



Sutton Poyntz Society

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SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY - Newsletter No 102 March 2003

Spring is sprung - again

The daffodils are well and truly blooming – the snowdrops have been and gone – and we still have “peace” in the Middle East (at the time of going to print).

Did you know that the Sutton Poyntz Society is 35 years old this year – and our first secretary was a Joyce Litschi. One of the earliest actions was to provide a flock of six ducks for the then “duckless pond” assumed to be due to the activities of local foxes. Newsletter number two mentions the brown ducks provided by the Society, the white ducks provided by a Mrs Green of Littlemore Road and the wild ones which simply appeared. Our first duck keeper was a 10 year old David Walden (now of course its Dave Caddy). Our current flock started as 9 ducks (Cayuga and Indian Runner cross) from the old Herringston Hospital. And of course the wild ones have still “just appeared”.



Forthcoming events

Society AGM – 3 April

Greek Night – 11 April

Society Evening walk – 8 May

Quiz Night – 10 May

Society Summer walk – 4 June

Cream Teas in the Orchard 27 July

Society AGM

Your Society AGM is planned for 3rd April at the Mission Hall.

Nominations received to date for your Society Officers are:-

Chairman Simon Emblem
Treasurer JoyceLitschi
Secretary John Sutherland

Your committee currently has 10 members (including the three officers above); three members do not intend to continue on the committee for the coming year - Julia Allen, Richard Meech, Liz Randall. The other 7 members are happy to continue for another year – if you are satisfied.

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. It would be nice to have some new faces getting involved. Our draft constitution suggests a committee of to up to 12 people.

In addition to your committee, Christine Gates has continued to collect subs and distribute the Newsletter around Old Bincombe Lane.

Following the short formal business, we will be sharing a glass of wine while Richard Backwell gives us a short talk covering a walk across the Pennines.

Greek Night



Following the success of the “Italian Night” dinner, the Mission Hall Trust are arranging a **Greek Night** at The Mission Hall on **Friday 11th April** at 7.30 for 8.00 pm. Price will be £10 per person.

Menu

*Greek Village Salad and Pitta Bread
Meat Moussaka
or Vegetarian stuffed Vine Leaves
Date and Walnut Baklava
or Kiwi and Melon fruit salad
Coffee
Bring your own wine and glasses*

Book early as the places for last dinner were sold out quite quickly. Reserve your seat from John Allen 832759.

Society Evening Walk



Richard Backwell is leading an evening walk around Maiden Castle on **Thursday 8th May**. We will be meeting at the Poet Laureate Pub in Poundbury Square ready for a 6.30 pm start. Look forward to see you there!

?? Quiz Night ??

By popular request, another **Quiz Night** is being arranged by the Mission Hall Trust. Planned date is **Saturday 10th May** starting at 7.30 pm at The

Mission Hall. The last quiz night was well attended – there were just 4 spare seats. Tables for 4 will cost £5 per table which will augment the hall funds and also challenge you with some fascinating questions – all of which are very easy if you know the answer. It should be good fun; the last one was.
Reserve your table from S Emblen on 832143.

Society Summer Walk

For our all day walk this year, Richard Backwell is planning to lead us on a circular walk of about 10 miles on the **Wednesday 4th June**.

We will be starting from the road junction at grid ref 803016 in Milton Abbas at 9.00 am and walking initially westwards via Hilton and Lower Ansty to the Dorsetshire Gap. Coffee or Lunch (depending on which way round we do the walk) will be taken at the Fox Inn at Ansty. Given good weather, it should be an enjoyable day without being over strenuous.

Cream Teas in the Orchard

Add this date to your diary – **27th July** - we have decided on a **Sunday afternoon** this year – in the Orchard behind the Mission Hall.



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

Recent Activities and Events

I am not saying that February was quiet – but I have no notes on recent activities or events. But it was a short month!!

Sutton Poyntz – Neighbours

Going around the recent “house sold” boards, although it is a pity to see old friends and neighbours move away, it is nice to welcome new faces to the village and hope they will enjoy themselves as we do. Will do an introduction to new neighbours in the May newsletter.

Matters discussed by your committee

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

Planning Matters: Of the local applications reviewed since the last newsletter no adverse

Your Committee

Julia Allen (832759)
David Emery (832907)
Ken Knight (833549)

Your committee are available for any items of interest or concern

Tony Bugler (832953)
Michael Haine (832995)
Richard Meech (832680)

Simon Emblen (Treasurer) (832143)

Joyce Litschi (Chairman) (833303)

Liz Randall (832155)

John Sutherland (Secretary) (832227)

comments have been submitted to the Planning Department.

Other Matters: Letter written to request re-consideration of the published intention to remove the telephone box close to the Cart Shed.

We have expressed an interest to the Weymouth and Portland Borough Council in entering the village into the Borough in Bloom and the Best Kept Village competitions for this year – (not the Britain in Bloom competition). So keep up the good work with those green fingers.



We have also written to W&PBC to ascertain their plans for maintenance of the pond and the willows alongside the pond.

Other organisations / meetings

Wessex Water

No further news on Wessex Water plans for the Waterworks - other than the leaflet I guess we all received with our recent bills. I have e-mailed to request an update but not yet received any reply.

Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE)

Future events are shown on the Notice board and in the Village Diary.

Weymouth Civic Society (WCS)

Both Tony Bugler and Richard Meech keep in contact with WCS and represent our interest with this body.

Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT)

Julia Allen represents us with the DWT with whom we are a member. Contact Julia for any details of the DWT meetings shown on the “Village Diary” on the Notice Board.

Future Diary

A “March 2003” version of the Village Diary of local events is on the Notice board as a record for general use. If you wish to add any items to the listing please call me.