



Sutton Poyntz Society

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Another Year

The decorations have come down and we are trying to keep warm while we look forward to the spring and grass cutting. It would also be nice to have some daylight in the morning although it does provide an excuse to stay in bed a little longer. This year we have our biennial Fayre, so keep the last Sunday in Jun free and look out those items that you can contribute to the many stalls that will be run. – many helpers will also be needed to repeat the success of previous years.

Forthcoming events

Safari Supper March 18th
Victorian Fayre June 25th

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The Mission Hall trust are planning to organise a **Safari Supper** on Saturday March 18th. You may recall that the dinner consists of three courses – one in each of three different homes – with you preparing one course. The cost will be £8 a head with all profits going to the Mission Hall Fund. To ensure that you will not miss out, contact John Allen on 832759 to book a place and advise which course you would like to prepare and any special dietary requirements.

The evening will start at the Mission Hall at 7.00 with drinks and nibbles and receipt of list of hosts for each course. The final venue will be back at Mission Hall for coffee and mints and washing up.

Victorian Fayre June 25th



Suddenly June is only just around the corner so the committee meets in earnest this month! They will be discussing the Charities to be considered which will be decided upon at a Village meeting in March; if you have any thoughts, do please get in touch.

Remember, the Fayre is for everyone in the village to participate in and enjoy, so the Fayre committee would be really pleased to hear from all volunteers to assist now or on the day, the more the merrier! The Fayre is not trying to break records, the fact that we have raised huge amounts for Charity is a wonderful bonus. If you can spare a little time or even fancy joining the committee, do contact any member listed below, all ideas and offers of help are very welcome.

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Future of the village

The steering group elected at the November meeting has co-opted a couple of additional members and is now chaired by David Emery. The committee has applied for funds to defray preparation costs and are now actively engaged in preparing for the public consultation exercise in the spring.

The steering group now consists of D Emery, P Jones, T Heathershaw, M Tepper, L Heathershaw, Caroline Richards.

Recent Activities and Events

Village Fayre meeting

A new Victorian Fayre committee was adopted at the meeting on **Wednesday 19th October at 7.30** to start the process for our 2006 Fayre. So its all go for June 25th. See separate entry under forthcoming events.



Trafalgar Day celebrations



Thanks to George and Sally Lunn and a naval squad the celebration beacon was delivered and erected on the hillside in plenty of time. Simon Embley lit on schedule at 7.15 with around 20 spectators.

The Trafalgar feast – 1805 style – followed and went with a great swing. All present had a great time, so good that they could not fit in the raffle. Unfortunately, the numbers were limited by the size of the hall and there were some disappointed villagers – we will have to get our table ordered for 2055 for the 250th anniversary.



Future of the village

The meeting on **Friday 4th November** to give your views on **"What village would we like to leave for future generations"** was



well attended with some 77 villagers showing keen interest. The general view of the meeting was in favour of producing a document defining our village as it is today and the future aspirations. A steering group was formed to develop such a document in conjunction with all interested parties in the village.

Mission AGM & Quiz night

The Mission Hall AGM re-elected the management committee for a further year.



Following the AGM a **Quiz Night** was organised and led by Simon Emblen. A light-hearted evening was enjoyed by all with prizes awarded to the teams with the highest scores and the winner of the interval yes/no challenge. The evening funds of £81 was donated to the Children in Need appeal.

Christmas Carols

The annual carolling was again provided with a cool dry night and some kind soul had spread gravel around the entry to the hall (which had been very muddy due to the extension works).



The Rev Tim West once more led the celebrations with a large throng of singers. Following the Christmas message, Tim West moved to the pond and led the christening service for three hardy members of St Andrews Church. We all drew a deep breath as Tim used the water from the river to anoint each participant.

This is the third 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.

Mission Hall Extension

The work continues on the extension. A serving hatchway has appeared between the hall and the extension. Inside the new building, the walls are plastered and painted with the new kitchen now awaited. Volunteers should contact Karen on 834105.



Sutton Poyntz WI

To celebrate the 90th year of the WI a most enjoyable birthday dinner was held at Cygnets on the **Thursday 20th October**. The celebrating

mood was continued in December with the Christmas party.

The January meeting of Sutton Poyntz Village W.I. had a fascinating insight into life below stairs at Kingston Lacy with the help of some old diaries related by Mr Smith of Kingston Lacy.

Future monthly meetings of the Sutton Poyntz WI are as printed in the programmes.

Matters discussed by your committee

Flowers at the entrance to the Village

Our thanks to Mrs Palfremen for maintaining the flowers in the box placed upon the Sutton Poyntz Stone at the entrance to the village.

Trees around the village

A brass plaque, noting the donors of the millennium oak trees, is with Simon ready to be fixed when the weather is reasonable.

W&PBC have inspected the willows around the pond and have agreed to prune some side branches and crowns. Their current policy is not to pollard.

Planning Matters

Your committee have been advised of the details in the Springhead licence issued in November which allows live music until 11.00 and recorded music to 12.00 when a noise limiter has been fitted. Complete details are held by your secretary.

Your committee has objected to the addition of a third house to the approved plans for the new houses off Mission Hall Lane.

No other significant comments have been raised against recent planning applications.

Sutton Poyntz – Neighbours

1; The Ducks

Although Dave and Jill have moved just outside the village, Dave still keeps an eye on the ducks. Joining John and Julia Allen to put them away at night are Paul Nicholson, Charles Fenn and Rosemary Gough, who all live close to the pond.

2; The Moves

There have been more "For Sale" signs than usual over the last 6 months although several relate to local moves within and around the village. A welcome to Amanda Hopkins and Paul Pierce of Prospect Cottage.

3; The village

You may have noted that the vegetation covering the wall by the parking area at the end of the pond has been cleared away to reveal the attractive stone wall – thanks to Glenn and Susanne.

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

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