



Sutton Poyntz Society

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A New Year

Once again we move into a New Year with all our new resolutions to help us through the coming year. Putting this note together, it appears that there is even more planned this year than last.

Forthcoming events

Quiz Night – 30 Jan

Society Coffee morning – 12 Feb

Sutton Poyntz WI - 4 Feb

Entertainment Evening – 13 Mar

Society AGM – 23 Apr

Mexican Evening – 27 Mar

Society Walks

Victorian Street Fayre – 27 June 2004

Quiz Night

Another quiz night is being organised by the Mission Hall Trust starting at 7.30 on Friday 30th Jan. Previous evenings have been good fun which is why they have been well attended. Ring Simon Emblen to book a table - £5/table for four people.

Society Coffee Morning

We abandoned the idea of a Christmas coffee morning due to the proliferation of other events just before Christmas --- but thought that this period between Christmas and Easter could benefit from having a convivial coffee morning. We have decided to have our **Winter Blues coffee morning** on Thursday 12th February from 10.30 am. Entry will be £1 as last year and will include a coffee and cake.



Any contributions for the raffle would be appreciated – perhaps a beautiful but unwanted Christmas present! Telephone any committee member for collection.

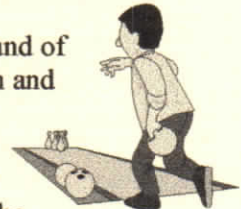
Sutton Poyntz Village WI

The February meeting on 4th February includes a talk on the care and repair of antique furniture. As for most meetings, guests and new members will be welcome. Also in February, the Sutton Poyntz

village WI celebrate their birthday with a lunch this year at the Turks Head in Chickerell.

The ladies skittle team have progressed through the first round of the local knock out competition and the matches now get harder.

They must be benefiting from their Monday sessions of 10 pin bowling at the Lakeside to be doing so well!



Entertainment Evening

As if he is not busy enough with the Fayre, Dave Caddy is organising a Village Entertainment Evening on the 13th March with funds going to support a village in Nepal visited recently by Richard Backwell. The evening will include contributions by many local stars and will also include a short play by the village children on "The Legend of the White Horse". It should be good fun – keep an eye on the notice boards.

Mexican Evening

The Mission Hall Trust are organising another supper and hoping to repeat the success of the Greek Evening held last year. The theme this time will be a Mexican flavour and it is planned to be held on Saturday 27th March – keep an eye open for the notices.

Society AGM

Although a little early to get you excited – but we like to give you reasonable notice - the Society AGM is planned for Friday 23rd April at 7.30. This year we would like to include notice of any member proposals in the next newsletter due out in March. This will not preclude matters being raised under AOB, but if they are considered contentious they could be held over until the next general meeting.

Please advise any nominations for your committee, to any existing committee member.

Society Walks

We have asked Richard to arrange two further Society walks this year – a short late spring walk and an all day summer walk – similar to last year. Watch the notice board and future newsletters for more details.

Victorian Street Fayre

The planning for the Fayre is well under way – remember to reserve the last Sunday in June. A separate note delivered with this newsletter requests support from all you budding “Victorians”. Your Society will again run the Tombola stall so we will be requesting your donations for tombola prizes shortly – we have done exceedingly well with your assistance at previous Fayres.



Recent Activities and Events

Village Rambling

The November walkies got rained off so there have been no further local walks since our last newsletter. It is hoped to resume a monthly walk in the spring. Keep you eye on the notice board (and telegraph poles) for next walk.



Christmas Market

This year the Christmas Market, organised by the Mission Hall Trust, was held on 6th December. Attendance was far better than the previous year – I understand it was really crowded at times. It is reported that over £500 was added to the Mission Hall building fund. Thanks are extended to all those who supported the event.

Christmas Carols

Our Christmas carol singing around the tree supplied by Trinity Street Christmas Trees in December was again blessed with a dry evening



although rather cool. As if to compensate for the dry weather, the carols were followed by a public baptism in the village pond making a very

appropriate start to Christmas week. Many of the carol singers took part in the short service. A mince pie and warming drink was available at the Mission hall afterwards to warm up the carollers and witnesses to the baptism.

Sutton Poyntz WI

The January meeting (which was an **Open meeting**) heard Sally King talk about the World Heritage Coast. Apparently all visitors were impressed with the scope of our heritage coast – which has a similar rating to a small number of world famous areas like the great barrier reef (the string of coral reefs) off the north east coast of Australia. Given time, diligence and effort, our coast line could be developed as a protected international tourist mecca.

Matters discussed by your committee

Spring source:

Wessex Water have nearly completed their work on the water source – it would appear that there is a bit of re-fencing and a small amount of debris to remove. Presumably they will then await the regrowth of ground cover in the damaged areas.

With the removal of the heavy machinery we should at last be able to position the plaque to complete the millennium tree planting. We did note that the trees did not look too happy last year, but they appear to have benefited from a boost of feed provided by Simon during their last growing season. We will have to keep an eye on them.

Planning Matters:

Although there have not been many new planning applications, we have remained concerned on the proposed increase in size of the Waterside / Seaview caravan site, opposing the further spread of caravan sites and the new signs that appeared at the Springhead.

Neutral comments have been sent on planning applications for an extension to a house in Brookmead and the felling of two trees at the mill.

Other organisations

WCS (Weymouth Civic Society)

We have sent a summary of the Societies activities over the last year to be included in the WCS annual report. Their WCS programme for 2004 is included in our diary on the notice board.

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

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