



Sutton Poyntz Society

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Spring is here



All the plants are growing – mowers are groaning back into work (or is that the mower operators who are groaning?). The **Annual Plant**

Sale at Scutt Hall was successful and there are many more plants moving around the village.

Forthcoming events

Society Evening Walk 27th May
Victorian Street Fayre – 27th June
Society All Day Walk – 12th July

Society Walks

The **evening walk** on Thu 27th May will be a 4 mile circular walk starting at 6.30 from the Kings Arms in Portesham. We plan to have supper afterwards in the Kings Arms. Our **all day walk** will be a 10 mile circular walk starting from Toller Porcorum at 9.30 on Mon 12th July. Route goes through Lower Kingcombe, Mount Pleasant, Powerstock to Nettlecombe. Lunch at the Marquis of Lorne. Return via Eggardon Hill and Shatcombe Lane. Take drink and snack for morning break.



Victorian Street Fayre

The planning for the Fayre is well under way – remember to reserve the last Sunday in June (27th). Apparently the stalls are booked and many people are most industrious – lets hope we are as fortunate with the weather as previous Fayres.

Your Society will again run the Tombola stall so now is the time for donations of your high



quality tombola prizes – remember to check that items have not passed their sell by date if appropriate. We hope to repeat the successes we have had in previous years with your assistance.

Your subs collector will also be gratefully receiving your prize donations – or you can drop them off with any committee member. Any volunteers for an hours duty would also be appreciated – contact your secretary. Volunteers for other village stalls would also be very welcome – contact Brenda Smith 833964.

Request from Brownies

The Brownies will have a stall again this Fayre but need your help by filling a Jar. These can be filled with Teabags, Sweets, Jam, Picked Onions etc. Contributions may be delivered to (or collected by) Brenda Smith (833964) 2a Old Bincombe.

Recent Activities and Events

Visit to Waterworks

We enjoyed a guided tour of the completed waterworks scheme at Spring Bottom.

All comments were positive with the growth starting to come through and the constructed rill allowing surplus water to run off towards the pond together with the output from the springs not included within the catchment area. Other pictures were displayed on the Notice Board.



Society AGM

At the Society AGM on Friday 23rd April some 40 members attended. The



Chairman reported on the visit to WW (above); the proposed development at the Springhead; and the Oak tree felled at Old Orchard.



The Secretary reported on the years activities and reminded all members of their essential input to the Tombola stall at the Fayre (see above). The Treasurer presented the years financial report and recommended that subscription fees remain at £2 per family for the next year.

In AOB, after prolonged discussion, the meeting decided that **bus stop** was best left where it is.

Concern was expressed at the excess **PARKING** in Sutton Road to the north of pond.

It was feared that emergency vehicles would have difficulty reaching the houses and Waterworks if required. Unfortunately this fear has already arisen (though thankfully not in a dire emergency) - when the fire engine could not get into position to assist pumping the excess water recently flooding off the fields. (You may have seen the picture in the 11th May Echo of local residents clearing the flood water.) It was considered that, as most cars parked in the area were owned by local residents, publication in this newsletter might assist in solving the problem.

The meeting concluded with a short talk on the career of a "sound man" in the Television business.

Mexican Evening

The Mexican Evening organised by the Mission Hall Trust went with a swing (or whatever is the Mexican equivalent). Everyone who attended had a most enjoyable evening. The organisers apologise that not everybody could be catered for as it was, once again, oversubscribed. Keep your eyes open for the next event.



Sutton Poyntz WI

The Sutton Poyntz Village WI now meet at the new time of 2.15 pm with their next meeting being on Wednesday 2nd June at the Mission Hall. The speaker is Mrs Chris Shaw with her amusing talk entitled "Travellers Tales". Competitions are flower of the month and My Holiday Bloomer Photo.

The outing to Compton Acres and Studland for cream teas may be fully booked – contact Morag (832048) if interested.

Visitors and new members are very welcome for the afternoon.

Matters discussed by your committee

Spring source:

Visit arranged 21st Apr – see report above. A request for a further visit at a weekend or evening has been sent.

Planning Matters:

The planning application submitted by the Springhead for additional accommodation has been opposed; as has the proposal for a two house

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development at 97 Sutton Road with new access onto Mission Hall Lane. Our previous objection to a two house development at 18 Seven Acres has been repeated.

Neutral comments have been sent on planning applications for the Island in the Jordan and Northdown Farm while our support has been sent for the proposals at Laurel Cottage.

Road Safety

We have written again to the council and suggested they consider a "Please drive through the village carefully" sign.

See also the note above on **PARKING** in Sutton Road in the report of the AGM.

Town Environment

We have written to the County Council suggesting that a Travellers camp site was inappropriate along the sea front of a tourist resort (at Lodmore).

Mayors Clean up

We took part in the Mayors (Doug Hollings) Borough Clean up Week. Nine of us donned gloves and took a bag each on 27th Mar. Although the village looks clean at a glance and most people keep the area outside their property clear, we collected nine bags of rubbish from within the environs of the village.



Subscriptions At the AGM it was agreed to maintain subscriptions at the same level.

Subscriptions are now due and will be collected by your collector (together with your Tombola donations).

Sutton Poyntz - Neighbours

I have not included new arrivals recently. Just to let you all know. We have new residents at Laurel Cottage (the Gearys with baby James), Valley Cottage and Dolphins (Barbara and Arthur Lovatt). Introduce yourself to them – if you haven't already

Sheep on the hillside

Some of the **Farm Gates** have been left open allowing the stock to roam. If you spot anyone leaving gates open please advise them that there is stock on the hillside – if you see any gates left open, please close them.