



Sutton Poyntz Society

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Forthcoming events

Coffee mornings..... 1st October

Fayre Charity Presentations 20th Oct

Sausage Sizzle31st October

Christmas Carols20th December

Coffee Mornings – First Fridays

The next season of Coffee mornings is planned to start on 1st October. It does not seem long since we had the last coffee morning of the previous season – but we expect them to be as popular as before. Come and enjoy a coffee chat and meet the village on the first Friday of the month.

Fayre Charity Presentations



The conclusion to the 2010 Village Fayre will be celebrated on Wednesday the 20th October when the proceeds from the Fayre will be presented to the benefiting charities. All are welcome to attend the final event of this years Fayre.

Sausage Sizzle

A **Sausage Sizzle** is planned for Halloween, on **Saturday October 31st** at the Mission Hall from 6.00 to 7.30. As well as the bangers, there will a Fancy Dress Competition and a seasonal Spooky Pumpkin Competition. Keep an eye open for the notices.



Christmas Carols

Carols around the Christmas Tree this year will be starting at 6.30 on **Monday 20th December**. A good noisy crowd is anticipated with the carols followed by Mulled Wine and Mince pies in the Mission Hall.



Reports on Village Activities

Society Walks

1. Around 20 walkers enjoyed a lovely **evening walk** on Tues 15th June starting from the Cart Shed and along the valley to Osmington. After walking down to Osmington Mills they progressed back along the coast path to finish at the Spice Ship for a very satisfactory calorie replacement.
2. The all **Day Walk** with 8 walkers on 21st June started at the Woodland car park near Kingston and walked via Swyre Head along the coastal path to Hous Tout Cliff and back to Kingston. Again, a lovely day with fantastic views and enjoyed by all. The calorie restocking was effected on the return journey with Cream Teas at Moreton Tea Rooms.

The Village Victorian Street Fayre

Although the date was changed from the last Sunday in June to July 4th, the sun shone once again and with a gentle breeze blowing, some 6,000 people flocked to the village for the 9th biennial Victorian Street Fayre. By the end of the day a total of nearly £20,000 pounds had been taken which will allow some £17,000 to be donated to charities and local activities. In addition to this total there was the Goadsby auction and numerous charity stalls which, as well as adding to the general enjoyment on the day, also raised money for their individual charities. Your Society stall contributed £215. Finally - keep **Sunday 24th June 2012** clear in your diary. Yes, we expect the Fayre to revert to the last Sunday in June for the 10th Fayre - in Olympic year.



Scarecrow competition

This competition ran for the two weeks before the Vegetable show. with a very good selection of entrants. It almost seems a pity to have to declare a winner, but the public vote went to the witch along Mission Hall Lane who holds the trophy for the coming year.



Cream Teas – A lovely warm summers day, a crowded orchard, and every scone eaten was a tribute to our enjoyment of the cream teas co-ordinated by Caroline Crisp with a magnificent band of helpers. All the Mission Hall seats and tables were called into use and 100 teas were served.

Vegetable show – This fun show came on the final Saturday of two weeks of activities in the middle of summer. It was clear from the large entries in some classes that beans, courgettes and tomatoes are a major crop in the area but most people obviously also eat potatoes with a big entry in the Spud in a Tub class. As a sign of the times weighing went metric (or John has got some new scales); the range of harvests went from 15g to 2.8kg with this years champion spud title going to Paul Nicholson with the award of a trophy presented in honour of Des. Whether we won any of the classes or not, we enjoyed some really tasty cake with tea or coffee – and £270 was raised and donated to Waves.

Village BBQ - The final event of this two weeks of activities and completing this summer fortnight, was the village BBQ in the orchard which was held on a beautiful, warm August evening and enjoyed by all.

Other Village Activities

- **Village History** – Watch out for a notice of the next meeting.
- **Village Web Site** – The results of work on this web site should be evident shortly – keep your ear to the ground – it will be on suttonpoyntz.org.co
- **Crime prevention** – Homewatch

Peter Jones recently had discussions at the Winfrith Police Headquarters about the way ahead for Homewatch in view of the severe budget constraints to be placed on Dorset police. He was assured that whatever happens in the Autumn spending review front line policing will not be affected. Front line includes the PCs and PCSOs who run the Safer Neighbourhood teams in this area. Sutton Poyntz comes under the Radipole Safer Neighbourhood Team and comprises one Sergeant (Steve Westhead), one PC (Kevin Eames) and PCSO Clive Joyner. The introduction of the Prime Minister's Big Society concept may have some influence on the level of community involvement in safer neighbourhoods. Peter will be attending a conference next month at Winfrith that will be addressed by the Chief Constable. There has been a slight re organisation of message distribution in the central area of the village and Maureen Tepper has kindly agreed to pick up distribution to those members previously dealt with by Helen Hambleton.

Biodiversity Group The biodiversity group has obtained grant assistance to purchase equipment to assist the group in their activities. David Emery reports: that he is looking at the feasibility of restoring some hedgerows above the water works that have declined significantly in recent years.

John Newbould reports - Along with many other village groups, we had a successful day at the Victorian Street Fayre, where we shared a stand with the Wessex Water Environmental Team. This gave a good opportunity to share our activities with neighbouring communities with people from Preston now joining our Monday walks.

One other interesting piece of news this week Defra have announced that the first area to be designated on the round England coastal footpath will be Weymouth Bay in 2012 for the Olympic Games. Well the path is already there you will say with as much scepticism as myself. Well watch this space with interest, as there was large coastal erosion at Bowleeze and Redcliff Point this winter. A small amount of work on the birds in the Osmington patch was done in the spring.

Theatre Group The recently formed Sutton Poyntz Theatre Group continues to go from strength to strength. Since the last newsletter a full coach of theatrogoers have travelled from the village to Chichester Festival Theatre on two occasions, firstly to see the stage version of Yes, Prime Minister on a glorious June day and most recently in early August to see the musical, '42nd Street'. The consensus was that both were excellent productions and the two hours free time in Chichester prior to the

performances was well received. A group of 32 are to travel to the newly refurbished Theatre Royal Bath on September 11th to see a production of 'The Rivals' starring Penelope Keith and Peter Bowles. The final event planned for 2010 is a trip to the Poole Lighthouse Theatre to see a new Inspector Morse mystery, 'House of Ghosts' by Colin Dexter and starring Colin Baker. Several further trips are planned for the new year. New members are always welcome and should contact Colin Marsh on 833892.

Neighbours

- You might have seen the helicopter flying over the **White Horse** or the article in the Echo re the restoration project. There is a good web site - Osmingtonwhitehorse.info – which, in addition to much info on the restoration project and photos, also includes a interesting video from youtube of the helicopter at work.
- Richard at the **Springhead** has advised us that he is aware of problems over noise and asks that anyone concerned to telephone and ask to speak to him personally to make sure that he hears straight away as soon as any problem arises.



Matters discussed by your committee

Planning Matters Following the reports of the planning committee meeting which approved the application in Mission Hall Lane we had a discussion with Peter Farrell, the Chairman of the planning committee, and Debbie Redding, the planning officer. We explained the importance of planning decisions being seen to be fair, consistent with established policies, and free from any sense of arbitrariness. Peter Farrell and Debbie Redding agreed with this and acknowledged that the formal minutes did not present a full picture for the public. They are already looking at ways of improving decision reporting, we look forward to seeing their progress later in the year. We were surprised to be told that written comments on a planning application could be sent at any time, and directly to planning committee members. The significance of the deadline we normally work to is simply that it is the earliest date by which a decision might be made. If four letters objecting are received by that date the decision will go to committee and the deadline becomes irrelevant. Now we are aware of this procedure your committee may well take a different approach when commenting on contentious applications.

- **Commented (no objection)** – **Rose Cottage** Tree pruning – restated view of Society but deferred decision to Trees officer.

Keston Two storey in fill extension. Committee raised no objection (no contravention of Society policy) but requested that construction did not impede traffic.

- **Objected** – None since last Newsletter.

• **A Meeting with our Local Councillors** is being arranged during this winter. It is planned to take the form of Question Time event with questions posed by the audience (in advance).

Your Committee Your committee are available for any items of interest or concern [collection area]

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