



Sutton Poyntz Society

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

SOCIAL EVENTS

(1) Cream Teas, 1 August. Once again, these proved a very popular event, and it was amazing that the weather was fine for the Teas when all other areas of Dorset were suffering torrential downpours - Sutton Poyntz obviously has friends in high places! The Society is indebted to Mrs Julia Allen and her team of willing helpers for organising the teas and to Miss Elizabeth Saunders for allowing the use of her lawn, which provided an ideal setting.

(2) Lunchtime Barbeque in the grounds of the Springhead - Sunday, 13 September.

This event will include the presentation of cheques by the Victorian Street Fayre Committee to the three charities chosen at an open meeting earlier in the year. These are: WaterAid - this charity does very important work in Third World countries to improve the quality of water supply. It is supported by Wessex Water who will donate an additional fifty per cent to the amount contributed by the Street Fayre.

CLIC - the charity which undertakes work with cases of cancer and leukemia in children.

MRI Scanner Appeal. Although the appeal achieved its total to cover the initial cost of the project, it is important that fund-raising continues to provide the necessary back-up services, to ensure that the scanner is operated at its optimum level.

The sum to be shared by the three chosen charities is £6,500. In addition, sixteen other charities with stalls at the Fayre raised £3,700 between them, bringing the total for the day to over £10,000. An outstanding result by any standard.

The Fayre Committee wishes to thank everyone who helped to make the day so successful and to announce that the next Fayre will be held in the summer of the year 2000!

We hope there will be a good attendance at this event. If you wish to participate, it is essential to obtain a ticket for the Barbeque beforehand from an SPS Committee member or direct from Maureen Morris (tel no 835533). The price of £5 includes chicken, sausages, pork and salads, with an apple pie and cream dessert - no inferior beefburgers will be in sight! Drinks will be available from the Springhead; the Society is indebted to the landlord, Peter Smith, for allowing us to use the pub facilities for this event.

PLANNING

Agricultural Building, Puddledock Lane.

In the last Newsletter it was reported that the planning application for the erection of a huge barn was about to be considered by the WPBC Planning Committee, and that the Society had been very active in putting the case for the rejection of the application. It is very pleasing to note that the Planning Committee agreed with the objections that had been raised and turned down the application. The Society would like to thank the Chief Planning Officer and his team for their co-operation over this particular application.

Sale of Land

Some members living in properties bordering farming land owned by Mr Seal have recently received letters from his agent offering pieces of land for sale in what is referred to as "boundary rationalization". Recipients of the letter felt some concern that there might be an ulterior motive behind the offer, and the Society was asked to carry out further enquiries. In practical terms, there was little the Society could do except to seek the opinions of local officials. From their responses, it would appear that there is nothing sinister behind the offers for sale.

The Future of the Sutton Room/Mission Hall

Following the village meeting held on 27 May, a committee/working party, representing all the users of the hall, was set up to liaise with St Andrew's Church Parochial Church Council to plan the way forward to take over a lease of the hall and establish it as the village hall for Sutton Poyntz.

A number of meetings have taken place and progress is being made in drawing up a business plan and establishing a management structure to enable applications to be made for grants from appropriate bodies which will make the project viable. When the proposals are finalized they will be put before a village meeting for approval; and if they are approved, a permanent management committee will then have to be elected.
