



Sutton Poyntz Society

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SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY - Newsletter No 110 – August 2004

Our Summer Weather

Well we did have a summer after all. There were all those fears that we would have a cold rainy summer. But in spite of some variable weather we still had a lovely day for the Society walks. And although the Saturday before the Victorian Fayre was pretty miserable, the last Sunday of June again proved to be glorious and I think we had the best Fayre so far. The "good weather for events" continued to include the BBQ arranged by the Mission Hall Trust at the beginning of this month. So I guess a British summer is not too bad after all – just a little unpredictable.



Society Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting of the Society is called at the request of 10 members for the following business. Meeting to be held on 24th September at 7.30 pm in the Mission Hall.

“Two years on, from the decision taken at the Society AGM on 9th April 2002 to request Wessex Water to carry out the partial felling and pruning of the tall trees to the south side of the pumping station, Sutton Poyntz, the situation in the opinion of those living in close proximity to the trees has not improved and the Society now request Wessex Water to complete the work and remove the remaining four trees in their entirety.”

Forthcoming events

Cream Teas in the Orchard ..21st Aug
Fayre charity distribution12th Sep
Special General Meeting24th Sep
Christmas Market4th Dec
Christmas Carols17th Dec

Rockers evening

Following the successful Mexican themed supper back in April, the next supper evening organised by the Mission Hall Trust is planned for Saturday 23rd October when the theme will be a 'Rockers' evening. Book your places from Karen on 834105.



Cream Teas in the Orchard

We look forward to meeting you all for a chat with tea and scones (with jam and cream) on Saturday 21st August in the Orchard behind the Mission Hall. Cost will be £1.50, as last year, with teas being served from 3.00 pm.



Before finishing the washing up, we will draw the raffle, which will include numerous prizes. In the unlikely event of inclement weather we will move into the hall – so do come whether rain or shine.



Christmas Market

Following the success of last years Christmas Market, the Mission Hall Trust is hoping to repeat – no improve on – that event. This year it is planned for Saturday 4th December. More details in the next newsletter and posters – but note the date in your diary.

Christmas Carols

The annual carolling around the Christmas tree this year is planned for Friday 17th December when we expect to have Tim West once more leading the celebrations.

Fayre charity distribution

The distribution of funds from the Fayre to the various charities will take place at the Waterworks on 12th Sep at 7.30 when everyone will be welcome. Notices will be posted. The museum is also expected be open on that evening.

Recent Activities and Events

Society Evening Walk 27th May

The evening walk on Thu 27th May started and ended (4 miles later) at the Kings Arms in Portesham. Another enjoyable walk around the hills above Portesham on a beautiful evening was completed with a pint and supper afterwards in the Kings Arms.

Society All Day Walk – 12th July

Our **all day walk** saw around 20 walkers (and a few dogs) enjoy a lovely day where they only got “lost” once. Again the weather was great (I don’t know who organises the weather), with lunch taken at the Marquis of Lorne before the return leg. Pictures, taken by Peter and Rita Riley, are displayed on the notice board.

Our thanks to Richard Backwell for another two most enjoyable walks this year – we must have more of the same in 2005.

Victorian Street Fayre

Once again a damp Saturday preceded a beautiful day on the 27th June when we had our best yet Victorian Fayre. I really think they get better each year - it must be the having to wait for two years. I particularly enjoyed the craft area this year and it was also the first time that I have really walked around the Waterworks museum.

The Fayre committee are to be congratulated as are all those who both assisted and/or attended and helped make it such a successful day.

Your Tombola stall made £766 so thanks for all those prizes, to those who bought tickets and to those who assisted in manning the stall.

BBQ at the Mission Hall

The latest event organised by the Mission Hall Trust was the “Barbecue in the garden” on Sunday lunchtime 1st August. Sixty five persons attended, enjoyed the good weather and the social occasion. It is hoped to make a profit in the region of £200.

Mission Hall Extension

The management committee for the Mission Hall is very encouraged by the response to their letter distributed last month to every one in the village. It related to building the new kitchen and we requested physical help or promise of loans or promise of donations.



Sutton Poyntz WI

The Sutton Poyntz Village WI now meet at 2.15pm with their next meeting, following the August break, being on Wednesday 1st September at the Mission Hall. The speaker is planned to be Mrs Sally Pinhey who is a Botanical Artist.

Competitions are flower of the month and “A Small Autumnal Flower Arrangement”. Visitors

Your Committee

Julia Allen (832759)

David Emery (832907)

Ken Knight (833549)

Tony Bugler (832953)

Michael Haine (832995)

Joyce Litschi (833303)

Simon Emblen (Chairman) (832143)

Sara Knight (Treasurer) (835893)

Peter Riley (834653)

John Sutherland (Secretary) (832227)

and new members are very welcome for the afternoon.

In spite of a little dampness, the members and guests who attended the outing to Compton Acres and Studland on the 1st July had a most enjoyable day. A talk by the National Trust Warden and a guided viewing of the bunkers used by Eisenhower and Churchill to watch the D-Day preparations was an added bonus.

Matters discussed by your committee

Seat donated by Wessex Water

The seat donated by Wessex Water has been sited outside the Mission Hall and was heavily used during the Victorian Fayre.

Silting in the pond

David Emery has been in talks with the council, DWT, WW and contractors regarding removing some of the silt from the pond.

Telephone box

We have written to BT regarding the empty telephone box at the Cart Shed junction – having got their agreement not to remove it!!

Planning Matters:

The planning application submitted by the Springhead for approval of its modern signs was opposed; as were the applications for 6 houses at White Horse drive, a two house development at 97 Sutton Road with new access onto Mission Hall Lane and a two house development at 18 Seven Acres. The latter two have since been approved. Following our concern on the continuous building programme, which appears to encompass every vacant space, we have recently spoken to the Director of Environmental services to ascertain the policy for Sutton Poyntz.

We have not objected to any of the recent applications for felling / pruning of trees.

Sutton Poyntz - Neighbours

Pyromaniacs aware

It is approaching that time of year when the pyromaniac instinct starts to rise. Please remember that on good days, many of your neighbours might like to enjoy the pleasures of the garden rather than the passive smoke that seems to spread over the whole village when let loose. November 5th is the day for bonfires.