



Sutton Poyntz Society

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

THE FUTURE OF THE SUTTON ROOM (MISSION HALL)

Last year the P.C.C. of St Andrew's Church raised the issue of the long-term future of this Room and asked whether the Society would be interested in taking it over on a short-term lease. Preliminary discussions identified the problems of such a transfer. It became clear that the Society could not take responsibility for the building in its own right and did not have appropriate financial resources to meet the costs of repairs or refurbishment that it might be liable for in future. However, advice from Lois Ray of Dorset Community Council, who has responsibility for promoting village hall schemes, indicated that there was a strong case for the project of converting the Room and its management into a village hall scheme eligible for funds from the Lottery and other sources. The Church or the Society cannot apply for such funding; therefore, to take the scheme forward a properly constituted management committee representative of those who use the Room must be considered.

A meeting has therefore been arranged for 7.30 pm on WEDNESDAY, 27th MAY, in the Sutton Room at which Lois Ray will outline the steps necessary to set up a committee to manage the scheme and to liaise with the Church over the lease. All who are interested are invited to attend. If there is sufficient support, the project could be in place in time for the Millennium, in addition to safeguarding the use of the Sutton Room well into the next century.

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VICTORIAN STREET FAYRE, 28th JUNE - TOMBOLA

As earlier announced, the Society will again run the Tombola. We hope it will match last time's performance when the stall produced the largest contribution to the charities' funds. This year the Tombola is being organised by Peter Jones (Hampton Lodge, Plaisters Lane) who will be pleased to receive any prizes you may like to donate. Alternatively you could give your gift to the Society collector when calling for your annual subscription (see below). Thank you in advance for helping to make the Tombola irresistible to the punters when they see the splendid array of prizes!

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

The AGM decided that subscriptions should remain at £2 per household and £1 for people living alone. The usual collectors will be calling shortly and some may take the opportunity to sell programmes for the Street Fayre. Subscriptions are payable before the end of June. For the purpose of collections, the village is divided as set out in the Appendix.

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PLANNING

(1) Agricultural Building - Puddledock Lane: The Society has continued its campaign against the proposal to erect this huge barn, and many members have added weight to the campaign by protesting to the Chief Planning Officer of W.P.B.C. On the advice of the Environment Agency, the Society consulted an expert on flooding matters and he accompanied a small delegation who met the Chief Planning Officer and his assistant to discuss the application. It is pleasing to report that the delegation was well received and returned with a considerable degree of optimism that the application may be refused, although at this stage we cannot be sure. Let us hope that sanity will prevail.

(2) Dwelling on Site adjacent to the Sutton Room: Outline planning permission was granted and the Church has put the land up for sale, with sealed bids; a guideline of £50,000 was set by the agents.

Planning permission was given subject to the design of the dwelling being appropriate for its location and the house being built of traditional materials. The site will undergo an archaeological investigation before building actually starts.

(3) Dwelling behind the Springhead, fronting White Horse Lane: An application has been made to build a two-bedroomed house on this site; outline planning permission has already been granted.

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ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

** Great Dorset Beach Clean, 19th April: As in previous years, the Society supported this worthwhile activity which helps to rid the beaches of litter and rubbish deposited by thoughtless people, in addition to the flotsam and jetsam washed ashore.

** Noise: A number of members have commented on the noise made by garden machinery, particularly on Sundays. It was apparently an old tradition in Sutton Poyntz that post-lunch on Sundays quiet was the norm. The SPS Committee understands the vagaries of English weather and appreciates that the demands of work may make it difficult to restore the tradition; but requests were made to include this item in a Newsletter.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

* Summer Walk, 6.30 pm, 4th June, PORTLAND: As in previous years, Richard Backwell has kindly agreed to organise and lead the annual walk. Meet at the Portland Heights Hotel, where refreshments will be available after the walk.

* Cream Teas - Saturday, 1st August: More details will be sent out nearer the time, but please note the date of this popular event in the village.

* Barbeque at the Springhead - Sunday, 13th September: It is planned to hold this event. Admission will be by ticket and the food, music and entertainment will be of the highest standard. Again, more details will be published nearer the date.

* Don't forget the Victorian Street Fayre on Sunday, 28th June!

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| 1 Plaisters Lane N. - Wyndings and Purbeck Lodge (inc) up the hill | Simon Emblen |
| 2 Plaisters Lane Centre - between Longmead and Springbank (inc) and Inmosthay M.H.Lane | Peter Jones |
| 3 Sutton Court Lawns; Sutton Close; houses on east side of Plaisters Lane between Pentreath and Waterford House | Richard Backwell |
| 4 O.B.Lane; houses on west side of Plaisters Lane between Dolphins and Clyffe | Christine Gates |
| 5 Puddledock Lane, Cornhill and Sunnyfields | Ron Birch |
| 6 Seven Acres, and beyond Sunnyfields | Richard Meech |
| 7 Brookmead and Sutton Road south from Cartshed to the boundary | Joyce Litschi |
| 8 Silver Street; Sutton Road from the fork to no 111 and the Springhead (inc) and members outside the village (except in 6 above) | Ken Knight |
| 9 Mission Hall Lane except Inmosthay; 113 Sutton Road and all the area north of the Pond not mentioned above | Maureen Morris |

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