



# Sutton Poyntz Society

*Affiliated to the Campaign to Protect Rural England*

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## PLANNING

**Society Planning Policy** – The Society's policy will be reviewed in the next few months. If you would like to contribute, please email [newsletter@suttonpoyntz.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@suttonpoyntz.org.uk). or contact any committee member. There will be an opportunity to discuss the policy at the Society AGM in April. Your Committee's intention is to issue the policy to our local elected representatives, the Planning Committee Chairman, and the Planning Officers. We hope it will raise the level of awareness and understanding of the importance of the Conservation Area to planning applications.

**Weymouth and Portland Plan** – This plan will play a very important part in our ability to protect the Conservation Area. So far as we know Conservation Areas will remain as currently defined and will continue to receive the same degree of attention from the planners. Locally we are very aware of the importance of the remaining open green gaps. Unfortunately, green gaps are recognised by Weymouth and Portland but not, apparently, by West Dorset. The advice for the new (joint) plan seems to be to retain the gaps but no doubt some pressure on our elected representatives would be helpful to ensure that it happens! Several groups were involved in the consultation for the new plan. It seemed to our representative that the output from the group on Tourism was strongly influenced by commercial interests. Specific problems that could affect our village were suggestions for more flexible use of the 28 day permitted development (as used for the Northdown Farm campsite) and less tight control of temporary buildings. You can find more at: [www.dorsetforyou.com/newlocalplan/west/weymouth](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/newlocalplan/west/weymouth) Local residents may well wish to make their views known very clearly to our elected representatives. Since this issue would have an impact beyond the small confines of Sutton Poyntz we should also alert

our friends in Preston. It would be a good idea to make your views known to Hazel Bruce, David Mannings, and Peter Chapman – sooner rather than later. Contact them via the 'Dorset for You' website, go to "Weymouth and Portland", then "Your Councillor".

## COMING EVENTS

**Coffee Mornings** – 10:30 on the first Friday of every winter month, coffee and home made cake. The last coffee morning for this winter will be in March. Spring already!

**History Group** – Another fascinating event – "**Recent Excavations in Sutton Poyntz**" – talks by the archaeologists who have been digging in the village. Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February in the Mission Hall at 7:30 p.m. Tickets £1 from Dorothy Emblen at Wyndings Plaisters Lane. Includes the usual Sutton Poyntz glass of wine!

**Question Time** – CHANGE OF DATE! This not to be missed event is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30 pm in the Mission Hall. Your chance to put questions to Pru Bollam, President of the Weymouth Civic Society, Tom Munro, Dorset AONB manager, David Evans, Weymouth and Portland Council Environment Director, and Brian Ellis our local representative on Dorset County Council. Tickets, with a question pro forma, from any Committee Member - price £2.50. Think up some thought-provoking questions and make it a lively evening.

**Society AGM** – Will be held on Wednesday, 18 April at 7:30 p.m. A few volunteers are needed to join the Committee. We would particularly welcome ladies to keep the Committee balanced. The meeting will be followed by a talk on "The Olympics at Weymouth" by Duncan Flint.

## NEWSROUND

**Road Gritting** – We've seen big yellow bins appear, some in rather surprising places. Eventually we managed to persuade the folk responsible to put one in the most important place, on Sutton Road. We can now keep the bus route open for the benefit of the whole community and hopefully should be better placed to look after ourselves this winter.

**Village Spring Clean 24/25 March** – Thank you to those who have already said they are willing to help. The clean up will be the weekend of 24/25 March, see you there!

**Flower Festival** – This year St Andrews will be holding a flower festival in May. Caroline Crisp is running a fund-raising lunch in the Mission Hall on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Enjoy a three-course meal and a glass of wine. Tickets £10 from Caroline Crisp (832529). Come along to lunch and support this community event.

**Biodiversity Group** – The Garden Birdwatch has been running in the village for three years now, with some 25 participants. All data are stored in a spreadsheet for annual analysis. Sutton Poyntz residents wishing to join in 2012 are most welcome. Please contact John Newbould on 837384 or email [john\\_newbould@btinternet.com](mailto:john_newbould@btinternet.com) You will receive instructions plus a monthly newsletter. We usually ask people to tell us the birds in and around their garden during the last week of the month. The hedge project is now half complete with dead wood removed to be used in a wood-burning pottery kiln. The next stage

is to plant new hedge shrubs and two or three standard trees followed by new fencing. Thanks to Peter Sheaves and David Emery for leading this project.

**Street Fayre 2012** – Don't forget your donations are needed to support the fair:  
**BOOKS** – good quality books to Ian and Sue Locke (4 Sutton Court Lawns, 835116).  
**RED WHITE and BLUE** – treats for the youngsters to buy in Union Jack livery.  
**JEWELLERY** – your saleable valuables to Jean Kirk please (834759).  
**ART and PICTURES** – paintings and prints not wanted after redecorating.  
**SPORT and GAMES** (very Olympic!) tennis racquets, cricket bats, golf clubs, football kit, yachts, kites, walking boots and maps.  
**WEDDING FINERY** – not *jumble* please but stylish handbags and hats, shoes, and wedding gear.  
**GARDEN STALL** – cuttings, filled pots, garden implements.  
**CHILDREN'S STALL** – Good quality toys, books, board games, teddy bears and other soft toys to Linda Obey (833201).  
**PERFECT PRESENTS** – Unwanted good quality presents especially toiletries for men and women.  
**SHABBY CHIC FURNITURE** – to Pat Bellis (Sutton House, Puddledock Lane, 837162).  
**ANTIQUES and BYGONES** – jugs, bowls, vases and ornaments but not bric-a-brac.  
**TOMBOLA** – good prizes please for this traditional village stall to Ruth Davies (833798) or Pat Haine (832995), who are also the Village Stalls Organisers.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bill Egerton (Chairman)	832872	John Bellis (Treasurer)	837162
Shirley Davies (Secretary)	837287	Anne Dye	837139
Karen Phillips	836330	John Crisp	832529
Tony Bugler	832953	John Sutherland	832227
Peter Riley	834653	Peter Sheaves	833338
David Martin	836322	Alan Dawson Hollis	832746