

MINUTES of 1991 A.G.M. held on Wednesday 10 April at 7.30pm  
in the Sutton Room, Mission Hill Lane.

Mr Ron Birch, Vice-Chairman, in the chair. 36 members present. Apologies for absence from the Chairman (on holiday) and five other members.

1. Minutes of the AGM of 1990 were read, approved and signed.

2. Chairman's Report. Mr Birch said that Mrs Kivsock had asked him to make a number of comments. Last year was "Hardy's year" for the Society and we were the only body in the borough to assist at the Orchestral and Kingston Mansward events. She much appreciated the support and activities of the Committee in a variety of ways, and hoped the village would remain as pleasant as always. Mr Birch went on to refer to the ~~other~~<sup>various</sup> social events during the year - the successful Hardy evening, including the playlets and barn dance; the walk round Lower Stockhampton and Stinsford; and the Teas in the Lawn of Sutton Lodge - all most enjoyable. Talks had been given by Mrs Betty Penny on Christmas in America and Mr Derek Dodge on his life as an airline pilot.

This coming ~~year's~~<sup>year's</sup> events had been well advertised in newsletters - a Visit to Lebury Gardens, another Barn Dance with additional entertainment, and Teas in the Lawn at Little Acorns.

3. Financial Report

In the absence of the Treasurer on holiday, the Secretary presented the <sup>audited</sup> accounts for the year ending 31.3.91 (although made up to 28.2.91). Bank balance was £173.96, cash in hand £16.14, and N.S. Account balance £1,763.63. Expenditure was £424.06 and receipts £627.32. The Society was in a reasonable + healthy state. On the motion of Mr V. Ferrant, duly seconded, the accounts were adopted, and it was agreed that subscriptions be unchanged. Thanks were expressed to Mrs Hoden-Wilkinson for her work during the year.

4. Secretary's Report. Mr Knight said that the usual report by the Secretary this year incorporated comments which the Chairman would normally make.

• Eight well-attended Committee meetings had been held

• Best kept Village Competition. A lot of work had been undertaken last year by a number of members to tidy up, etc. We had to be in the over-300 population group, thus competing with many very picturesque villages, who have the advantage, in this respect, of their own parish councils to assist, whereas we are part of the borough. Last year the judges criticised items over which the Society and the Village WI have no control (council seats and private exhibition). The Committees of both organisations had decided not to enter this year's competition.

• Planning - Several applications had been considered and no adverse comments made on any; the Committee in fact actively supported the conversion work at the Barshed by the Tony Lines.

As regards the Stables, the Planning Department have been pressing the developer to remove work which failed to comply with the planning consent, failing which enforcement action had been approved. The Secretary read relevant extracts from correspondence on this matter.

• Caring for Dorset - The Committee had carefully considered the County Council's Brochure (Nov 1990) about its concern for the environment and any improvements called for in matters like pollution, re-cycling, energy & other conservation, the landscape, etc. Detailed comments were submitted to the County Council, and the Secretary summarised them. Among important comments were (a) improved council house development, (b) control over the spread of caravan sites, (c) easing transport problems especially in the "season" and (d) greater co-operation with public utilities over highway development, digging up roads, and tree planting.

• Dorset County Plan - Minerals & Waste Disposal. The County Council's revised proposals are to be "examined in public" next month.

• Beach Clean-up - A letter from Dorset Heritage Board about this exercise on 12 May 1991 was read; everyone is asked to participate.

5. Committee Membership. Mr Kiss resigned in February as he & his wife removed to Weymouth. Nominations had been received for the

remainder of last year's committee, plus Mr R. Bachwell and Mr C. Brown.  
On the motion of Mrs D. Hubble, duly seconded, the 13 nominees were  
duly elected.

6. A. O. B. Mr Hayler asked that the meeting record its gratitude  
to the Chairman and members of the Committee and all who had  
helped the work of the Society during the year. This was agreed.

After refreshments, Mr Roger Peers M.A., F.S.A., Curator of the Dorset  
Museum, spoke most interestingly and informatively on the history  
of the museum, its acquisitions and work. He invited the Society  
to visit the museum where he would be delighted to show those  
attending round and especially "behind the scenes". Mr Birch  
thanked him, with general acclamation.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

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Chairman

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