



Sutton Poyntz Society

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Christmas is a coming

So we are back on GMT— and Christmas is just around the corner. In fact, this is our last newsletter this year. So an early Happy Christmas.

I actually missed our October storm (as I was away) when I understand we had a good few millimetres of rain. Two days later though, my garden seemed to be amazingly hard and dry – hard to believe that there had been a heavy downpour. I was reminded by the storm on how reliant we are on electricity when it fails for a considerable time. Apart from the obvious no lights, there is no kettle for that “cuppa” (unless you have gas or a camping stove), no circulating pump for the central heating; some house alarms are set off and some telephones will not work – so you cannot report or find out anything. We really do need to have a battery or clockwork radio!!

Forthcoming events

Monthly Walk – end of November

Christmas Market – 6th December

Christmas Carols – 19th December

Sutton Poyntz WI

Victorian Street Fayre – June 2004

Monthly Walk – end of November

Maureen is hoping to arrange a November walk (at the end of the month), depending on the weather conditions. Those interested, keep an eye on the notice board.

Christmas Market

This year the Christmas Market, organised by the Mission Hall Trust, will be held on 6th December from 2.00 to 7.00. In addition to toys, childrens books, childrens videos and cakes there will be a raffle and tombola. Christmas cards from Wateraid will also be on sale. Donations are requested for sale of – cakes, videos, children's books, toys. Contact Norman or Maureen.



Christmas Carols

Our Christmas carols around the tree are planned for Friday 19th December at

6.30. This is a very popular start to Christmas week so we hope to see (and hear) you all there – and afterwards at the Mission Hall for a warming drink.

Sutton Poyntz WI

The January meeting (7th January) will be an **Open meeting** where visitors will be welcome to join the regular group and hear Sally King talk about the World Heritage Coast.

Visitors and new members are always welcome at the Mission Hall on the first Wednesday of each month to join the activities of the WI at 2.30.

Phone Dorothy on 832143

Victorian Street Fayre

The first meeting of the Fayre committee has shown that we still have active interest in the village to hold our Biennial Fayre on the last weekend in June 2004. Dave Caddy is chairing the committee this year and any other interested people will be welcome – give Dave a ring.

Following the inaugural meeting, those attending organised a “village dinner” at the Springhead on 20th December. With numbers limited, there is a waiting list on the 20th. Contact the Springhead for any vacancies.



Recent Activities and Events

Safari Supper 1st Nov

The Safari Supper held on the 1st of November was enjoyed by 47 residents starting out from the village hall and visiting a different host for each course. All 47 made it back to the Mission Hall for a final get together and to compare notes. It is reported that a good time was had by all – and the Mission Hall funds were increased by a further £300. My apologies that notice was not in the last newsletter – but if we do not know in time it does not get printed.

WI Charity Film Showing 10th Sept

The special charity showing of Calendar Girls on 10th September had a full house. Apart from the most enjoyable film there was also “eaties” provided by one of the other Weymouth WI groups. It was a most enjoyable evening and

provided us male visitors the opportunity to see what the ladies get up to on their monthly get together. (An even better reason to visit the WI Open Meeting in January.)

Race night 12th Sept

The Race Night organised by the Mission Hall Trust on Friday 12th Sept was enjoyed by all who attended with much noise being generated at the conclusion of each race where we might have won about £2.50. The noise and enjoyment were out of all proportion to the potential winnings but the hall funds benefited with another increase in the building fund.

Display of Spring Scheme 13/14 Sept

The plans for the spring source, provided by Wessex Water, were viewed by some 25 villagers over the week end 13/14 Sept. A summary of the comments recorded was sent to Wessex Water – with the most common comment relating to the state of the pond (which had turned a milky colour just a few days earlier). We are hopeful that Wessex Water (in conjunction with W&PBC) will institute some remedial action to the pond when their spring source scheme is completed. Work appears to be progressing well with the final earth covering being laid over the membrane which protects the spring source.

Mission Hall AGM 17th Sept

The third AGM of the Mission Hall was held on Wed 17th Sept at 8.00 pm. Following reports from the Chairman and Treasurer, the current committee was invited to continue for another year.

Village Rambling

We have had a further two local walks - since our last newsletter - arranged by Sarah and Frank. The first walk arranged by Sarah around Briantspuddle was on 28th Sep. The afternoon stroll was enjoyed by 8 walkers and 3 dogs. The walk on 26th October was arranged by Frank and started at Worth Matravers and continues the good fortune of fine weather. This walk started at 10am and 13 walkers and 4 dogs enjoyed their walk and lunch at Langton Matravers before returning home.

Matters discussed by your committee

Spring source:

Your committee spent a lot of time talking to various members on the Wessex Water project

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)	Sara Knight (Treasurer) (835893)
Joyce Litschi (833303)	Ken Knight (833549)	Peter Riley (834653) John Sutherland (Secretary) (832227)

which involves protecting the water source (by covering it) instead of the filtration plant which was previously announced. We are optimistic that Wessex Water will rejuvenate the pond on completion of their works when they will also remove the temporary roadways.

Planning Matters:

We have objected to the proposed increase in size of the Waterside / Seaview caravan site, opposing the further spread of caravan sites.

We objected to the new signs that appeared at the Springhead – Excessive number; inappropriate for village setting; over powering and over visible; devoid of historic link between village and water source.

Expressed concern at damage to banks and road obstruction at 25 Sutton Road development (entrance to site widened).

Requested reinstatement of a wall at Sutton Road.

Requested plans for the work in a field off Puddledock – appears a wildlife area is planned subject to planning approval.

“No comment” sent re other planning applications at 36 Sutton Road, Cartref, Smithy Cottage.

Other matters

Investigated complaints of motor cycle scabbling at Rimbrow Copse.

Christmas Coffee Morning

Your committee have decided to abandon this years coffee morning as there appear to be too many conflicting events just before Christmas. There were two other coffee mornings in the village hall last year in the same week as ours. We may hold a Society coffee morning in January or February (those cold dismal months) which would also allow you to contribute your unwanted Christmas presents to the raffle. Keep an eye on the Notice Boards.

Other organisations

WCS (Weymouth Civic Society)

The Society are looking for new members and willing helpers. Please contact the Chairman (John Reeby) on 833027 if you are interested. They need a speakers secretary, social secretary, editor for their bulletin, as well as volunteers for the Tudor House and Nothe Fort and also just general members. Their latest programme is shown on our notice board.