



Sutton Poyntz Society

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

The poetic season of mists and mellow fruitfulness has seen instead wind and rain, but after such a dry summer (lovely for holidaymakers) rain is welcome, isn't it? In these parts we are fortunate to have no serious water problems but nevertheless replenishment of the underground aquifers is essential and wastage of water is to be deplored.

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THE RIVER JORDAN Recently the Borough Engineer reported to a Council committee on complaints received about the general condition of the village river, blocked by silt etc. An undergraduate student has been employed on vocational training to progress further the river's land drainage scheme. Included in the work is the collation of a schedule of riparian owners who will be asked to maintain their section of the watercourse; if those requests prove unsatisfactory, a further review will be undertaken.

In addition, it is hoped that a computer model of the existing catchment, with channel calculations and outline solutions, will be sufficiently advanced to enable a technical report to be submitted to the N.R.A. by the end of the present financial year.

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WEYMOUTH RELIEF ROADS ORDERS We have received a copy of the case which Dorset County Council has prepared in support of its views on these matters; a local public inquiry is expected to be held by the end of the year. The SPS Committee has submitted a counter-statement to the County Council and the Ministry of Transport, urging once more that the Brown Route be abandoned.

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BRITAIN IN BLOOM The cup which the Village won is expected to be presented shortly at the Municipal Offices.

On 6 September the Echo reported on the results of the local floral decoration contest run by the local authority. Congratulations to Jim and Julie White of the Springhead on coming second in the Best Public House section; the pub really has done the village proud, hasn't it?

The tree which the Society paid for at the junction of Preston and Sutton Roads has, in the words of the Borough Engineer, suffered severe distress from the prolonged drought; it will be replaced during the winter. We hope to make any necessary arrangements to ensure that the new one is kept adequately watered.

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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES Do please note the following functions to be held in the Sutton Room, Mission Hall Lane, at 7.30 pm:

Tuesday 17 October - illustrated talk by local members Michael and Sarah Smith on their journeyings through India;

Tuesday 14 November - talk, with film, by Ronnie Waite (a former landlord of the Springhead) on Old Sutton Poyntz.

These evenings are being conducted by old friends and promise to be thoroughly enjoyable. Light refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you.

On Saturday 14 October from 11 am to 2 pm there will be a CAR BOOT SALE in the Springhead grounds. Charge - £4 per car. If you wish to hold a garage sale on the same day, would you please contact Maureen Morris (835533) by 7 October? We hope those holding garage sales then will also pay £4.

P.T.O.

Diary Dates:

Our now customary Christmas Coffee morning with mince pies will be held in the Sutton Room on Thursday 14 December. Something not to be missed!

And after a lapse of some time, another of the Society's enjoyable Barn Dances will be held in Preston Village Hall on 30 March 1996, with the excellent band "Jump to the Sun" again providing the music. More details nearer the time, of course.

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TRAFFIC CALMING - SUTTON ROAD AND PLAISTERS LANE Representatives of the Society have discussed this matter with the Borough Engineer. Excessive speeding by many vehicles is a serious problem. Measures proposed on behalf of the Society were:

- * rumble pads to be created at the most dangerous points;
- * warning signs should be provided at the extremities of the roads, pointing out that there are no pavements and careful driving is essential; in the case of Plaisters Lane, the "extremity" should be where it joins Coombe Valley Road;
- * a 20 mph limit should be imposed along the whole length of the roads;
- * weight restriction signs should be more effectively sited;
- * random police radar speed checks should be implemented.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP To meet a request, we are setting out the names, addresses and phone numbers of the Society's Committee, with a note of the "patch" they look after for subs, Newsletters etc. For suggestions, complaints, even praise, these are your contacts:

Chairman Tony Bugler, Sutton Lodge, Puddledock Lane (832953)

Vice Chairman Joyce Litschi, Camelot, Sutton Road (833303)
Sutton Road, from Cartshed southwards to boundary

Simon Emblen, Wyndings, Plaisters Lane (832143)
Plaisters Lane from Wyndings and Purbeck Lodge up the hill

Peter Jones, Hampton Lodge, Plaisters Lane (833288)
Plaisters Lane from Springbank and Inmosthay (inc) northwards

Richard Backwell, The Old Coach House, Brookmead (833349)
Sutton Court Lawns, Sutton Close, Brookmead, and east side of,
Plaisters Lane between Waterford House and Pentreath (inc)

Maureen Morris, The Mill, Sutton Road (835533)
Old Bincombe Lane and west side of Plaisters Lane between Dolphins
and Clyffe (inc)

Ron Birch, Little Acorns, Puddledock Lane (833378)
Puddledock Lane, Cornhill and Sunnyfields

Richard Meech, 11 Old Granary Close, Preston (832680)
Seven Acres and the area beyond Sunnyfields

Clive Brown, Russett Cottage, Plaisters Lane (835070)
Mission Hall Lane (except Inmosthay but including 113 Sutton Road)
and the area north of the pond

Ken Knight, The Old Stables, Sutton Road (833549)
Silver Street and Sutton Road from the fork to the pub (inc).
Members outside the village not covered by Richard Meech.