



# Sutton Poyntz Society

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## SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY - Newsletter No 114 – May 2005

### Summer Activities

Summer must be nearly here – The annual plant sale at Scutt Hall will have been held by the time you receive this newsletter. Keep your eyes open for notices for local Summer events. Notices will be posted in the normal places - on the various telegraph poles and the Society and Mission Hall notice boards.

### Forthcoming events

**Entertainment Evening ..... 14<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Society Spring Walk ..... 19<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Village Cleanup ..... 21<sup>st</sup> May**  
**Floribunda Festival ..... 4/5<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Summer Walk ..... 21<sup>st</sup> June**  
**Village BBQ ..... July**  
**Vegetable Show ..... 6<sup>th</sup> Aug**  
**Trafalgar Day ..... 21<sup>st</sup> October**

### Entertainment Evening



Dave Caddy advises that the Sutton Starlets are ready and waiting to entertain us 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– see you there.

### Spring Walk

Richard Backwell has arranged our spring evening walk for the **19<sup>th</sup> May**. We will meet at the Elm Tree Inn at Langton Herring at 6.30pm and walk to The Fleet. On our return, after our 3.5 mile walk ,we can have a meal at the Elm Tree Inn.



### Village Clean up

Before we entertain visitors to the Floribunda festival we thought we should make sure our village gives the right impression so we would like any volunteers to join us in a quick collection of the odd pieces of litter that have avoided us. We will meet at **10.00** on the **21<sup>st</sup> May** (yes that is cup final day) and spend about an hour. You will not be

covered by any group insurance (as with the Mayors clean-up)– bring your own bag and gloves. Will all villagers please check outside your homes – I found two most unpleasant packages in the bank outside my house – ugh!



### Floribunda Festival

The Floribunda Festival is being arranged on:-  
Saturday **4<sup>th</sup> June 12 – 5 p.m.**  
Sunday **5<sup>th</sup> June 10 – 6 p.m.**

in aid of the charity Water Aid and the Mission Hall Trust building fund.

Tickets, £3, (+ programme of Open Gardens) to be purchased from the Mission Hall or Water Museum on the day.

Teas and Coffee will be served at the Mission Hall. Plant stalls and Garden sundries by the Water Museum.

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 or offers of help** contact

Judy Backwell 833349  
Maureen Morris 835533  
Pat Haine 832995



They would be delighted to accept any plants for the village plant stall and any cakes, jams, preserves etc for the cake stall. They would also appreciate any offers of help.

### Summer Walk

For our summer walk this year, Richard is planning to re-visit the walk from Corfe Castle to Swanage on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June**. After meeting at the main square at 9.45 am, the route will take us from Corfe over Brenscombe Hill and Ballard Down where we will have a picnic lunch. We will continue on to Swanage for Cream Tea and return to Corfe Castle by the Swanage Light Railway. We aim to get the 15.20 (fares £4.20 and £2.70 for over 60).

### Village BBQ

The Sutton Poyntz BBQ will be held on a Sunday in **July**. Date not yet fixed (due to extension work). Please watch out for Posters for details.



## Vegetable Show

Hope your vegetable patches are beginning to shape up. Posters will advise the details of the village vegetable show 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 a fun enjoyable village event. 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).

John Crisp still has some seed potatoes for anyone interested in the "Spud in a Tub". I've collected mine and placed it, with great ceremony and much talking to (as advised by Alan Titmarsh) in a rather small pot (the biggest I had!!) and am now waiting.

- "Jack and the Sunflower" possibly for the younger gardener growing a sunflower in the garden.

John Crisp also hopes to arrange 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 – Watch for posters.

## Trafalgar Day celebrations

Details of our Trafalgar Celebrations will be shown in the next Newsletter – don't forget to keep the date clear.

## Mission Hall Extension

Following the clearance of a couple of fruit trees, the ground works have been excavated ready for the foundations to be started – no they are not for a water feature.

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

## Sutton Poyntz WI

Sutton Poyntz Village W.I. met wed 4th May when the speaker was Mrs Julia Lunn M.B.E. with her video of a presentation at Buckingham palace. There is an outing to Island Garden Nursery on 12<sup>th</sup> May. The June meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> June has Mrs Helen Burdett returning to talk on Psychotherapy.

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

Peter Jones (833288)

Tony Heathershaw (834375)

Joyce Litschi (833303)

Tony Bugler (832953)

Michael Haine (832995)

Peter Riley (834653)

## Recent Activities and Events

### Watercolours

#### – Beginners & Improvers

The new art course, which started at the Mission Hall on Friday 8th April, is very successful with 15 students of various skills.



### Society AGM

The Society AGM on 13<sup>th</sup> April received reports from the Chairman, secretary, and treasurer. The new committee is listed at the foot of this newsletter.

We would like to thank the retiring committee members – Julia Allen, Dave Emery, Ken Knight – for their support and work on behalf of you and the Society.

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

## Matters discussed by your committee

### Silting in the pond

De-silting of the pond was completed at the end of March. There was an article in the Echo describing the process and the team involved. It was interesting to learn that the contractor had been a previous farmer in the area having worked Northdown Farm for a while prior to moving into environmental contracting.

The pond is now considerable deeper and runs cleaner as the ducks do not stir up the bottom so much – some pictures on our notice board.

### Planning Matters:

There have been no significant planning applications over the last two months. With the change in your committee, your planning sub group consists of Tony Bugler, Peter Jones, Tony Heathershaw and John Sutherland.

### Buses

Following the last newsletter, Christine Gates organised a petition requesting First Bus to continue the current service frequency into Sutton Poyntz.

The Society has been advised that First Bus will be monitoring the impact of the new timetable – but they point out that the level of service must be matched by the income it generates.

## Sutton Poyntz - Neighbours

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