



# Sutton Poyntz Society

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## SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY - Newsletter No 105 September 2003

### Extra issue of your Newsletter

You may have noticed that Wessex Water have started construction work at the Sutton Poyntz Waterworks. Your committee were concerned that work had started without any advice on what was actually planned to be constructed - as the last public announcement was a large filtration plant at the rear of the Waterworks. Your committee met with Wessex Water on 26<sup>th</sup> August and received a briefing of their intentions and copies of the scheme. We are concerned that the scheme includes the covering of the spring source and thus propose to display the plans for your perusal at the Mission Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> September from 10.00 to 12.00 and 2.00 to 4.00. We would appreciate any comments you might have.

On the back of this newsletter is a statement provided by Wessex Water.

### Forthcoming events

**WI Charity Film Showing 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept**

**Race night 12<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**Display of Spring Scheme 13/14 Sept**

**Mission Hall AGM 17<sup>th</sup> Sept**

### **Sutton Poyntz Village WI**

Members of the W.I. are planning to attend the charity showing of Calendar Girl on 10<sup>th</sup> September (which has caused the postponement of the Mission Hall AGM). This special charity showing, which is about the making of The WI Calendar, will benefit Leukaemia Research. Further tickets, for anyone else interested, are available from Mary Gracie on 832943.

### **Race Night**

Another Race Night is being organised by the Mission Hall Trust for Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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).

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

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### **Mission Hall AGM**

The third AGM of the Mission Hall is planned for Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Sept at 8.00 pm. Everyone is invited. Apologies for any inconvenience that the change of date may have incurred (due to conflict with the charity showing of Calendar Girls)).

### Recent Activities and Events

#### **Cream Teas in the Orchard**

There were more than 95 people at our Cream Teas on the 16<sup>th</sup> August in the Orchard and I think everybody enjoyed themselves. It was pleasant to see that very few people left immediately after having tea but instead, sat around enjoying the convivial atmosphere. Julia used up all the cream and jam so her catering planning was spot on.

#### **Village Rambling**

The first village "Walkies" took place on 31<sup>st</sup> August when 19 of us braved the Lulworth ranges and yomped around the Tyneham Kimmeridge area. Maureen Morris organised this first walk and managed to obtain an ideal day with glorious sun, clear visibility and a cooling breeze. We even had two extras (numbers 20 and 21) who completed the walk piggy back with their mum and dad. See the notice board for the next "Walkies" expected in October.

### Matters discussed by your committee

Apart from the Wessex Water plans for the Springhead (which is the reason for this extra Newsletter) we will report on other matters in the next Newsletter.

#### **Borough in Bloom:**

As a village we were an also ran in the Borough in Bloom competition for this year - I am not sure who won the section in which we were entered. Perhaps we should have entered some of the individual lovely gardens around the village.

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## Cryptosporidium protection at Sutton Poyntz Water Works

In October 2001 Wessex Water held a public meeting to explain the planned construction of a cryptosporidium plant at Sutton Poyntz water works. Following planning approval building work was due to start in August 2002.



Continuous monitoring of the water quality, however, has shown that the incidences and levels of cryptosporidium are not as high as previously anticipated.

These results led Wessex Water to re-examine its plans and to look into the possibility of protecting the water source from the risk of cryptosporidium rather than investing in a plant to remove the waterborne organism.

By covering the spring source, it is possible to protect the water source before it is exposed to possible contamination. Using this approach – one that Wessex Water has used before – the cryptosporidium contaminants washing off the hillside would be prevented from entering the water source. The work will also prevent access by animals to the open spring source. Having protected the source, treatment by the planned plant would be unnecessary.

Weymouth & Portland Borough Council has been consulted and renewed planning approval has not been necessary. Consent from English Nature has been obtained.

Work has started to cover the currently exposed spring source up to the existing weir where the current inlet pipe starts. The current concrete basin will be part demolished and a new stream constructed from the weir to a pool at the beginning of the current river. The existing pipework will be landscaped and two wildlife pools formed with an access roadway alongside them to allow access to the weir.

When work starts around the spring source, extraction of water for supply to the public will stop until the works are complete. The supply from the Sutton Poyntz water works is expected to cease around mid September. Depending on the weather, it is expected the work should be complete in around six weeks following which, the site will be cleared and Sutton Poyntz will revert to its previous green fields.

Plans provided by Wessex Water are available with the Society and it is intended to have them displayed at the Mission Hall over the weekend 13 – 14 September..