



Sutton Poyntz Society

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SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY - Newsletter No 130 – August 2008

Summer Thoughts

Looking back at last years August Newsletter – it was also raining as I sat at the keyboard – but at least the heating is not currently on.

The monster potato yield of 5lb 6oz from a single tub in last years vegetable show was exceeded this year. We must find the secret mix – we could feed the world or perhaps be overrun with Solanum tuberosum! Did you know that Malta exports potatoes and the worlds largest potato producers are China and India with 80% of the worlds crop now grown in Asia – so we have a long way to go.

Forthcoming events

Coffee Morning .. starting October 3rd
Beach StallAugust 24th

Coffee Morning We have decided to hold a regular Coffee Morning on the first Friday of each month, at the Mission Hall, starting on October 3rd. The intention is to simply provide a local spot to drop in for a coffee and a natter – to exchange the local gossip and any other items of interest that occurs. Watch for notices to remind you - and we look forward to chatting to you there.

A Beach Stall is being organised for 24th Aug. Donations are requested of small items such as toiletries, unused gifts and childrens items for the tombola on the stall and also any things for children. Donations to Dorothy or Anthea please.

Report of events



Society Walks - Richard and Mike led our spring walk starting and ending at the Blackdog in Broadmayne. Some 25 people enjoyed a pleasant walk and returned back to the Black Dog in daylight to refresh before returning home.

The day walk on 23rd July started from Evershot with about 20 walkers and again was fortunate with another good walking day.

Victorian Fayre - 29th June

Record breaking Street Fayre in Sutton Poyntz

Reports of the Fayre appear in the Register, the Echo and on our web site. Suffice it to say that by the end of the day a total of £14,000 (fourteen thousand) pounds had been raised for charity making this the most successful street



Fayre to date. Thanks to all of you who contributed, helped or just attended on a day with perfect weather. As Guy Bridge said "We cannot thank enough all those involved in making this such a successful day."

The Society Tombola Stall

Thanks to the generosity of our members, we raised £816 towards the Fayre total. Thanks to everyone, helpers and donors.

Message from Guy Bridge

WOW! What a fantastic day at the Sutton Poyntz Street Fayre on June 29th. May I, on behalf of the committee, thank everybody who attended and contributed to the enjoyment and the funds on the day. I am sure you will all be delighted to know that we are hoping to hand over to various Charities the amazing total of £14,000. The full beneficiary list will be published later in September.

All this from a very small village, with a duck pond and a pub just outside of Weymouth, that parked approximately 4000 cars in fields and saw over 7000 people wandering the lanes.

It would not be possible without the co-operation and support of hard working villagers, on stalls, collectors, parking attendants, refreshment providers, performers on and off stage, the Springhead Pub, the Waterworks, sponsorship from Goadsby, Weymouth Scaffolding and many more contributing behind the scenes. Please accept a huge thank you for all the support from so many people on the day. Look out for 2010!

Cream Teas - A lovely day was provided for this years cream tea in the orchard. The electricity board managed to maintain a supply (you may remember we had to cancel last year due to a power cut). Caroline Crisp organised the scones and tea, which was a total sell out with around 100 people served.

We also held a raffle of the last few prizes remaining from the Fayre Tombola and raised a further £79 that will be donated to the Fayre fund.

Vegetable Show - At this years Village Vegetable Show the winners were:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Name of winner</u>
Longest runner bean	Paul Nicholson
Longest cucumber	Paul Nicholson
Heaviest marrow	Dave Caddy
Selection of herbs.....	Liz Newbold
Three carrots.....	Michael Haine
Three tomatoes	Michae Haine
Single lettuce.....	Dave Caddy
Three courgettes	Bill Egerton

Three beans Dorothy Emblen
 Five soft fruit..... Bill Egerton
 Grown in the greenhouse Paul Nicholson
 Any other vegetable Peter Riley
 A bunch of flowers Gill Caddy
 A bunch of different leaves Pat Bellis
 A plant in an unusual containerKath Nicholson
 Spud in a tubJane Walsh 5lb 8oz

The Scarecrow competition, which ran for the two weeks preceding the Vegetable Show, was won by Anthea and Tony Heathershaw. I thought it was interesting that while my scarecrow was on duty I had no visits from the local deer population. On the first night that my scarecrow had gone, we were visited by our local deer to feast in the garden.

The Vegetable show donated £245 to Children's Society project in Weymouth - "Waves".

Village Plan

John Crisp, on behalf of The Society Committee is co-ordinating progress with each group. If you are interested in contributing to one (or more) of these groups, please contact John Crisp.

The Action Plan groupings and current progress are summarised below:

- Communication – no action (other than Newsletters continue to be delivered to Members and posted on the Notice Board).
- Heritage and History – no action
- Childrens Facilities – Dave Caddy reviewing.
- Crime prevention – Peter Jones relaunching home watch. Everyone should have been contacted.
- Conservation – Committee examining all local planning applications.
- Footpaths – Tony Heathershaw reviewing. We were unsuccessful in our application for artist assistance - see PoP below.
- Wildlife and Environment – David Emery / John Newbould initiating study. See wildlife below.
- Traffic – A notice has been posted by W&PBC, detailing a proposal to restrict parking on a short length of Sutton Road.

Pride of Place (PoP) – It would appear that we have not been successful in our request for funds through the Pride of Place – to obtain artist assistance in generating local maps / walks.

Wildlife - The village supports a number of red data species associated with the Jordan and its catchment (ie threatened with extinction in the area). It would be very helpful if residents could help with some specific species information.

Information needed is:-

- a. Any sightings together with the locations where people have seen water vole, hare, whether they have seen any bats flying at dusk and any birds associated with the Jordan such as Grey Wagtail, Kingfisher, Song Thrush, House Sparrow etc.

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

Tony Bugler (832953)
 Michael Haine (832995)
 Karen Phillips (836330)

Graham Embley (833268)
 Joyce Litschi (833303)
 Peter Riley (834653)

b. Need to know the date of the observation, and precisely where the species was seen.

c. Also need to know by whom it was seen, with consent to supply that data to Dorset Environmental Records Centre in order that the observation may be used by conservation agencies.

Information should be channel through John Newbould (837384) or David Emery (832907).

Matters discussed by your committee

Minutes of Committee meetings – Minutes are now posted on the Notice Board when approved at the next committee meeting.

Appearance of the village – We have objected to the proposal to remove the telephone box near the Cart Shed – although I guess it is only a matter of time before mobile phones will rule it obsolete. It is noted that coins cannot be used in the box now – is this a move to make it more secure or more awkward to use?

Environment Agency

A number of residents from Sutton Poyntz, Preston and Osmington attended a consultation meeting with the Environment Agency in the Mission Hall on July 21st regarding proposed flood defence works in the area. Options being considered are widening the river or raising the banks at particular pinch spots - or building a bund to hold back excess water higher up Osmington Brook. A planning application has been submitted to install some monitoring equipment at Fisherbridge.

Planning Matters

- **Opposed** – Additional house in White Horse Lane; pair of semis replacing the Cart Shed
- **Commented** – 1 Sutton Close 1st floor link.
- Waterside Caravan Park expansion (to which the Society objected) - appeal is due to be held in October in the Pavilion.

Subscriptions

Your collectors have been to most members to collect their subs – if you were missed when they called, please pass your subs to them or to any committee member.

Neighbours

Buses Thanks to First buses who appear to be maintaining their service into the village – the building works in Sutton Road are less of an obstruction and the Water Works are now complete. Hopefully the major problems have now been alleviated but your committee needs to remain vigilant on new planning applications to ensure that inconvenience to neighbours is minimised.

Bonfires It is that time of year when many of us like to spend time relaxing in the garden – until someone has to light a bonfire. If this is you, please be more considerate to your neighbours.