



Sutton Poyntz Society

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What a lovely summer

Hope you have enjoyed the lovely weather we had this summer – although of course we need some rain to keep the gardens growing and to keep the pond wet.

I did notice that our village ducks must have read the last newsletter, as there were 6 new ducklings on the pond earlier this week.

Forthcoming events

Cream Teas in the Orchard 16th Aug
Sutton Poyntz Village WI 3rd Sept
Mission Hall AGM 10th Sept
Race night 12th Sept

Cream Teas in the Orchard

In spite of giving you good notice of our Cream Teas – we decided that the problems of getting fresh scones on a Sunday has beaten us. So we have rescheduled our Cream Teas this year for **16th August** in the Orchard behind the Mission Hall. Hope this has not inconvenienced any of you who may already have made plans and you can still join us at around 3.00 for a chat with tea, scones jam and cream. Cost will be £1.50, as last year, with teas being served from 3.00. In the (hopefully) unlikely event of inclement weather we will move into the hall – so do come whether rain or shine.

Sutton Poyntz Village WI

The next meeting of the Sutton Poyntz Village W.I. will be on Wednesday 3rd September 2.30 pm in the Mission Hall. The speaker will be Mr Andy Daw with a talk entitled "Local Food Marketing" New members and visitors are always welcome. The cinema is having a special showing of the making of The WI Calendar in September – we look forward to seeing the ladies suitably dressed for the occasion.

Mission Hall AGM

The third AGM of the Mission Hall is planned for Wed 10th Sept at 8.00 pm. Everyone is invited.

Race Night

Another Race Night is being organised by the

Mission Hall Trust for Friday 12th Sept. The last one, which was some 18 months ago, was a great success. Tickets and further details available from Mission Hall Trust committee (or see posters).

Village Rambling

Several walkers enjoyed Richards two walks this year so much that they are planning an informal village ramble each month. The intention is that each walk will be organised by a different person with Maureen Morris organising the first walk (hopefully in August). Register your interest with Maureen (835533) or keep your eye on the Notice board for further details.

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

Recent Activities and Events

Society Summer Walk

Richard Backwell arranged for a lovely day for our all day walk this year on the 4th June. About 18 of us started from Milton Abbas at 9.30 am and walking initially westwards via Hilton and Lower Ansty to the Dorsetshire Gap. After a short stop for refreshments, we placed our orders for lunch at the Fox Inn at Ansty. We did spot a field of what we thought were rather unusual plants - which subsequently turned out to be lupins. After generous meals at The Fox, we completed a most enjoyable day by walking back to Milton Abbas – a little slower than we set off.



?? Quiz Night ??

The Quiz Night held on 7th June again proved quite popular with Quiz Master Simon Emblen puzzling a full Mission Hall. More than £110 was added to the Mission Hall funds with Margaret Tambling, Joyce Litschi, Ken and Peter Knight forming the winning team and collecting the chocolates. A True/False quiz held at half time was won by Peter McCready.

Barbecue in the Orchard

Although not mentioned in our last newsletter, over 75 of you attended the Barbecue arranged by the Mission Hall Trust. I have been told by several

people who attended that it was a really good fun – and it also added some £180 to the Mission Hall funds. I understand that it was so successful, it is intended to make this an annual event. If you missed out this time (like I did) you will have another chance next year to join those who made it such an enjoyable evening.

It was pleasant to hear that not only were there new faces at the barbecue but a good few joined a village pond working party the next day.

Church Crawl

The Sutton Poyntz WI Church Crawl through East Somerset had the benefit of a dry day but a little cooler than early in the month. Together with



WEA Lecturer on Architecture, Mr Alan Penny, they left the village at 10.00, visited first Bradford Abbas and then Monticute which also included a stop for lunch.

Afternoon was on to Muchelney Abbey and finally via Martock arriving back just after 5.30 – tired out after all that crawling. Those who crawled, and those who missed out, look forward to a similar event next year.

Matters discussed by your committee

Planning Matters: Of the local applications reviewed since the last newsletter the following comments have been submitted to the Planning Department.

111 Complement the owner on renovations.
25-31 Sutton Road – concern on traffic from 7 extra homes.

The Weald – we felt the planned garage dominated the property.

45 Sutton Road – no comment

Other Matters:

*** We have entered the village into the Borough in Bloom competition for this year. Judging expected to be in July - appears to have got mixed up with Britain in Bloom judging.

*** Springhead – we have been concerned on the new large signs that have appeared. The planning department has indicated that retrospective planning permission will be required.

*** We have received no reply from First on our query to a possible re-siting of the bus stop.

*** The seat by the pond was repaired very quickly - within a few days of being advised

*** The stile behind Old Stables also got repaired quickly – although not very dog friendly.

*** The local Council have assured us that the

bridge built across the Jordan will not compromise water flow upstream in the village. It would appear that Mr Hudson (who owns the bridge) has made the land by the river so attractive that he is being troubled with pick-nickers and children using the area. He has also asked us to confirm that neither he nor Mr Rookes (who owns the adjacent plot of land where the new stables are) have any intention of putting caravans on the land. *** We have been concerned on recent motor cycle scrambling in the area of Rimbrow Coppice.

Sutton Poyntz – Neighbours

Terry and Ann Beer have moved into Plaisters Lane. My thanks to P Jones for informing me via E-mail (on johnsutherland@lineone.net). Let me know if I have missed anyone else.

It is that time of year when the pyromaniacs amongst you will insist in lighting **Bonfires**. Please remember that many people still enjoy the fresh air in their gardens – so store your rubbish until the 5th Nov and make sure that the wind is strong and blowing away from all houses. Or recycle it through your compost or the councils.

Pond working party

Following the barbecue, David Emery arranged a Sunday morning treat for all willing helpers to start to clear some of the pond. Around 20 willing slaves laboured on a hot morning removing the debris and surplus growth from the top end of the pond. The amount removed is more obvious from looking at the pile now residing in Peter Rileys garden. Our thanks to all helpers – your help is much appreciated.

Other organisations / meetings

Wessex Water

Wessex Water have not responded to an e-mail requesting an update of their current intentions and indicating when the fields might be returned to their original rural state.

Others

CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England),

WCS (Weymouth Civic Society), DWT (Dorset Wildlife Trust)

The CPRE has changed its name to the Campaign to Protect Rural England (although not yet reflected in our letter heading).

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

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

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