



# Sutton Poyntz Society

*Affiliated to the Council for the Protection of Rural England*

## SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY - Newsletter No 101 January 2003

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Well another new year has arrived and no doubt you are already breaking those resolutions that were made with all the best intentions.

Mine was to issue the January newsletter in

early January.



### Forthcoming events

**Society AGM – April 2003**

**Society walks**

### **Society AGM**

A little early to get excited – but we like to give you reasonable notice of the Society AGM – planned for **3<sup>rd</sup> April not the 10<sup>th</sup> as previously advised** in November.

Apart from reports from your current committee, your representatives for the next year will also be elected. Having served for several years, both your Chairman and Treasurer plan to relinquish their



current posts this year so we will be seeking nominees for both these posts and new committee members – please advise your nominations to any committee member.

We are also planning to arrange a short talk from Richard Backwell on one of his walks.

### **Society Walks**



We have asked Richard Backwell to arrange two more Society walks this year. Plan to include details in the next Newsletter.

We have not been advised of future activities planned by the Mission Hall Trust.

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

### Recent Activities and Events

#### **Quiz Night**

The **Quiz Night** arranged by the Mission Hall Trust was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November at The Mission

Hall and was well attended. In spite of the obscure questions one group still managed to get some 90% correct; us mere mortals were happy to guess 50% correctly. The yes/no quiz at half time was won by the question masters wife !!! Say no more.

### **Christmas Coffee Morning**

This years **Society Christmas Coffee Morning** on Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup> competed with many other activities at a busy time of year (and the rain) but still supplemented your Society funds by £43. It was pleasant to meet neighbours in a convivial atmosphere.

### **Christmas Market**

The **Christmas Fayre** organised by the Mission Hall Trust and held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December had a large range of goodies as well as refreshments (tea, pies and mulled wine). Running from 2.00 till 7.00 it was reasonably well attended in spite of the inclement weather. All those who came had a good choice of most attractive goodies and the profits went to Mission Hall fund.

### **Christmas Carols**



The rains just about stopped on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December for our carolling led by the Reverend Tim West. A good crowd of singers enjoyed the get together and many re-convened in the Mission Hall afterwards for a warming glass of mulled wine.

The Society was presented with a cheque for £400 by John Willows from Wessex Water to provide a further seat in the orchard area.





The evening was concluded with a short enjoyable bell ringing.

The Village Christmas tree was provided again this year by Peter Hyde of Trinity Street Christmas Trees.

### **Sutton Poyntz – Neighbours**

Further to the comments in last newsletter about road safety – it has been suggested that anyone walking after dusk would be prudent to ensure they have some light coloured clothing visible to assist motorists to miss them.

It was nice to see at least one new resident was brought to the recent village activities since the last newsletter – there may well have been more.

I haven't indicated new residents for a little while – so here is a catch up; apologies to those I have missed (perhaps you could advise me). Mr Gibbs has moved into Verlands Road, Roy and Sarah Knight into Mission Hall Lane, Keith and Elise Potter, and Ann Rowbotham into Sutton Road. Hope to see them all at our gatherings.

Finally, while talking of neighbours, we were most impressed with the new wall built by the Rileys replacing an old chain link fence along Sutton Road.

### **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 –

“No comments” sent following applications for Stable at the end of Sutton Road; Internal changes at 19 and 21 Sutton Road and the Water Works. Our general agreement was notified for a revised application for 4 new houses in Sutton Road with concern expressed on the increase on traffic.

**Doorstep Green:** As noted above we have received a cheque from Wessex Water for £400 for a further commemorative seat in the Orchard.

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

Julia Allen (832759)	Tony Bugler (832953)	Simon Emblen (Treasurer) (832143)
David Emery (832907)	Michael Haine (832995)	Joyce Litschi (Chairman) (833303)
Ken Knight (833549)	Richard Meech (832680)	Liz Randall (832155)      John Sutherland (Secretary) (832227)

It was noted that a lot of the fruit in our orchard simply fell off and was wasted in the autumn – we should try to ensure that it is used next year; please help yourself.

**Other Matters:** Plaque for millennium tree planting to be fixed to a stone being provided by Mr Jolliffe - when the water works have finished working in the area.

Coffee morning and Christmas arrangements discussed.

### **Other organisations / meetings**

#### **Wessex Water**

You may have noticed that the construction of the Waterworks cryptosporidium plant appears to have come to a halt - having built the temporary road across the field (as used in 1993). Wessex Water have advised that continuous monitoring of the spring source has shown the risk of contamination is far less than originally predicted and they will phase measures to safeguard the spring source. They are considering a number of options and will advise their intentions shortly which they propose to implement this year.

#### **Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE)**

Future events are shown on the Notice board and in the Village Diary.

#### **Weymouth Civic Society (WCS)**

Both Tony Bugler and Richard Meech keep in contact with WCS and represent our interest with this body. The group of new houses at Sunnyridge were commended at the last WCS awards meeting. WCS activities are shown on the Village Diary on the Notice Board.

#### **Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT)**

Julia Allen represents us with the DWT with whom we are a member. Contact Julia for any details of the DWT meetings shown on the “Village Diary” on the Notice Board.

#### **Future Diary**

A “January 03” version of the Village Diary of local events is on the Notice board as a record for general use. If you wish to add any items to the listing please call me.