



Sutton Poyntz Society

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SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY - Newsletter No 112 – January 2005

Another Year

I am sure the years are getting shorter – it does not seem that long ago that we were saying Happy New Year for 2004.

Regrettably, it also appears that there is disaster somewhere in the world at the end of the year - while the rest of the world is celebrating. This year the events in southern Asia overshadowed the end of 2004. However, the response from the public both world-wide and in the village has been inspiring.

Let us hope that 2005 brings better fortune to all.

Forthcoming events

Spring Coffee Morning 17th Feb

Safari Supper 26th Feb

Society AGM 13th April

Entertainment Evening April

Flower Festival 4/5th June

Spring Coffee Morning

Our annual coffee morning this year will be on Thursday **17th February** from 10.30 am. Entry will

be £1 as for the last two years and will include a coffee and cake. We hope to see you all there.

Any contributions for the raffle would be appreciated – perhaps a beautiful but unwanted Christmas present! Telephone any committee member for collection.



Safari Supper

The Mission Hall trust are organising another Safari Supper on **26th February**. Your dinner will be spread over three venues with each of you providing one course – so let Maureen know which course you would like to provide and she will organise your route. Previous events have been well supported, so get your names into Maureen (835533) ASAP.

Society AGM

Although a little early to get you excited – but we like to give you reasonable notice - the Society AGM is planned for Wednesday **13th April** at 7.30. We would like to include notice of any member proposals in the next newsletter due out in March. This will not preclude matters being raised under



AOB, but if they are considered contentious they could be held over until the next general meeting.

Please advise any nominations for your committee, to any existing committee member.

Following the normal AGM business and some refreshment, Richard Backwell has agreed to give a talk on his 2004 visit to Nepal.

Entertainment Evening

We had such an enjoyable evening last year in March, that Dave Caddy is organising a new Village Entertainment Evening. The date is not yet finalised but the event is expected at the end of **April** – keep an eye open for notices. The evening will include contributions by many local stars and will also include a contribution by the village children – last years was a play "The Legend of the White Horse". It should be good fun– keep an eye on the notice boards.



Flower Festival

The Mission Hall Trust plan to organise a Flower



Festival and Garden Show over the weekend **4/5th June**. Any residents who would like to Open their garden (or house) please contact Maureen or Judith (833349). It will provide a great opportunity to show off your plants or

new house conversions (and satisfy the nosy neighbours).

Recent Activities and Events

Mission Hall AGM

At the Mission Hall AGM, held on 19th November, the activities for the previous year were reported. The management committee were re-elected and requested to continue activities for the forthcoming year. Plans for the Hall extension have been submitted (see below) and the work is expected to start shortly.

Quiz Night

At the Quiz night following the AGM, some 24 masochists exercised their grey cells with Simons obscure questions whilst contributing a further £50 to the Mission Hall funds. The prizes were won by the Drakes party who provided the least wrong answers.

Christmas Market

The Christmas Market on the 4th December proved another busy successful day with lots of people and lots of seasonal goods to buy. A raffle and refreshments completed a very busy afternoon where a further £652 was added to the Hall funds.

Christmas Carols

A cool dry evening was ideal for the annual carolling around the Christmas tree on Friday 17th December. Congregating outside the Mission Hall, the Rev Tim West once more led the celebrations with a large throng of singers. Following the carols, Tim adjourned to the village pond and led a Christening service for four members of St Andrews Church.

This is the second year running that Tim has been asked to conduct a baptism in our local tributary to the River Jordan.

A warming drink at the Mission Hall completed a very pleasant evening for about 100 villagers.



Mission Hall Extension

The management committee for the Mission Hall have submitted the plans for the Hall extension - work is expected to start in the Spring.

Work will be co-ordinated by Karen Albin – any assistance will be gratefully received. Any volunteers please contact Karen (834105) for your orders.



Sutton Poyntz WI

The next meeting of the Sutton Poyntz WI is on Wed February 2nd at 2.15pm in the Mission Hall. This will be the Birthday meeting and will be a members afternoon – visitors will also be welcome. A birthday lunch will be held at the Turks Head Restaurant on Tuesday 8th February – arrangements will be finalised at the February meeting.

The March meeting will be held on March 2nd and will include a talk entitled "Not Dead Yet". I guess this is a most appropriate talk to follow the January meeting on the toxic effect of chemicals within our food and the environment.

A games afternoon was organised for the 19th January at the Mission Hall

Matters discussed by your committee

Silting in the pond

Work is still expected to be completed in the Spring - before nesting etc. Wessex Water, the Council and Dorset Wildlife Trust and the

Your Committee

Julia Allen (832759)
David Emery (832907)
Ken Knight (833549)

Tony Bugler (832953)
Michael Haine (832995)
Joyce Litschi (833303)

Simon Emblen (Chairman) (832143)
Sara Knight (Treasurer) (835893)
Peter Riley (834653) John Sutherland (Secretary) (832227)

Environment Agency are all involved with the contractor to ensure all aspects are considered.

Planning Matters:

We have submitted views on the planning applications for the Springhead accommodation block. Whilst we submitted no significant objections to the recent Spice Ship application, we have objected to the request for additional signage.

No objections have been submitted for applications at the Mission Hall, Fox Cottage, Copperfields or 38 Sutton Road – 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



This section on neighbours focuses on neighbours a little further afield – although with a direct input from many in the village.

OKHLE Village in Nepal

A team of 20 people led by Richard Backwell spent 3 weeks in Nepal in the autumn installing a new water supply for the villagers at Okhle in North West Nepal. Richard would like to thank the many people who helped make it possible to provide this basic need.

Richard will give the Society a talk on this trip at the AGM in April.

TSUNAMI EARTHQUAKE Drop In

Following the disastrous event in Asia, Richard and Judith Backwell hosted a gathering to raise funds on the 3rd January. Judy advised that they had forwarded the amazing sum of £650 to the emergency funds. They and all contributors are to be congratulated.

TSUNAMI Fundraiser

In another response to the same event, Diarmuid and Becky MacDonagh co-ordinated a fundraising sale at the Mission Hall on 8th January. This well supported event raised over £1880 which has been sent to the Disaster Emergency Committee fund. Becky and Diarmuid would like to thank all those who helped to make this event so successful – both the helpers and the many who attended.