



Sutton Poyntz Society

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SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY - Newsletter No 96 January 2002

Happy New Year

Hope you had a good festive season and are looking forward to 2002.



Recent Activities and Events

The **Christmas Coffee Morning** was held on Tue 4th December at the Mission Hall, where a large number of us benefited from the new kitchen facilities. We had over 50 people noisily chatting and enjoying the coffee and mince pies. Our funds were increased by £134 with more than half coming from the raffle.

The **Christmas Carol service** on Friday 21st Dec round the Christmas tree was led by the Rev Tim West. It seems the carol singing numbers increase each year and everyone appeared to enjoy it. The weather was kind (if cold) but that made the warming drink afterwards even more welcome. The village tree was donated by Mr Hyde of Trinity Street Christmas Trees from Puddledock.

Matters discussed by your committee

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

Planning Matters: Local applications reviewed since the last newsletter are – Wessex Water Application for filter plant and felling of trees overhanging adjacent garden, Extension to hideaway Cottage, Sutton Road and replacing the touring caravan space at Waterside with static vans.

We requested a further review of the roofing material for the plant to minimise the visual impact of a significant building. We suggested pruning if possible rather than felling of the trees – failing which we recommended suitable replanting. We opposed the change of touring caravan use at Waterside. No comments were submitted on other items.

There was little time to comment prior to the

closure of Coombe Valley Road. We have written to the local council in retrospect, suggesting that traffic diversions via a single track road do not seem the most sensible arrangements and recommending that in any future occurrence they consider longer diversions through more appropriate roads. We have asked their intentions on repair of roadside banks –but I suspect they will be left to self repair under future normal traffic with some road cleaning.

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. You may have noticed that, particularly over the Christmas period, the elves have been busy and the area has been cleared in preparation for grassing. It is hoped that David, the chief elf and his helpers will magic the area ready for use during the coming summer.

Forthcoming events

Society AGM. No it is still not that time yet – but we like to give you plenty of notice. The 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.

Richard Backwell is planning to organise a couple of **Society Walks** this year for us; a shorter spring walk in the evening on Jun 11 or 12 Jun and a day long summer walk on 30 or 31 July. More detail in the next Newsletter.

Other village events are being organised by the Sutton Poyntz Mission Hall Trust and the Fayre Committee—see below.

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

Sutton Poyntz – Mission Hall

Forthcoming Events A Coffee Morning, with a theme of cakes, cakes and more cakes and books, will have been held by the time you get this newsletter. I told you about it in the last newsletter so there is no excuse not to have gone. Summary next issue.

Following the success of the safari supper, an **Italian Supper Evening** is being organised for Saturday 2 March. The menu is:-

“Mrs Bucket’s” Candlelit Italian Supper

Saturday 2nd March 2002

7.30 for 8.00

at The Mission Hall

Melon starter
Lasagne or Vegetable pasta
Tossed Green Salad, Italian Dressing
Tiramisu or Pavlova
Coffee

BYO Wine Tickets £10 each
Book with Anthea 834375 Tables available
for groups of 6 to 8. Space is limited – FCFS.

Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE)

Peter Jones continues to represent the Society at the CPRE. Their 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. We have sent a brief note of our Society’s activities for inclusion in their yearly bulletin.

Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT)

Julia Allen represents us with the DWT with whom we are a member. We are advised that the Portland and Weymouth District Council will be cleaning out the pond in February; the DWT will be keeping a watching brief for us. Contact Julia for any details of the DWT meetings shown on the “Village Diary” on the Notice Board.

Other organisations / meetings

Wessex Water presented to the Village their plans for the extension of the water treatment

Your Committee

Your committee are available for any items of interest or concern
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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 with materials chosen to 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 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

There have not been any moves that we are aware of since last newsletter. – unless you know better. Let me know if I miss anyone.

Victorian Fayre – 30th June

Keep this day free. Its our village Fayre.

Judy Backwell and Ruth Davies will be co-ordinating the efforts for all the village stalls. They will be pleased to accept any contributions. Items required are:-

Costume jewellery, scarves.

Glass, pots, ceramics

Plants, gardening tools and anything from the potting shed.

Books, jigsaws, games

Old and new framed pictures and prints

Linens

All monies raised from the village stalls go to the nominated charities.

Telephone Judy (833349) or Ruth (833798) with any other ideas for stalls or help.

Don’t forget your Society will again be running the **Tombola** stall. Your local committee member (who delivers the newsletter and collects your subs) will be collecting donations for Tombola prizes - we did very well last Fayre both in prizes and funds raised and hope to repeat that for the 2002 Fayre

Future Diary

I have posted a Village Diary of local events on the Notice board as a record for general use. I will add other events as I find out about them. If you are arranging events please try to avoid a date conflict – if you wish to add any to the listing please call me..