



Sutton Poyntz Society

Affiliated to the Council for the Protection of Rural England

SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY - Newsletter No 93 May 2001

The Society's AGM

The AGM was held on Thursday 19 April in the Mission Hall with 49 members in attendance. Joyce Litschi, who is the continuing chairman, expressed the grateful thanks of the Society to those committee members who had contributed so much but were not standing for re-election this year. Particular thanks were due to Don Brierley, who was leaving the post of secretary, vice chairman Peter Jones and social secretary Maureen Morris.

Your new Committee are:

Julia Allen	Tony Bugler	Clive Davis
Simon Emblen (Treasurer)	David Emery	Vic Farrant
Michael Haine	Ken Knight	Joyce Litschi (Chairman)
Richard Meech	John Sutherland (Secretary)	

(Mrs Liz Randall has been co-opted since – to provide an additional lady on the committee.)

The evening also included a talk, with a miscellany of anecdotes from Mr Roy Adam, on Village Life in Dorset seventy year ago.

Subscriptions of £2 (or £1 for those living alone) are due before the end of July; they will be collected shortly. In the event of any problem please contact any member of your committee.

Matters discussed by your committee

The following represent some of the items discussed by your committee over the last few months:-

Infestations: The problems of rats attracted by well meaning visitors feeding the ducks around the pond and the growth in the rook population has been discussed.

Planning Applications: The views of your committee are advanced to the planning authority on all new application affecting the area; a weekly list of new applications is received by your committee. A major reason for the existence of the Society is "To make every effort to maintain and improve upon the natural beauty of the village".

Simon Emblen represents the Society on the **Weymouth and Portland Environmental Partnership**.

Wessex Water have advised the society (and all local residents) of their plans to extend the **water treatment works** at Sutton Poyntz. A public meeting is expected later this year. Enquiries are ongoing on the possibility of acquiring the **field adjacent to the Springhead** as a village amenity.

The committee undertook a **traffic survey**, a short while ago, on traffic on Sutton Road and Plaisters Lane. Whilst the survey did not reveal excessive traffic flow, a copy of the results was sent to WPBC and provides a baseline for any future need.

Forthcoming events 2001

Spring walk: Abandoned due to the likelihood of Foot and Mouth restrictions.

Summer Walk: Last year we enjoyed a great day walking from Corfe Castle to Swanage.

Richard Backwell will again be organising this years walk which is planned for August. Keep your eyes on the Notice Board for further details nearer the event.

Cream Teas will be hosted by Mr and Mrs Bellis at Sutton House on 4th August.

Other village events are organised by the Sutton Poyntz Mission Hall Trust – see overleaf.

Sutton Poyntz – Mission Hall

The Trustee committee, running the Mission Hall on behalf of the village, is chaired by Norman Brown. He reports that the Lottery Commission are in a very low gear for funding applications. In January the Mission Hall Trust was told their case would be considered in March – this has now been postponed to July. The Trust have had an initial enquiry and remain confident that they will be successful eventually.

The Race Night on 30th March was most enjoyable and because of the generosity of everyone present, £377 was raised for the “New Kitchen Fund”.

The next village event is a Barbecue at the Waterworks property on Saturday 7th July. This will be an all ticket affair and will be advertised by poster. Reserve that date in your diary now.

Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE)

Peter Jones continues to represent the Society at the CPRE. Their Dorset Review, showing forthcoming events, will be displayed on our Notice Board.

Weymouth Civic Society (WCS)

Both Tony Bugler and Richard Meech are particularly interested in the activities of the WCS and represent your interest with this body. The WCS is a sister society with similar interests to us – but across the whole Weymouth and Portland area. The WCS also make awards to village projects or developments which enhance the environment. Some of our recent buildings could well be so rewarded.

Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT)

Julia Allen represents us with the DWT with whom we are a member. They have been extremely helpful in advising on the management of the pond and its environs (and as you know they were instrumental in adding the “false banks” to improve the banks of the pond). Their diary of events is displayed in our notice board.

Sutton Poyntz – survey, Jan 2000

With the 2001 National census so topical, we thought it appropriate to include a summary of the village survey completed by Fredy Litschi and Leila Simpson last year and displayed on the Society notice board at the Cart Shed.

Dwellings	183
Inhabitants	382 Including children
Plus	6 other buildings

Other organisations

There are other organisations active in the village that we thought it worth mentioning as a footnote to your newsletter.

Springhead Theatre goers regularly visit the local (and not so local) theatres.

Sutton Poyntz WI and Preston cum Sutton Poyntz WI meet monthly at the Mission Hall and Preston Village Hall respectively.

The Mission Hall has other regular events including Yoga and Whist.