



Sutton Poyntz Society

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Recent Activities and Events

The **Summer Walk** led by Richard Backwell, on the 8 Sep, was enjoyed by all. In spite of light rain in the morning, the 23 of us who set off from the Cart Shed had grown to 25 before we left the village. We walked across the White Horse Hill and via Poxwell to Ringstead Bay. The heavens opened as we enjoyed a brunch at the small café but a bright sun



accompanied the 26 of us on the return trip as we walked along the coast path to Osmington Mills and then inland towards home. We did lose half of the group at Osmington where the Sun Ray proved a major temptation. The picture above shows us enjoying a coffee break above the White Horse.

Richard is planning to organise a couple of walks next year for us. A shorter spring walk and a summer walk.

Matters discussed by your committee

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

Planning Matters: Local applications reviewed since the last newsletter are – Greendown, Plaisters Lane; Loose Boxes off Puddledock Lane, Springfield Cottage, Holiday let at Old Dairy Puddledock lane – no comments were submitted on any item.

Doorstep Green: Your committee have continued to look elsewhere (unsuccessfully at present) for an area for use as a village green. We are supporting the Mission Hall Trust in making the old orchard area behind the Mission Hall accessible and usable.

Forthcoming events

Christmas Coffee Morning: A Christmas coffee morning is being arranged for **Thu 4th December at 10.30am** at the Mission Hall where the new kitchen should prove very beneficial. We look forward to seeing you all for a coffee and chat - and I have no doubt a raffle will be arranged. Admission will be £1.

Christmas Carol Service. We are hoping we can repeat the good attendance at the Carol service round the Christmas tree that we enjoyed last year. The Rev Tim West will lead the celebrations on **Friday 21st Dec at 6.30pm** with vocal assistance from all who attend – and I am sure that a few will be persuaded to solo parts of the Christmas message. Afterwards, we plan to adjourn to the Mission Hall for a warming drink where all will be welcome.

Society AGM. No it is not that time yet – but we like to give you notice in the November Newsletter so you can note it in your new Diary that you get for Christmas. Planned date is **9 April 2002** in the Mission Hall when we will also have a talk from Lucy Emory on her visit to Kenya.

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

Other village events are organised by the Sutton Poyntz Mission Hall Trust –see below.

CLIC fund raising

David Albin completed his sponsored cycle ride to raise funds for CLIC, but rerouted to Grenada. He thanks all who assisted.

Sutton Poyntz – Mission Hall

The AGM for the Mission Hall was held on 17th Oct where the previous years report and accounts were approved. The Management Committee were re-elected and requested to continue their good work.

The Safari Supper organised by Jill Caddy and Judy Backwell was consumed on 27th October. Some 42 people participated with three courses served, each in a different

location and with different company. We all started at the Mission Hall for an aperitif and collected our itinerary. We all met the challenge of finding each course (the carrot method). It was quite entertaining to see 42 people wandering round the village on the way to their next course. It sounds a bit like a treasure hunt and - as the Hall funds benefited by £376 and we all had a great time - I guess it was. The evening concluded back at the Mission Hall with coffee and entertainment. Thanks are due to the organisers and to all who took part in the grand repast.

Forthcoming Events A Coffee Morning with a theme of cakes, cakes and more cakes is planned for 19 January.

Following the success of the safari supper, an Italian supper evening is being organised for Saturday 2 March.

Watch the notice boards for more information.

Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE)

Peter Jones continues to represent the Society at the CPRE. Their autumn newsletters are being circulated around your committee.

Weymouth Civic Society (WCS)

Both Tony Bugler and Richard Meech keep in contact with WCS and represent our interest with this body. Corner Cottage in Plaisters Lane and the cottages at 39-43 Sutton Road were commended in this years WCS Awards.

Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT)

Julia Allen represents us with the DWT with whom we are a member.

Other organisations

Wessex Water presented to the Village their plans for the extension of the water treatment works on 23rd Oct. The new plant to filter out cryptosporidium will be sited above the current works in a single building which is planned to be screened by existing woods and some new planting. It will be built into the hillside to minimise visual impact; the colour and materials will also assist the works to be absorbed into the background. The archaeological survey showed very little of interest particularly when compared to the previous survey on the opposite side of the stream. Works should commence next June

Your Committee

Your committee are available for any items of interest or concern
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with a temporary road across the fields and a "contractors area" set outside the site (as used in 1993) with completion planned about 15 months later.

Sutton Poyntz – Neighbours

Continuing our running "census" – we now have 187 dwellings in the village following completion of the four houses at Sunnyridge. As the first resident, we welcome Liz Brierley who is the daughter of our previous secretary. At the time of going to print, we also welcome Mr & Mrs Dye and Mr & Mrs Gunter.

Other New neighbours Since the last newsletter, we appear to have had more changes than usual so we also welcome Mr & Mrs Egglestone to Old Bincombe lane, Mr & Mrs Lane to Sutton Road and Mr & Mrs Morffew to the top end of Plaisters Lane

Neighbourliness Just outside the village in Sutton Road, John and Annette are the new owners of the old chapel which they are converting it into their local dream home. They currently live in Rickmansworth and have an ambitious target of next summer for the house warming. Pop in next time you pass when they are there and introduce yourselves.

Victorian Fayre – 30th Jun

The Fayre committee held their first public meeting on 17th October where they outlined their plans and discussed the charities that the village would like to benefit from the event (to be split 3 ways – Water Aid / Hall / Others). The village directly provides 12 stalls for the Fayre ranging from Bric a brack to Tombola. You will all be asked for your contributions next year – so do not discard those old or new jewels when you have no space for the Christmas presents. The planned Fayre date is **30th June** with your Society again running the **Tombola** stall.

Future Diary - Date clashes

I am told we have a day in Dec where 4 events clash. To assist in minimising this I will put a list of all future events, of which I am advised, on the Notice board as a record for general use.

Ψ ps Happy Christmas to you all Ψ