

Dear Friends,

Your committee, elected at the recent Annual General Meeting, are:-

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| Lawrence Ingham (Chairman) | 83 | Lisle McEachern | 83 |
| Gwen Loveland (Vice Chairman) | 83 | Gladys Robinson | 83 |
| Valerie Freegarde (Secretary) | 83 | Eve Wilkinson | 83 |
| Ernest Saunders (Treasurer) | 83 | Marion & Ken Knight | 83 |

We will do our best to protect your village interests and to interpret the wishes of the Membership. BUT - success in any democratic society reflects active and enthusiastic involvement by all who belong to it - or to the contrary, of course.

CONGRATULATIONS to Joyce Litschi, who is to become Mayor of Weymouth. Due to her duties she and husband Freddie have stood down from the SPS comm'tee. We shall miss them. As prominent founder members of SPS they have given long and untiring service, especially in the early days when the going was often hard.

ISNT IT GOOD to see the beds of beautiful daffodils around people's houses.

For lo, the Winter is passed
And flowers appear up on the Earth
The time for the singing of birds is come.

SUTTON POYNTZ HISTORY - I've been browsing through old newspaper cuttings accumulated by Freddie Litschi. How the village got its name, the fire of 1906, the murder of Adam Puckett, Sutton Poyntz - eyesore of Dorset, the pond - a mosquito-ridden slough of stagnant water, efforts to save the village, 1968 - SPS formed, the pond with and without island, beating the vandals, the great goldfish rescue, a Romano-British grave, the village declared a Conservation Area, the Old Bincombe Lane controversy, the Elm disease strikes. Quite a history.

Suggestion - a scrapbook of SP events, and a record of members who have slides and photos of the village, so that we can show them on occasion. If you have anything along these lines please tell us and we will make a start

COMING EVENTS - please note in your diary, and keep an eagle eye on the SPS notice board for others likely to come.

Wednesday 16th April - Coffee morning, 10.30 am at the Mission Hall.
Bring and Buy of Plants and Cakes. 20 pence, tickets from any committee member.

Friday 27th June, Mr Saunders' Walk - where will he take us this year? He never fails to make it a delightful evening, with a pub at the far end, details in due course on the SPS notice board.

A summer dance - has been suggested - would it be supported? Let us know what you think.

An all-day walk along the Coastal Path towards Lulworth has been suggested by some energetic souls. Any takers? I'll go if you will.

RECENT EVENTS (a tale of triumph over adversity)

Pirate Night - was very poorly supported by village people, but well attended (thanks to Gwen Loveland) by members of the International Friendship League. Result - an outstanding success, thoroughly enjoyed. Almost everyone in some form of pirate rig and many of the costumes of a very high standard. BUT - we lost £35 on the event, so we will have to be doubly careful in future if support from the village itself is not assured.

Carols round the village - remember the December gales? On the night it blew Force 9 and rained stair rods. However, a small party of valiant souls turned out and raised £13.35 for the local mentally handicapped.

AGM & Film Show - again, a poor attendance but, the business speedily completed, a very enjoyable showing by members of the Dorchester Camera Club of slides of Canada and Teneriffe. Plus some pictures of Sutton

Poyntz taken by Freddie Litschi which raised many a laugh .

The above story of poorly supported events begs the question - are we on the wrong tack with the activities arranged? If you think so, please let us know what you would like.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES.

Greetings Cards - were a sell-out. We are considering a card for 1980.

Overhead Wires - not forgotten, and we will continue to press the Telephone and Electricity people. But it isnt easy.

Planning Applications - Weymouth Council does take our views seriously. Things dont always work out strictly as we (or the Council) would prefer but we havent much to grumble about.

Trees - the Council put its collective feet in it by felling the willows by the pond without telling us. We knew some of them would have to come down, and new trees had already planted, but we didnt like the arbitrary felling of all the old trees. We made this clear in a strong letter to the Council, who apologised generously.

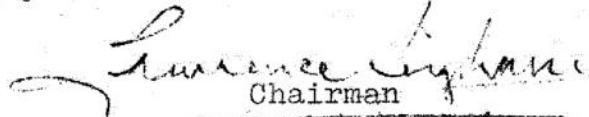
The other side of the coin - the Council has planted numerous trees down near the bridge and we have written a letter of tha nks.

We bought some trees from the Men of the Trees, sold some to local people and planted the remainder.

Double Yellow Lines - opposite the Ship. Following pressure from us, the Council has promised to reconsider the matter during the summer.

MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTIONS. From the above you will see that there is a very serious side to SPS work. The Society exists to protect your interests. We want to increase the money we have put aside for use should we, unhappily, need to take legal advice against any who would despoil our village. We dont want to increase the subscription (only 50 pence a house) but we will be glad if you would pay your sub promptly and, if you are not a member of SPS, that you will complete the tear-off below and drop it into my letter-box.

With all good wishes to you for an enjoyable summer from the Sutton Poyntz Society committee


Chairman

The Chairman, Sutton Poyntz Society
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I would like to join the Society

Name -

Signature -

Address -

Date -