

Minutes of an Annual General Meeting held at the Mission Hall, Sutton Poyntz, on Tuesday 4th April 1978
Mrs Hanson in the Chair.

There were no apologies for absence, and there was a good attendance.
Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were read and approved.

Matters arising - The Amendment to the Constitution stating that not more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the Committee be of members residing outside Sutton Poyntz was approved.

Chairman's Report - The Chairman gave a brief outline of the work of the Society throughout the preceding year. She thanked the Committee for their support and particular mention was made of Mr Housonbe for his stalwart efforts with the Bonfire, to Mrs Loveland for her willing efficiency with refreshments.

at all meetings, to Mr Litschi for his support as Vice Chairman, and to Mrs Litschi for writing up the minutes, and to Mr Joy for his help as Treasurer.

The Treasurer reported a balance of £102.20p. It had been donated to the Silver Jubilee Fund, and £18 - the proceeds of Carol Singing to the Early Birds. The report was approved and adopted.

Election of Committee

Mr John Allen was elected Chairman, Mr John Joy as Treasurer and the following nominations in place of retiring members were made:—

Mrs S Bowden, Mrs Fregerde, Mr Backwell, and Mr P. Dument: Dr J. Crisp, Mr E. Saunders, Mrs G. Loveland, Mr M. Smith and Mrs J Litschi to continue as before. Dr Crisp would take over the Vice-Chairman's post.

These names were unannouncedly accepted.

Mrs Litschi, seconded by Mr Allen proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs Hanson, the retiring Chairman for her work as secretary from 1974-77, and for the onerous task in the past year of combining the role of secretary and Chairman in which she had worked unstintingly in the Society's cause. She would be much missed.

The Treasurer thanked Mr Arthur Cole for his auditing of the accounts.

Reference was made to a mammoth tree planting scheme which Mr Peter Diment was proposing to undertake. Mr Diment outlined the scheme explaining that it was necessary to fell a great number of diseased elms, and he begged members to give assistance in the protecting of the young trees when planted. He would be receiving a $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ grant but it was expected that the whole exercise would be in the region of £1300. It was therefore imperative to ensure its success by vigilant care of the new trees.

The Chairman thanked Mr Diment on behalf of the Society for outlining the scheme and for his efforts in bringing it about.

Any Other Business

Mr Joy reminded members that the Sutton Poyntz Players were to present their annual production on April 13th, 14th, 15th at the Scutt Hall. It would take the form of three One Act Plays based on Country life in various centuries. Programmes would be on sale shortly.

~~Mr Hutchins reported that~~

Mr Joy announced that a Village Fair arranged jointly with the Players would be held at the Springhead on July 12th. Offers of prizes, bottles, etc. would be much welcomed.

Mrs Shires thanked Mrs Hanson for her research regarding planning applications and Mr Diment for his excellent treeplanting project.

There being no further business the Dorchester Camera Club with slides and sound gave a most beautiful entertainment based around the life and Works of Thomas Hardy. The photography was of exceptional quality and accompanying music was superb. Coffee was served during the interval and it was undoubtedly a highly successful evening.

J.G. Allen.