



Sutton Poyntz Society

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SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY - Newsletter No 97 March 2002

Happy Easter

Yes the grass is growing and the weeds are already beginning to take over – why is it that the garden pests only seem to like our garden plants and not the weeds?



Recent Activities and Events

The **Mission Hall Coffee / Tea book weekend** was a great success over 19/20 January raising £496 for the Mission Hall funds. Many books changed hands.

The **Italian Supper Evening**, organised by the Mission Hall Trust was held on Saturday 2 March and raised a further £324 for the Hall funds. Unfortunately bookings were so good that the event was fully subscribed by the time the last newsletter was fully distributed. All participants (and many who did not go) are looking forward to the next festivity.

The **Skittles** played at the Springhead, through the winter, has just about concluded with prize giving and a final night planned for 23rd Mar. With 12 teams of 6 people, a large part of the village enjoyed the friendly competition.

Matters discussed by your committee

The following represent some of the items discussed by your committee since the January Newsletter:-

Planning Matters: Local applications reviewed since the last newsletter are – Wessex Water Application for felling of trees adjacent to South boundary - Although supporting the residents whose garden is overhung with some of these trees, we have requested further information on other possible solutions rather than the felling of all the trees in the group. It is possible that pruning of major branches may be achievable.

Two new houses off Severn Acres - we objected to more in-filling housing. Vehicle access at Coach House; extension at Hideaway cottage; No comments were submitted on these items.

A reply was received re the damage to roadside banks during the Coombe Valley Road closure which indicates that the roads will be inspected and repaired as needed, with the verges left to regenerate.

Doorstep Green: Your committee have decided to adjourn any further search for a large recreational area for the present and concentrate activities on the old orchard at the rear of the Mission Hall. We thank Peter Jones who has spent a considerable amount of time investigating possible options and funding. David Emory has been leading the activities on the orchard area and you will notice that there is now an area of newly turfed grass as well as an expanse which has been newly seeded.

Forthcoming events

A **Coffee Morning** is being organised by the WI in conjunction with the Mission Hall Trust on **Sat 23rd March**. This event will include Tombola and bric-a-brac – see the notices around the village for more details.

The **Society AGM** is planned for **9 April 2002** in the Mission Hall at 7.30 pm. Your committee will report on the last years activities followed by election of your committee for the next 12 months. It is suggested that the committee remain at 12 members including a Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary

Any nominations for your committee should be submitted to a current committee member before the meeting – although nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Clive Davies will be standing down from the committee this year; the other current members would be willing to continue to represent your views for the next year.

Following the routine business there will be a talk from Lucy Emory on her visit to Kenya last year.

We have decided to arrange a **Village Jubilee Picnic** in conjunction with the WI and Mission

Hall Trust on **Sunday 2nd June** which will provide plenty of time for you also to partake in other activities which will be taking place over the long 4 day "weekend". Everyone will be welcome.

Society Walks Richard Backwell is organising two **Society Walks** this year. The Society **Spring Evening Stroll** will take place on **Wed Jun 12th** starting at 6.30 pm from the White Horse Inn car park at Litton Cheney OS 194 GR 548900. The circular 4.5 mile walk will take us to the knoll south of Puncknowle from where there are superb views of the Fleet and Portland. Bar snacks can be pre-ordered before we set off from the car park at 18.30 – don't be late. The Society day long **Summer Walk** on **30th July** will start at 11.00 at Hooke for a 9.5 mile walk with a picnic lunch. More detail in the next Newsletter.

Keep your eyes on the Notice Boards for any changed details nearer the events.

Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE)

Peter Jones continues to represent the Society at the CPRE. They have recently asked for our support in replying to the recent Government green paper on planning.

Weymouth Civic Society (WCS)

Both Tony Bugler and Richard Meech keep in contact with WCS and represent our interest with this body. WCS activities are shown on the Village Diary on the Notice Board. The latest newsletter is being circulated around your committee.

Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT)

Julia Allen represents us with the DWT with whom we are a member. The pond cleaning by the Weymouth and Portland Borough Council, planned for early February, did not happen.

We await a revised date.

Contact Julia for any details of the DWT meetings shown on the "Village Diary" on the Notice Board.

Your Committee Your committee are available for any items of interest or concern

Julia Allen (832759) Tony Bugler (832953) Clive Davis (833798) Simon Emblen (Treasurer) (832143)
David Emery (832907) Vic Farrant (834595) Michael Haine (832995) Joyce Litschi (Chairman) (833303)
Ken Knight (833549) Richard Meech (832680) Liz Randall (832155) John Sutherland (Secretary) (832227)

Victorian Fayre – 30th June

Keep this day free. It is our village Fayre.

Village Stalls "Spring cleaning time" – think of us

Judy and Ruth would be very pleased to collect any items for the village stalls:-

Accessorize - Jewellery, hats, scarves, evening bags, stoles.

Bygones & Antiques - Glassware, vases, pots, ceramics, candlesticks

Old Potting shed - Plants, seeds, gardening tools and any garden paraphernalia

Picture Gallery – Old pictures, prints, mirrors, photographs

Childrens – Children beach items, bucket, spades, balls, games

Pantry corner – Cakes, preserves, jams, biscuits

Bookstall - Books, jigsaws, games, videos, CDs, tapes

Linens – Tablecloths, lace, doilies, wool, fabrics, tray cloths, aprons

Crafts – Any home made craft for home or garden – so get painting, carving sawing, welding, knitting etc

Remember - All monies raised from the village stalls go to the nominated charities.

Telephone Judy (833349) or Ruth (833798) for help or information.

Society Tombola Stall

Your Society will again be running this stall - we did very well last Fayre both in prizes and funds raised and hope to repeat that for the 2002 Fayre. **Your local committee member (who delivers the newsletter and collects your subs) will be collecting donations for Tombola prizes shortly.** Your assistance and support is what makes the Fayre a success. They will also accept any donations for the other village stalls mentioned above.

Future Diary

I have maintained the Village Diary of local events on the Notice board as a record for general use. I notice that we have a conflict on 23rd March with a Coffee Morning and a Theatre trip.

If you wish to add any items to the listing please call me.