



Sutton Poyntz Society

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SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY - Newsletter No 111 – November 2004

Autumn

Autumn has arrived with some varied weather. It seems a long while since our last newsletter in August. We have had our local flood, with the cottages by the pond getting flooded by water running off the fields and visiting them on the way down to the pond. This unwanted event also highlighted the problem of parking in the area at the north of the pond, as the fire engine could not reach the affected properties. A notice, requesting no parking on one side of the road, has been posted.

Forthcoming events

Mission Hall AGM	19th Nov
Quiz Night.....	19th Nov
Christmas Market	4th Dec
Christmas Carols	17th Dec

Mission Hall AGM

The Mission AGM or Open Meeting is being held this year on 19th November at 7.00 pm. All are welcome. Immediately following the AGM a ----

Quiz Night

Is planned – starting at 8.00 pm. Previous quiz nights have been very popular – with a miscellany of questions on a variety of topics. Book your table for 4 with Simon Emblen on 832143.

Christmas Market

Following the success of last years Christmas Market, the Mission Hall Trust is hoping to repeat – no improve on – that event. This year it is planned for Saturday 4th December running from 2.00 pm to 7.00 pm. All things Christmassy are planned to be available including cakes, handicrafts, flowers etc (and a raffle). Coffee/Tea and Mince pies will be available all day with mulled wine after 5.00 pm. See posters for more details.



Christmas Carols

The annual carolling around the Christmas tree this year is planned for Friday 17th December when we

expect to have Tim West once more leading the celebrations. There is a possibility that the Christmas tree may be sited at the Mission Hall this year – but I am sure you will find it at 6.30 pm when the singing will begin.

Recent Activities and Events

Cream Teas in the Orchard

Although it seems a long while ago now, 77 of us enjoyed a beautiful day in the orchard - back in August chatting and munching our way through the tea and scones provided by Julia Allen and Sara Knight.



The raffle raised £58 which we donated to the Mission Hall extension fund.

Fayre charity distribution

The distribution of funds from the Fayre to the various charities took place at the Waterworks on 12th September. The £13000 donated to the agreed charities was the climax of the Village biennial Fayre – once more, all who participated in any way, are to be congratulated.

Society Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting of the Society was held on 24th September at the Mission Hall. Some 43 members debated the problems caused by rooks and high trees experienced by the residents adjacent to the south boundary of the Waterworks. A motion requesting further consultation and exploration of possible solutions to the bird problems prior to any actions resulting from the meeting was passed. The meeting was closed at 8.45 without any other decisions.

Rockers evening

Saturday 23rd October saw the Mission Hall rocking with some 45 Mods and Rockers who had a “brill” evening. All joined in the occasion, in appropriate dress, to enjoy a 60’s evening with fish



and chips supper, 60's picture quiz and – well they all appeared to have a great time. We await the next event with interest and impatience.

Mission Hall Extension



The management committee for the Mission Hall is proceeding with the extension as a home build project. Perhaps we will be on the "tele" yet. I am sure there will be more detail at the AGM.

Sutton Poyntz WI

The next meeting of the Sutton Poyntz WI is on 1st Dec starting with Christmas Flower Arranging with Mrs Annette Parker (changed from Nov). Having created the Christmas arrangements, the meeting will continue into the Christmas party and Christmas carol singing. Although a busy meeting, the start time for this last meeting of 2004 is planned to be 3.30 pm.

A talk on Health and Chemicals by Mrs Bronwen Jones is the subject of the January meeting on the 5th January at the normal time of 2.15 pm. The monthly competition will continue in a similar vein with the topic of "An Old Recipe for an Ailment" – so get the frogs legs and bats wings out.

Matters discussed by your committee

Silting in the pond

Talks on de-silting of the pond have progressed with the planned contractor (Alaska Contracting) applying for approval from the Environment Agency, before starting activities. The current plan is to pump the pond dry(ish), remove the excess silt and then let the pond refill itself. Action should be visible in the spring - before nesting etc. Wessex Water, the Council and Dorset Wildlife Trust and the Environment Agency are all involved with the contractor to ensure all aspects are considered. Should be quite fascinating to see – it is quite a long time since the pond was last de-silted.

Planning Matters:

Continuing our discussions with the Weymouth and Portland council, we have had a meeting with

Your Committee

Your committee are available for any items of interest or concern

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the planners. They have indicated the general guidelines and constraints under which planning is conducted. We believe we have a constructive relationship and understand the changing rules which get highlighted from time to time in the press.

We have submitted objections to the planning applications for 6 houses at White Horse drive and the Springhead accommodation block. For the applications for Upwater Barn, Smithy cottage, 34 Sutton Rd we submitted no objections – relying upon the planning officer.

We have not objected to any of the recent applications for felling / pruning of trees – we considered that they were all reasonable and left our trust in the trees officer.

Sutton Poyntz - Neighbours

Old villagers

We had a visit in September from a great grand daughter of Mr William James Clarke who was the village blacksmith around the turn of the last century. She left some pictures which are shown in the notice board for interest.

The Wash Area by the waterworks

We have had some interest in the area which used to be used for washing just south of the waterworks. It is mentioned in "The Way it Was" by Clem Mullett and we wondered if anyone had any old pictures or postcards of the area which you could loan us.



Village improvements

We have noted that area around the Jordan alongside Sutton Road has benefited from a general clearance and tidy – Mr Dale and family are to be congratulated.

Lastly, I am sure you will have noticed that decorating and repairs at Scutt Hall are nearly finished. It makes a big difference at the end of Sutton Road.