



Sutton Poyntz Society

Affiliated to the Council for the Protection of Rural England (Dorset Branch)

The S.P.S. Committee wishes to circulate this special Newsletter so that everyone may be aware of what's going on, especially about the ducks; from comments received it is clear that they are greatly missed.

DUCKS ON THE POND

There have been discussions involving close co-operation among a lot of people.

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, Dave Caddy has kindly undertaken to be the Duck Warden, responsible for their care. Jim and Julie White of the Springhead are anxious that the pub land should become the ducks' "home" and they are getting a new duck-house built by Vic Hunt; it will be surrounded by chain-link fencing, which the Society will pay for. Jim Willis will provide posts and other things for the erection of the fence. Nine ducks (i.e. the female of the species) and one drake have been offered by Herrison Hospital and gratefully accepted. Wessex Water also offered to supply ducks if the need arises. It is hoped that the ducks will be available by the end of November, assuming all else goes according to plan.

Food for the birds will cost about £5 a month and this will be shared between the Society and the pub. Some of the regulars of the Springhead have been organising a competition under the leadership of Dave Skinner and the money raised will also be used for some aspect of the care of the ducks. There has, therefore, been great co-operation in the village. We all look forward to seeing the ducks back on the pond very shortly.

Again as mentioned earlier, there is a need for a rota of folk willing to look after the ducks when Dave Caddy is unable to do so - which is not expected to be all that often. If you would like to be on the rota, please give your name to Dave Caddy, Jim White or Tony Bugler. The rota will be displayed at the pub and in the Society's notice frame.

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"BRITAIN IN BLOOM"

The local borough committee for "B in B" has suggested that Sutton Poyntz might become a separate entity for the 1993 Competition. While the Society's Committee thinks this a good idea, members wish to allow everyone to consider the matter and have a say.

There will therefore be a General Meeting on Wednesday 25 November at 7.30 pm in the Sutton Room, Mission Hall Lane. Mr Martin Gallivan, Deputy Borough Engineer who is concerned with the campaign in Weymouth, will attend to explain what is involved and answer questions.

This is another opportunity to put the village "on the map", so please note the date and come to this important meeting.