

OCTOBER 1986.

## **GARDEN BIRDS.**

The Trust will be holding a Slide Show and Talk on WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 1986 when Mrs. Brooks and Mr. Cox, members of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, will be coming to show slides and talk on 'GARDEN BIRDS'. The starting time for this meeting has been brought forward to 7.00pm. to enable the younger members of the community to attend, as we understand they have great interest. It will be held in the VILLAGE HALL, THORNCOMBE. Admission 25p. Trust Members Free. Refreshments. Everyone very welcome.

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## **PUBLIC MEETING.**

The Trust have heard from Mr. D. D. Derrien, the Chief Planning Officer, that his report regarding development in Thorncombe is proceeding but that it is unlikely to be completed until towards the end of October, at which time he will be prepared to visit Thorncombe and hold a Public Meeting to give his findings and permit discussion. Date of this meeting will be notified later.

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## **M.P. VISITS VILLAGE.**

Jim Spicer, the Member of Parliament for West Dorset, visited Thorncombe on 29 August 1986 to meet the committee of the Trust and Lt. Col. C. H. Gibson, County Councillor, to discuss the proposed large scale housing developments in the village. He was taken on a tour of the proposed sites and to see the narrow access lanes that surround the village. After a question and answer session the M.P. said that he was now in a much better position, with first-hand knowledge of our problems, to help us when he next met individuals from the County and District Councils and other authorities. Everyone involved considered that the 2½ hours were very well spent.

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## **RURAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR.**

The Thorncombe Village Trust organised a Seminar on Saturday 13 September 1986 in the Village Hall. The object was to bring together other villages in the area facing similar over development, to see if we could all learn from each others experience and perhaps put a united proposal to the Planning Authorities. Six other villages took part with speakers from each giving a brief history of their own individual development problems. Mr. Trevor Jones OBE. spoke on the dilemma facing the Planning Officers under the double pressure from both the developers and the Structure Plan Policy. He added that it was vital to influence the District Councils with individual written statements about over development and its consequence upon the community. Mr. Trevor Harris, an architect with much local experience with the Structure Plan, spoke about the importance and need for a Local Plan to be done by the Parish, with due regard to time, scale and geology. The inherent character of the village which may not be apparent to the developers must be brought to the attention of the District Council Planning Committee. After an excellent lunch delegates formed into smaller discussion groups. The general feeling was that all the villages present were under great threat and should step up the fight for the future of our communities. It is hoped to hold a follow up meeting of this extremely informative day sometime in November. Those villages attending the Seminar were: Beaminster, Hawkchurch, Mosterton, Pucknowle, Sth. Perrott, and Oake.

### **SUCCESSFUL COFFEE MORNING.**

The Coffee morning held at June Ede's, Church View on 9 August was a great success and enjoyed by the many people who attended. The sum of £60.00 was raised for Trust funds. Many thanks to all who helped and especially to June and her family for the use of their home.

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### **MORE OF ENGLANDS TREASURES.**

On 10 September 1986 a very interesting Slide Show and Talk was given by Mr.H.J.Millerchip. This looked at our ecclesiastical heritage both of the buildings and their contents, with references to historical incidents which have lead to the many interesting styles and features of our churches. There were several very interesting local examples and the evening was much enjoyed by all who attended. A discussion followed a break for refreshments.

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### **ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE DORSET FEDERATION OF AMENITY SOCIETIES.**

This conference is being held on 25 October 1986 at the Hotel Prince Regent, Weymouth 10.30am.- 4.00pm. The topic for discussion on this day will be 'Current development pressures in South West Dorset'. The main speakers will be Mr.R.Townley MA. MRTPI the Dorset County Planning Officer, Mr.D.D.Derrien BA. MSC. MRTPI. the West Dorset District Planning Officer and Mr.G.Fletcher MRTPI. DiPTP. the Weymouth and Portland District Planning Officer. After an interval for lunch Thorncombe, along with 3 other Societies (Beaminster, West Bay and Weymouth) has been allocated 15 mins. to speak. The cost for the day will be £5.00 per person to cover coffee, lunch and tea and Thorncombe has been invited to take up to 15 people. Anyone interested please contact John Whitbread - Winsham 525 or any Trust committee member for further details. We hope to take as many people as possible as this will be an excellent opportunity for us to put forward our views on development in the village.

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### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS.**

We would like to remind all Parishioners that the Parish Council Meetings are held in the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of every month. **IT IS IN YOUR INTEREST TO ATTEND.** There is a democratic half hour from 8.00 - 8.30pm. when members of the public are able to speak. Do come along, next meeting 7.30pm. Wednesday 1 October 1986.

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### **HISTORICAL GROUP.**

The Church documents, at present held in the vestry safe, have now all been listed and a complete inventory is being prepared, copies of which will be passed to the Vicar and will be available to members of the Trust.

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### **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.