



# Sutton Poyntz Society

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

## PLANNING MATTERS

A planning application Ref 97/599/FUL dated 10.12.97 has been submitted on behalf of Mr Philip Seal to build a large barn on Sutton Farm, close to Puddledock Lane. The building will be 1,860m<sup>2</sup> (i.e. over 60 metres long and 30 metres wide) and rise to 6.1m at the eaves. It is intended to construct the building of green coloured metal cladding and the roof will be of grey asbestos sheeting. This monstrosity will sit on a concreted area of 5,000m<sup>2</sup>.

The Society has lodged a strong objection to the proposed development on the grounds of adverse visual impact and the increased danger of flooding in an area already susceptible to it.

Anyone having concerns about the application should urgently express their views in writing, quoting the above reference number, to:

The Chief Planning Officer  
Weymouth and Portland Borough Council  
Municipal Offices, North Quay, Weymouth, DT4 8TA

Further details about the application can be obtained on request at the Municipal Offices or from Richard Meech (832680) or Michael Pressly (832535).

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## MILLENNIUM PROJECT

A proposal has been made to the Society that a detailed survey of the village, in terms of inhabitants and buildings, should be made to mark the Millennium. The aim would be to bring together existing information and carry out further research to provide a definitive account of the make-up of Sutton Poyntz at the end of this century.

The Committee will consider the matter at its next meeting and further information will be included in the next Newsletter. In the meantime, anyone interested in finding out more should contact Fredy Litschi (833303).

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## DEATH OF BILL MERCER, OBE.

Many of you will know that Bill Mercer died on 27 December in Poole. For a number of years in the 1980s Bill was chairman of the Society. He was a strong supporter of our activities right up to leaving Sutton Poyntz last year to live near his daughter in Parkstone, when his health began to fail. Bill came to the village in 1973 after retiring from a most distinguished career in the Lancashire Constabulary and later in the RAF Police. He will be sadly missed in Sutton Poyntz; his qualities of integrity, honesty, optimism and humour were a constant inspiration to those who knew him.

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

\*\* Victorian Street Fayre, 1998 - Open Meeting at 7.30 pm on Thursday 29 January in the Sutton Room (Mission Hall). Support welcome.

\*\* Talk by Colin Pomeroy on "Military History Today"

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\*\* Talk by Colin Pomeroy on "Military History Today" - Thursday 12 February at 7.30 pm in the Sutton Room. What is the connection between Anderson Manor and the S.O.E.? What was the purpose of the 'Dragon's Teeth' at Warbarrow Bay? What happened at Warden Hill in 1944? Who used Parnham House during WW2? The answers and much more will be revealed at this talk by an expert on local military history.

\*\* The Society's Annual General Meeting and a talk by Wilfred Weld on Thursday 12 March at 7.30 pm in the Sutton Room. Mr Weld will speak about his family's ownership of and connections with Sutton Poyntz, of which he is the current Lord of the Manor.

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