



Sutton Poyntz Society

Affiliated to the Council for the Protection of Rural England

CELEBRATING AND MARKING THE MILLENNIUM

It is pleasing to report that all the planned events were well-supported and highly successful. The more permanent reminders of the occasion – the new stone sign at the entrance to the village on Sutton Road and the ten oaks in the second field beyond Fox Cottage – were also in place on time.

The working party of Dave Caddy and Judy Backwell (Victorian Street Fayre), Pat Bugler and Maureen Reynolds (WI) and Tony Bugler and Richard Backwell (Sutton Poyntz Society) and all who helped them to co-ordinate and develop the ideas that had been put forward, are heartily congratulated and thanked for their efforts. It was, indeed, a job well done. This is also an appropriate opportunity to thank the following organisations and people who helped to make such a success of the celebrations, even though they may not live in Sutton Poyntz:

- Wessex Water for allowing the planting of the oaks on their land; opening the Museum; and providing help with transporting the new stone sign.
- Dorset County Council for providing the free planting team.
- Mr Lunn for erecting the stick fencing to protect the trees.
- British Gas for the splendid beacon by the pond.
- Mr Alan Jolliffe for donating the large piece of Portland stone for the new road sign and for providing plant and labour to prepare the site for the sign.
- Mr Alan Wolsey of the Masonry Section of Weymouth College for arranging the letter cutting and dressing of the stone at the College.

Members may also like to know that the Society provided financial support for the whole programme, including underwriting the cost of planting the oak trees.

Some members have indicated that they would like to make a direct contribution by sponsoring one of the oak trees. Sponsorship of a tree would cost £25; if you are interested please contact the Secretary (Don Brierley, 833244) as soon as possible. Should the demand for sponsorship be greater than the number of trees, given that there are only ten, then a draw will be arranged.

Finally on Millennium matters, Richard Backwell, who organised the two walks on New Year's Day, is aware that a number of walkers did not collect their certificate after completing the walk. Please let him know if you would like your certificate (Tel: 833349).

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THE EXTENSION OF THE SUTTON POYNTZ CONSERVATION AREA

A suggestion for the extension of the present Conservation Area in the village has been made by the Borough Council, following meetings that were held last summer after the publication of the Village Survey carried out by the Society. This could be an important development, about which there needs to be an open debate and more detailed

information. The Society has invited Mr Colin Ellis, the Conservation Officer of Weymouth and Portland Borough Council to speak on the subject at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 20 January in the Mission Hall. We hope that there will be a good attendance.

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TRAFFIC SURVEYS

As this is the first Newsletter since the two surveys were completed, the Society thanks all those who gave up their time to carry out the tedious work of checking the flow of traffic.

An enormous amount of data was collected and is now being analysed by John and Julia Allen before further discussions take place with local government officers.

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VICTORIAN STREET FAYRE

An open evening is to be held in the Mission Hall on Thursday, 27 January, at 7.30 pm. Arrangements for this year's event in June will be discussed and a vote taken on which charities to support. All are welcome.

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THE BUS STOP

Many thanks to Fredy Litschi for making a firm foundation for the seat at the bus stop.

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A happy and prosperous New Year to you all.