



Sutton Poyntz Society

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Summer has arrived

May heralds the time to get out the lawn mowers and just wonder if we could borrow one of those lambs from the local fields for a few weekends. They look cuddly and they must eat an enormous amount of grass as they grow so fast. The weeds unfortunately also grow fast - faster than the flowers - but at least we can identify the plants we want as the ones being swamped by those plants we don't want. This year's wild ducklings are already growing - although the village ducks appear to have been a little lazy in that department.



Forthcoming events

Society Summer walk – 4 June

Quiz Night – 7 June

Church Crawl – 17 July

Cream Teas in the Orchard 27 July

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 9.30am** (not 9.00am as last newsletter).

We will be starting from the road junction at grid ref 803016 in Milton Abbas at 9.30 am and walking initially westwards via Hilton and Lower Ansty to the Dorsetshire Gap. Bring a drink or something for our coffee break and we plan to have lunch at the Fox Inn at Ansty. Given good weather, it should be an enjoyable day without being over strenuous.

?? Quiz Night ??

The **Quiz Night** planned for the 10th May is now being arranged by the Mission Hall Trust for **Saturday 7th June** 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 the quiz will 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.

Church Crawl



The Sutton Poyntz WI are arranging a Church Crawl through East Somerset in the company of a WEA Lecturer on Architecture, Mr Alan Penny. Leaving at **10.00** on the **17th July**, there are a few seats vacant for any member interested (return about 5.00). Contact **Margaret Brown (833033)** ASAP with your IOU for £10.50 to book your trip via Bradford Abbas, Monticute, Muchelney Abbey and Martock..

Cream Teas in the Orchard

As advised in the last Newsletter, our Cream Teas, this year, is planned for **27th July** in the Orchard behind the Mission Hall. We have decided on a **Sunday afternoon** this year and hope you will be joining us at 3.00 for a chat with tea and scones.



In the (hopefully) unlikely event of inclement weather we will move into the hall - so do come whether rain or shine.

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

Recent Activities and Events

Society AGM

Your Society AGM was held on **3rd April** at the Mission Hall.

Just under 40 members enjoyed a fascinating illustrated talk by Richard Backwell on his experiences of walking coast to coast from the Irish Sea to Robin Hood Bay. His pictures and reminiscences proved a light hearted interlude between the formal business and "AOB" - which always manages to stimulate a lively debate.

Following the reports for the past year, resolutions were passed covering some minor changes to the constitution. Unanimous support was given to the Mission Hall Trust in their endeavours to improve the village hall. A further resolution was passed, after some lively debate, requesting a review of the

position of the bus stop currently sited adjacent to the Cart Shed.

Mrs Litschi has retired from the chair having served a three year term and your new Chairman is Simon Emblen who has moved from a 10 year stay in the treasurers slot. Sarah Knight was voted the new treasurer. John Sutherland remains your secretary. Your new committee is listed at the end of this newsletter.

Greek Night



Both the organisers and the guests enjoyed the **Greek Night** arranged by the Mission Hall Trust at The Mission Hall on **Friday 11th April**.

There was a full house of 52 and I am told the meal went with a swing. I have been asked to pass on thanks from the organisers to all who not only enjoyed the evening but also helped clear away the debris from the plate ceremony the next morning.

Society Evening Walk



Richard Backwell lead our Spring evening walk around Maiden Castle on **Thursday 8th May**. The picture shows us just after starting from the Poet Laureate Pub in Poundbury Square at around 6.30 pm. There were 40 of us who enjoyed a leisurely 4.5 mile walk around Maiden Castle on a beautiful



evening. Judy took our orders for supper before we started so we were promptly served when we descended on the pub a couple of hours later. Pictures on the notice boards

Matters discussed by your committee

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

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

Julia Allen (832759)

Tony Bugler (832953)

Simon Emblen (Chairman) (832143)

David Emery (832907)

Michael Haine (832995)

Sarah Knight (Treasurer) (835893)

Joyce Litschi (833303)

Ken Knight (833549)

Peter Riley (834653)

John Sutherland (Secretary) (832227)

comments have been submitted to the Planning Department.

Other Matters: BT have advised that they have removed our local telephone box by the Cart Shed from the list of those planned for closure.

We have entered the village into the Borough in Bloom and the Best Kept Village competitions for this year. Judging is in June – so keep an eye in the local press for more details. Several gardens are already a feast of bloom and May is not yet out. Lets hope we can make a good impression.



Your committee are looking at options for maintenance of the pond.

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.

John Morris has passed me this



picture of some new neighbours by the pond.

Glen Stacey is busy renovating the cottage nearby while there is similar activity at the other end of Sutton Road – I haven't met the owners yet. The Weavers are also busy up the top of Plaisters Lane turning their house into their dream home while down the other end of Plaisters we welcome John and Sarah Osgood.

Although I am talking to the converted, some of the dog walkers have advised that they note there are annoying signs of people bagging up after their dogs and then leaving the bags. Keep your eyes open for offenders and !!!

Other organisations / meetings

Wessex Water

Wessex Water have advised that they anticipate working on the spring source later in the year when the demand is lowest and the flow reduced.

Others

CPRE, WCS (Weymouth Civic Society),

DWT (Dorset Wildlife Trust)

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