



Sutton Poyntz Society

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SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY - Newsletter No 118 – March 2006

Another Year

Spring is here – or so the Met. Office tell us. It is apparently Spring from the 1st of March so that each season very tidily has three months each! The sun and snow have been here together and it seems a long while before we need to be concerned about the Victorian Fayre in June. However, there will only be one more newsletter before the Fayre is here.

You need to consider getting prepared for this years Village Vegetable Show - ready for when spring really does arrive, the show is in August.

Forthcoming events

Safari Supper March 18th
Society AGM April 12th
Victorian Fayre June 25th
Village Vegetable Show .. August 5th

Safari Supper Saturday March 18th

By the time this Newsletter reaches you, all three courses of the supper will most likely be consumed following a busy evening of people moving from host to host. Will include a report in the next Newsletter.

Society AGM Wednesday April 12th

The Mission Hall has been booked for the Society AGM starting at 7.30. Your committee will accept nominations for your next committee and officers – although nominations will also be accepted at the meeting.

Apart from the formal business of electing the officers for the coming year and receiving reports, we will also have the opportunity to listen to a member of our local clergy, Dennis Ackroyd, relating incidents during his activities of "Have dog collar will travel".

Victorian Fayre Sunday June 25th

June is not far away. The Fayre committee will be discussing the Charities to be considered; if you have any ideas for charities, do please get in touch with the Fayre committee.



Clive Davies would be delighted to hear from you if you would like to offer assistance either on the day or beforehand - so do contact him on

833798 (e-mail clive@royalmanor.co.uk). The more helpers, the merrier and the easier! Clive will be taking names up until 25th June.

Your Society will again be running the Tombola stall, which is being organised by Simon Emblem this year. Please contact him or your local committee member with your contribution to our prizes. Your local contact will also collect any contributions when they collect your annual Society subs in May or June.

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Village Vegetable Show August 5th

This year's vegetable show will be held in Scutt Hall on Saturday 5th August.

There will be all the classes as last year, including the popular "Spud in a tub" – one potato plant growing in a pot with the opening less than 15 inches and less than 15 inches high. We will also have one new class this year – a vase of flowers has been suggested. Let John Crisp know if you have any additional suggestions.

A visit to the vegetable gardens of show entrants will also take place again this year.

As last year, entrants voting will choose class winners. Entry fee will be £2 (for any number of classes) to cover the hire of the hall etc. Any surplus will go to the Children's Society.

The only entry condition is to grow vegetables in Sutton Poyntz.

Village Plan

The steering group continues to evolve and now consists of D Emery, P Jones, T

Heathershaw, M Tepper, L

Heathershaw, Caroline Richards and D Manning.

They are working industriously planning the development of the Village Plan. A short note is being distributed to all households in the area advising the planned activities over the next few months which will include:



- A **Questionnaire** to be circulated to every household asking you for your views on community issues
- A **Village Plan Stand** at the Sutton Poyntz Street Fayre.
- A **Village Workshop** to allow the plan to be developed.
- **News articles** in local papers and on the radio.

Mission Hall Extension

The work continues on the extension. A serving hatchway has appeared between the hall and the extension. The new extension is now a watertight shell allowing work to continue inside.



Any new volunteers should contact Karen on 834105.

Sutton Poyntz WI

The February meeting of Sutton Poyntz Village W.I. had the mystique of growing orchids revealed.

The next meeting of Sutton Poyntz Village W.I. will be the annual meeting followed by Social Time. There will also be an exhibition of FAIR-TRADE goods and information

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

Matters discussed by your committee

Appearance of the village

A **brass plaque** marking the Millennium Oak Walk has been fixed to the stone blocks placed alongside the first tree. It is hoped that this single plaque and mounting will prove almost as durable as the trees.

A further **plaque** has been mounted on the celebration beacon noting it was sited to commemorate the Trafalgar anniversary. A picture of the areas and plaques is on the notice board for any member who cannot get up the hill.

The **notice board** adjacent to the pond has been removed for maintenance and will be returned shortly.

Your committee have been attempting to expedite the **pruning of the willows** around the pond which has been delayed due to the power lines passing through them. We will continue to attempt to get a completion date.

Your committee has been in frequent contact with W&PBC to attempt to improve the road condition in Sutton Road that has deteriorated due to the springs. A temporary traffic easing has been

achieved over the cold months, with some salt placed along the roadside and regular visits from the gritting vehicles. Although this stretch of road has had many attempts to solve the problem, we understand a permanent solution is a possibility in 2006.

Your committee has written to oppose the suggestion of converting some countryside paths and bridleways into roadways open to cross country vehicles. We need to keep vigilant to prevent motorised vehicles roaring across the countryside.

Following pressure from your committee, we should have three of the local stiles replaced by kissing gates later this year. We believe that following these replacements, access to all footpaths in area will be more convenient with either kissing gates or a other stiles with an adjacent gates.

Your committee also reported problems in the main sewer from Osmington that runs down the Jordan valley – they were promptly rectified by Wessex Water.

Planning Matters

No objections have been raised on the current planning applications, although the committee continues to examine applications on your behalf. Although outside the village, your committee have raised objections to the planned increase in the area to be covered by caravans at Seaview and also to the vast spread of camping during last summer, across to the coastal path at the edge of Osmington.

Sutton Poyntz – Neighbours

1. The Ducks

Dave is keeping aware of the advice available on "bird flu". No action is currently needed.

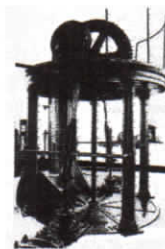
2. The Moves

A welcome to John, Debbie and Megan Elsmore at Sutton Close.

You might like to know that Terremia at the top end of Plaisters is now renamed The Lookout. The list in our notice board has been updated.

3. The Waterworks

And finally you may have noticed in the local paper that the water works are planning a Family Fun Day on **March 19 from 11am to 4pm.**



The museum will also be open giving us another chance to recall the history of water supply from the village.

The springs at Sutton Poyntz began supplying water to Weymouth (or rather Melcombe Regis) in 1856. Hence 150 years later, the Water Works have something to celebrate.

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

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