

SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY NEWSLETTER No.23, AUTUMN 1980

Dear Friends,

In the Spring Newsletter I expressed concern at lack of support for social activities, and this mood seems to continue. Small, chatty occasions such as coffee mornings are well supported, but your Committee have regretfully drawn back from running a winter dance. The risk of heavy financial loss is great, and I doubt whether non-dancing members would care to subsidise the dancers. Last year, you may recall, but for a large party from outside the village the dance would have been a disaster. As it was we lost £35. Since then prices have risen considerably; a reasonable small band charges about £100. I did ask the Sutton Poyntz Players if they or some of their members would combine with us in some form of social evening, but they had to decline due to other commitments. A great pity. If its any consolation, enquiries lead me to believe that the trend is similar for small organisations like ours.

However, the basic reasons why we have a Society of this kind continue to be justified. The broad aims, I would remind you, are - 'to maintain and improve upon the natural beauty of the village, and to liaise with the Council for the Preservation of Rural England and the Weymouth Civic Society to protect the area from unnecessary and ugly development'. Now take a look at these recent matters dealt with or in hand:-

The Pond & its Trees - we have cleaned the pond. The Council have agreed to stop the leaks and to dredge. Pendant willow trees will be planted, later to replace the present ones which are the wrong sort.

Clearing the Streams - we are in touch with the Water authority and the Council.

Road Repairs - numerous potholes have been filled.

Road Cleaning - a clean along Sutton Road, to remove the summer's debris, has been asked for.

Heavy Traffic through the Village - a case is being worked up to try to reduce this.

Double Yellow Lines - an extension of these, opposite the Ship, has been agreed by the Council in order to improve visibility for cars going out of Sutton Road onto the main Preston road.

Planning Applications - nine have been dealt with in recent months - quite a spate. On only one so far has the Council disagreed with us.

WINTER EVENTS

Bonfire and Fireworks - we were on the point of announcing our own party when we learned that the Springhead were organising one. As two such events are not needed we withdrew. I understand that the Springhead event will be on Saturday, 1st November, and have no doubt that it will be really good. It should certainly help to bring the Springhead into the centre of village life, and this, I think, is highly desirable. Watch for their announcement and do take the children along.

By the way, I said in an earlier Newsletter that there was a better

use for firewood than on bonfires. This perhaps needs explanation. I had in mind old people who cannot afford wood for their home fires. I'm sure there is enough both for them and adequately to incinerate Guy Fawkes, Esq.

Salisbury Theatre - coach parties to this excellent theatre are being run at intervals through the winter by John Joy. If you're interested, his phone number is 83 , and he'd be pleased to hear from you.

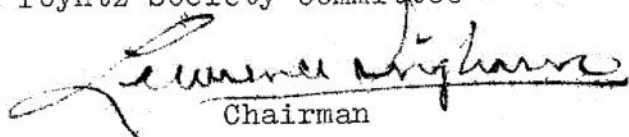
Carols round the Village - we hope for better weather than we had last year. For date, time and meeting place watch for notices exhibited in the usual places.

Talks and Film Shows - are being arranged. Again, for details, watch for notices in the usual places.

CHRISTMAS CARDS - picturing Silver Street as it was many years ago, are being printed and should be on sale by 1st November. Order yours from Eve Wilkinson, 1 Old Bincombe Lane (phone 83) or from any Committee member.

MEMBERSHIP - now stands at 99. Not bad, but we would welcome all who have not yet joined, and in particular those whose families have lived in Sutton Poyntz for many years. I'm sure the village will benefit from their active participation in the running of the Society.

With all good wishes from the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee -


Chairman

FOOTNOTE TO NONMEMBERS - its well worth joining. Just complete the tear-off below and drop it into my letter box.

The Chairman, The Sutton Poyntz Society,
8 Old Bincombe Lane, Sutton Poyntz.

I would like to join the Society.

Name -

Signature -

Address -

Date -