns. We would wish to be wrong in this assumption but fear this to be so. We would be grateful if all those who promised their services or support would transfer to our new venture. We hope to contact them in the near future.

Recent Events The Tea on the Lawn held at Greendown proved a great success - even the weather was co-operative- and was attended by over 50 members. Our sincere thanks to the hostess, Mrs Burrough. The Ladies Walk was repeated under the sterling leadership of Mr Saunders who escorted his bevy of lively ladies across the fields to Osmington on Midsummer Night.

Future Programme

Friday October 18th 7.30pm - Mr Waite (by popular request) is repeating his film and slide show of the Village in the Mission Hall. Everyone is welcome, and admission is free.

November 5th - Our Annual Bonfire will be as usual, in Mr Saunder's field. All children-and parents- welcome, with or without fireworks. Mr Pressley and Mr Fenton will be collecting fuel and will welcome help from energetic members.

Annual Social

On Saturday November 9th we will be holding this popular event. As in previous years it will be at the Scutt Hall from 7.30pm -11.00pm. Tickets will be on sale from Committee Members in a week or two's time. Watch out for the Posters! There will be a Bar, a Buffett supper, and a Band will provide music to suit dancers of all ages. Be sure to keep this date free.

Carol Singing

Last year we contributed £12 to charity, this year we hope to earn even more. Carol Singers to assemble outside the Springhead at 7pm on Friday December 20th. If you enjoy singing join us. Warming refreshments will be served at the close of the singing in the Springhead.