

After the A.G.M. we followed our usual programme of events starting with the "Walk". This year, by special request, we had a "Family Walk", which was attended by about 50 people and was very successful. Mr. E. Saunders led the gallant band through the fields to Osmington on a fine, but rather chilly summer evening.

Our next event was "Tea on the Lawn". This was held in the garden of Bellamy Cottage by the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Mercer. Again, the weather was far from perfect and the attendance could have been better, but those who did come along enjoyed themselves immensely.

This being the year of the Queen's Silver Jubilee, we held a Children's Party in the Waterworks Field in the afternoon and a Square Dance at the Springhead in the evening for the adults on 7th June. Even though we made a late start with the preparations, this proved to be a very popular event and the sum of £10 was donated to the Silver Jubilee Fund.

After the summer break, we resumed our activities with a return visit of the Casterbridge Singers under their Conductor, Councillor H. Durrant. This, as last year, was a very enjoyable evening and even though, unfortunately, it clashed with the first Concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, there was an appreciative, if not a large, audience.

Larch Elm Disease.

This disease is almost universally spread throughout the village. Many trees are dead and a great many more are showing signs of the disease, which is spread by root contact as well as the boring beetle. There is no cure for the disease: injection has proved expensive and ineffective. The only course available is to remove all trees so affected. There is no financial assistance from the County Council or Weymouth and Portland Borough Council, but advice can be obtained from the latter. The Society would like, if money can be raised, to assist with replanting and your Secretary has a list of trees recommended. We hope to arrange for a Barbeque to be held in the garden of the Springhead Hotel on the 12th July next year and any profit made will be earmarked for this purpose.

A warm welcome.

Members will already know that we have a new proprietor at the Springhead Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Crossen took up residence during the summer and have already been most helpful to the Society. We wish them a long and happy stay at our village pub.

Membership.

Since the founding of the Society in 1968 - the broad aims of which, are to maintain and improve upon the beauty of the village, many more people have come to live here who may not be members. There may also be long standing residents who, although reluctant to join us then, may now wish to do so. We are inviting you to become members and if you so desire, a member of the Committee will call on you.

We hope you will agree, that we who live here and appreciate the beauty and character of our village, should do our utmost to keep it this way. The larger the membership, the stronger the voice. There have already been, in recent months, attempts made to develop on a large scale in the heart of the village. These have been defeated, but the danger is always there and we must always be vigilant, to resist such excessive change. Please help us to do so by joining the Society. We are always ready to discuss ideas as to what steps can be taken by us for the benefit of all. We would welcome comments from old and new members alike.

The subscription is 50p. per family, per year. We invite your support.

SUTTON POYNTZ PLAYERS.

The Players, an offshoot of the Society, but with their own Constitution and Committee would welcome new members. If you can give even a small amount of time, in any capacity, acting, singing, country dancing, or costume and scenery making, they will be delighted to see you.

They meet on Friday evenings. Further details from their Chairman - John Joy, Preston 83

SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY:

Programme of Events for 1977/78.

Saturday 5th November.

Annual Bonfire Celebrations. Mr. E. Saunders has again given his kind permission for the bonfire to be held in the Waterworks field. To enable us to keep our fine record of entertainment and safety we hope that your support will be as enthusiastic as in previous years. The building of the bonfire will start at 10a.m. on the 5th, but your fireworks will not be required until the bonfire is lit at 6.15p.m. Anyone having bonfire material for collection should contact Mr. John Joy, Rose Cottage, Silver Street; Tel: Preston 83 , if possible the week before the event. Anyone willing to help with the collection of fuel and the building of the bonfire should meet the organiser outside the Springhead Hotel at 9.30a.m. on the 5th.

Saturday 12th November.

Autumn Social - this year a Supper Dance - French Style, commencing at 7.30p.m. at the Scutt Hall. Tickets £1.25 each. Now available from Committee Members. Numbers are strictly limited so order your tickets early. Mr. Mike Loveland is arranging the programme of music for dancing and Mrs. Loveland and her Sub-Committee are preparing the food. A licenced bar will be open throughout the evening. We would like you to wear french costume if possible but this is not essential.

Wednesday 21st December

Traditional carols will be sung in and around the village on this date. All monies collected will be donated to a local charity. Any suggestions as to a worthy cause will be appreciated. Carol sheets will be provided so meet outside the Springhead Hotel at 6.45p.m., bringing your lanterns, torches and cough pastilles. Refreshments will be provided at the Springhead later.

Tuesday 21st February 1978.

Talk and coloured slides entitled "The Dorset Coast" by Mr. G. Poole. Those members and friends who attended Mr. Poole's lecture last winter will not want to miss his return visit. Mission Hall, Sutton Poyntz at 7.45p.m. Coffee and biscuits at a small charge.

Wednesday 12th July, 1978.

Grand Barbeque at the Springhead Hotel garden. More details later.

Early months of 1978.

Jumble Sale. Please save your unwanted items of clothing etc., Mr. F. Litschi of Camelot, Sutton Road, Tel: Preston 83 will collect articles if contacted.

CHRISTMAS CARDS. Available from Keston, Plaisters Lane at 5p. each. New design (a drawing of Silver Street by Mrs. Betsy Martyn) will be available soon. As in previous designs, the inside of the card is blank so that it can be used for occasions other than Christmas.