



# Sutton Poyntz Society

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## SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY - Newsletter No 113 – March 2005

### Another Year

Spring in springing – plants are beginning to grow - notices are appearing for plant sales, open gardens, flower shows and vegetable shows.

### Forthcoming events

Watercolours..... 8<sup>th</sup> April  
 Society AGM ..... 13<sup>th</sup> April  
 Entertainment Evening ..... 14<sup>th</sup> May  
 Floribunda Festival ..... 4/5<sup>th</sup> June  
 Vegetable Show ..... 6<sup>th</sup> Aug

### Watercolours

#### **– Beginners & Improvers**

A new art course is going to start at the Mission Hall on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April**. The course will last for ten weeks and will cost £48, payable at the first session.

Time **2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

The teacher, Bridget Edmonds, is booked and looks forward to meeting everyone.

If Interested, please 'phone  
Judy Backwell 833349  
Maureen Morris 835533

This is a great opportunity to get started and enjoy painting.



### Entertainment Evening

Dave Caddy is organising his Sutton Starlets to entertain this year on Saturday **14<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.30. His Starlets will perform two small plays – "The Magic Flute" and "Saved by Donald's Ducks". There will be other surprises by surprising starlets. Tickets will be available at the door (£3 for adults – children free). It should be good fun – keep an eye on the notice boards for further information.



### Floribunda Festival

The Floribunda Festival is being arranged for the weekend of **4/5<sup>th</sup> June** in aid of the charity Water Aid and the Mission Hall Trust building fund.



Flower arrangements at the Water Museum, Open Gardens around Sutton Poyntz, Plant stalls, Garden sundries, Teas, Coffee and Cake at the Mission Hall.

On - Saturday **4<sup>th</sup> June 12 – 5 p.m.**  
Sunday **5<sup>th</sup> June 11 – 6 p.m.**

Tickets, £3, and programme of Open Gardens will be available from the Mission Hall or Water Museum on the day.

The weekend promises to be a delightful event and gives everyone the chance to see beautiful flower arrangements and visit some of the lovely gardens around our village.

For any further information contact

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### Society AGM

The Society AGM is planned for Wednesday **13<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.30. Following the normal AGM business and some refreshment, Richard Backwell will be giving a talk on his 2004 visit to Nepal.

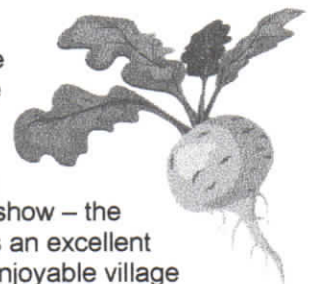
No member proposals have been received at the date of this newsletter. This will not preclude matters being raised under AOB, but if they are considered contentious they could be held over until the next general meeting.

Please advise any nominations for your committee, to any existing committee member. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the meeting.



### Vegetable Show

Some of the village vegetable gardeners thought it might be fun to hold a vegetable show this year in **Scutt Hall** on the **6<sup>th</sup> August**. The idea is not to hold a conventional show – the Gardening Club already does an excellent job of that – just to have an enjoyable village event in the traditional Sutton Poyntz fashion.



There will be classes of the usual kind, but also a couple of less conventional ones -

- "Spud in a Tub" (one potato growing in a pot with an opening less than 15 inches diameter and less than 15 inches high; bring the tub to the hall on the day and the heaviest crop wins). A seed potato (if required) can be obtained from John Crisp (832529).
- "Jack and the Sunflower" possible for the younger gardener growing a sunflower in the garden.

An additional feature – entrants may visit the vegetable gardens of other entrants on a specified day during the week before the show. Winners will be chosen by voting from all entrants – the only entry condition is to grow vegetables in Sutton Poyntz. Entry fees yet to be decided, but will only cover the hire of the hall with any surplus going to the Save the Children Fund.

### **Mission Hall Extension**



The borough planning office has approved the plans for the Hall extension and work has started with marking out and initial ground clearance.

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 Dorset Ambulance Paramedic Cyclist will give a short talk before the Annual Meeting of the Sutton Poyntz WI on Wednesday April 5th at 2.15pm in the Mission Hall.

### **Recent Activities and Events**

#### **Spring Coffee Morning**

The 30 villagers, who attended the Spring Coffee Morning on Thursday 17th February, enjoyed their coffee, cake and chat. It made a good break for the cold weather and was pleasant to be able to meet everyone in the warm.

The Society funds increased by £52 from the profits including the raffle and sale of excess cakes.

#### **Safari Supper**

The Safari Supper on 26<sup>th</sup> February was again fully subscribed and enjoyed by all. The evening was cold but dry – so our short walks between courses were actually quite enjoyable and helped work up an appetite for each course. Most cooks professed their inability and then provided a sumptuous spread – no matter which course they were providing. Our thanks to the organisers and to all the participants who increased the hall funds a little more for our extension.

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

Julia Allen (832759)	Tony Bugler (832953)	Simon Emblen (Chairman) (832143)
David Emery (832907)	Michael Haine (832995)	Sara Knight (Treasurer) (835893)
Ken Knight (833549)	Joyce Litschi (833303)	Peter Riley (834653)      John Sutherland (Secretary) (832227)

### **Matters discussed by your committee**

#### **Silting in the pond**

Work is still expected to start this month (March) on de-silting the pond before nesting etc gets under way.

Apparently the pond will be partially drained by pumping. A ramp will then be built in the side of the pond and the excess silt removed. Finally the ramp will be removed and the pond allowed to refill.

It should be quite an interesting activity.

#### **Planning Matters:**

We attended the planning meeting which rejected the current planning application for the Springhead accommodation block.

No objections have been submitted for any recent planning applications – 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.



#### **Buses**

In reply to a query, First Bus have advised that they have a policy to switch off engines of vehicles which are stationary for more than 2 minutes.



First have also provided a copy of their planned revised timetable from 1<sup>st</sup> May, which shows a reduced service to the

area. The frequency from the Kings Statue is reduced to a 20 minute service with only one bus per hour coming to the village.

They say the reduced service to the village is a result of lack of suitable turning area, congestion and blockages in Sutton Road and falling passenger numbers.



### **Sutton Poyntz - Neighbours**

**House Names** – I was intrigued to notice that house names often get changed when new residents move in – It must be quite confusing to delivery drivers etc. I will update the list we keep in the Society notice board if I spot the changes.

**Ducks** – We could help the local ducks with their excess produce – Ducks eggs are available from Maureen Morris or Dave Caddy at £1 per ½ Doz.

**Trimar** – A sale of "New to You" is being run on behalf of Trimar on 1<sup>st</sup> April at the Rembrandt – see Notice in the Society Notice board.