



# Sutton Poyntz Society

*Affiliated to the Council for the Protection of Rural England (Dorset Branch)*

We all know, don't we?, of the poet who all at once saw a host of golden daffodils... Had he been writing now, William Wordsworth might have been referring to Sutton Poyntz. The Society planted daffs in a number of places in the village last autumn and with those planted round the pond some years ago they have provided lovely splashes of colour this Spring, considerably enhancing the beauty of this area.

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Arising from the A.G.M. and the first meeting of the Committee since then, there are no changes in membership of the Committee or the officers for the current year. And thinking of the A.G.M., as that TV presenter might say of the Sutton Poyntz Players: "Didn't they do well?!" Their play, *The Black Ring*, was much enjoyed by all present in the Scutt Hall. Congratulations to all concerned. A raffle to help with the small amount of expenses raised £22.

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## A Message from the Chairman of the Society

*Britain  
In Bloom*

Last year Sutton Poyntz basked in glory after winning the silver rose bowl in the B-in-B competition, and complimentary words were said about us.

We are entering the competition again this year. Let us all do our best to maintain our usual high standard and, if possible, to make the village even more beautiful. Apart from this competition, the village delights us all, and householders have always made

great efforts.

The general tidying of Sutton Poyntz is certainly well worth while, bearing in mind of course that one person's bed of weeds is another's ecological plot! Dog mess is not normally a problem but unfortunately there have been lapses near the Mill, so would the pooch(es) concerned please co-operate?

We shall have our usual team of trouble-shooters to help if required. So let's all get cracking now that the winter has passed. Green fingers will be much admired - but, please, no strained backs; don't overdo it.

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## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

In addition to our usual summer activities, we will be holding a friendly Whist Drive on Wednesday 1 June in the Sutton Room, Mission Hall Lane, at 7.30 pm sharp. Admission is 75p. including refreshment and there will be a raffle. Mr Gilbert Randall has consented to run it so we can be assured of an enjoyable evening. Do come along and make this, our very first whist drive, a great success.

The customary Summer Walk is on Wednesday 29 June from the village to Osmington and back, with Richard Backwell again leading us. Meet at the Springhead at 6.45 pm. Refreshment can be taken at the Sunray and/or the pub here on our return.

Dorset Cream Teas will be at "Wyndings", Plaisters Lane by invitation of Simon and Dorothy Emblen on Saturday 13 August from 2.30 pm. The charge is again only £1 per person - how do we do it? - and there will be a raffle. There is ample parking in the area of Wyndings.

Please make a note of these events now - see you there!

## PLANNING

Following previous Society policy, the Dorset County Planning Officer was informed of our objection to the BROWN ROUTE envisaged as one of Weymouth's relief roads. The other routes (Purple and Orange) would, in our view, cause less environmental damage and be cheaper; and from the County's own paper it is clear that the Orange route received most public support in an earlier consultation exercise. We have urged that the whole matter should be referred to a public inquiry.

Plans were submitted to the Borough Council for more CARAVANS and other works at Weymouth Bay Holiday Camp. The site being outside Sutton Poyntz, we would not normally comment. But the Society and other bodies have previously expressed concern at the continuing growth of this form of activity. In its revised Local Plan last year, the Council said, for good reasons stated, that "no further development of static caravan or chalet sites should be permitted" in this kind of area. Some years ago, too, Dorset County Council were said to be worried about the over-provision of caravanning etc in South Dorset and especially the coastal areas. At the time, both these views were strongly supported by the Society. We have reminded the Borough Council's officers of all this. That holiday makers love to come to this most pleasant area for rest and relaxation is great, but as regards caravans etc. surely the time has come to say - and mean - that enough is enough (or maybe it should be enough are enough).

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### SUTTON POYNTZ VILLAGE FAYRE Sunday 26 June

The Society is co-operating with the organising committee. The Tombola will be run by members of the Society under the expert guidance of Ron Birch, who is looking for at least 100 prizes. If you can help (and we hope you can) please contact him at Little Acorns, Puddledock Lane (833378) or Judy Backwell (833349). Almost anything suitable would make a good prize. Many thanks.

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At Sqdn.Ldr. Ronnie Waite's talk in March a small raffle was held and the proceeds sent, at his suggestion, to the Aircrew Association Charitable Fund, which has thanked the Society for its support (£22).

The Society has helped financially both the local hospices. The Joseph Weld Hospice Trust is holding a service of thanksgiving at St. Mary's Church, Dorchester, at 3.30 pm on Tuesday 31 May. The address will be given by the Bishop of Salisbury. All are welcome to attend.

Colonel John Poyntz, the last surviving member in this country of the family which nine centuries ago gave the village part of its name, was here recently with his wife. They looked round the area, including the Waterworks museum, and were entertained by Mr and Mrs Tony Bugler. The Colonel sends greetings to all.

Dorset Natural History and Archaeological Society, which runs the county museum in Dorchester, is concerned lest any reform of local government should adversely affect the museum's operations and finances. Without expressing a view on the future shape of local authorities here, the Committee has informed the Local Government Commission for England of our support for the DNHAS's views, hopes and fears. The importance and quality of this excellent museum must not be prejudiced.