

## SLIDE SHOW AND TALK.

Following the well attended slide show and talk in July by Colin Varndell, the Trust have decided to hold a similar event on 10 September in the Village Hall, Thorncombe at 8 p.m. when it is hoped to book a speaker on Historical aspects of the area. Admission 25p. Members Free. Refreshments. Please watch out for posters.

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## RECENT TRUST CORRESPONDENCE.

The Trust is engaged in correspondence concerning proposed developments within the parish with a number of influential parties. I offer here a brief summary of the issues that have been the subject of letters sent during the past month.

1. To the County Surveyor: re the network of roads giving access to this village. This letter included a detailed survey of the widths of these roads and observations on the road surfaces. In previous correspondence the County Surveyor has stated that: "As far as assessment of the capabilities of the roads in the area to serve further new dwellings it would most likely be dealt with on a complete village appraisal rather than dealing with one application as at present". The Trust has always called for such an appraisal before any large scale planning application is approved. In our most recent letter we have asked the County Surveyor to give his valuable support to the undertaking of such an appraisal.
2. To the Chief Planning Officer: At the Development & Planning meeting in Dorchester on 5 June 1986 Mr.D.Derrien, the Chief Planning Officer, asked for a 2 - 3 month deferment on all planning applications in Thorncombe Parish in order that a thorough investigation could take place and reports obtained from the Highways Authority and the South West Water Board, to establish whether the present systems could cope with major development. We have asked Mr.Derrien to attend a village meeting so that he can explain the way in which an assessment of future planning is being conducted. The Trust felt it is vital that parishioners share with him their local knowledge well prior to his report being submitted to the Development and Planning Committee in Dorchester. We are anxious as to how detailed this report will be and when he proposes to submit it.
3. To the South West Water Board: re Sewerage Treatment and large scale development. We have asked for the water authorities comments on the assertion that levies will be placed on future building within the village, such as that proposed at Chard Street by the developer C.J.Fry. This developer maintains that such levies would be made and that they would result in improvements to the existing treatment plant from which the whole community would benefit. The Trust has also mentioned the problem of the dilution of the output from the existing plant into Stonelake Brook. Concerned parishioners have found incidents of pollution being caused, which could be detrimental to farm animals and wildlife.
4. To Jim Spicer M.P. The Trust have been keeping Mr.Spicer informed of the position within the village.

This then is an indication of our correspondence; copies of all letters sent and received are held by myself, the Secretary, and any member of the Trust is very welcome to view the files (which have grown to considerable proportions!).. Just 'phone me on Winsham 525 to fix a mutually convenient time.

John Whitbread.

### A NATURE PHOTOGRAPHERS YEAR.

If you ever wondered how those wonderful wildlife photographs were taken, capturing the magic moments in nature the casual eye so often misses, the secrets were revealed at this meeting of the Trust on July 9 in the village hall when over 50 members and friends attended this interesting talk and slide show. Colin Varndell - the photographer of the nature year - enthralled his audience with his beautiful pictures of the flora and fauna in and around Powerstock Common. Only someone combining unending patience with a deep love of the earth and all it naturally produces would have achieved such results. A visitor from Beaminster said "If you invite this man again be sure to let me know."

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### COFFEE MORNING/BRING AND BUY.

The Trust are holding a Coffee Morning/Bring and Buy on Saturday 9 August at June Ede's, Chard Street from 10.30 - 12.30. Cake Stall. All welcome.

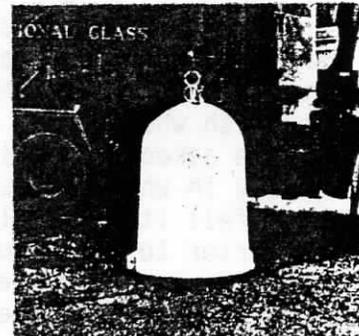
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### BOTTLE BANKS.

Did you know that the rubbish we throw into our dustbins costs £23.00 per tonne. Some of this is glass. Bottles and jars in Bottle Banks are worth up to £30.00 per tonne for recycling. The benefits from such recycling are enormous.

1. Conservation of raw materials.
2. Saving of land fill space.
3. Reductions in the overall cost of waste disposal.
4. It has been worked out that 10 gallons of oil can be saved for every 1,000 bottles.

Britain sadly comes bottom of the European League of bottle bank users. A new campaign has been started, endorsed by the E.E.C., The House of Commons and The Royal Commission of Environmental Pollution. We have bottle banks at Chard and Lyme Regis but we can now approach our local authority to have one of the smaller modules sited in the village (see picture). If the local authorities sell the cullet (broken glass) at market value we can then suggest that like other authorities the profits are donated to a local charity. What do you think? PLEASE REMEMBER SAVE YOUR BOTTLES!



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### CAKE MAKERS AND GARDENERS.

Please remember the Coffee Morning on 9 August. Donations of cakes, plants etc. can be left at June Ede's or Rose Bonfield's.

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### NEWSLETTERS.

All newsletters will be issued bi-monthly and will be within the Parish Magazine (Thorncombe edition). Spare copies will be available from the Thorncombe P.O. If you are unable to obtain a copy please contact Carolyn Bonfield - Winsham 426.

### MEMBERSHIP.

Membership is open to all who are interested in furthering the objectives of the Trust. Those wishing to join contact John Whitbread - Winsham 525.