



# Sutton Poyntz Society

*Affiliated to the Campaign to Protect Rural England*

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## **PLANNING**

**No 1 Myrtle Cottages** – Your committee continues to consult with the Planning Office over those details of the construction that do not match the original planning application. A revised Planning Application (12/00604) has recently been submitted, and we are considering our response.

**Littlecot** – The Weymouth and Portland Planning Committee approved this application, although against the advice of the Planning Officer. The Society will remind the Chairman of the Planning Committee that we have previously asked that when such decisions are made, the minutes of the meeting should record the reasons given for the Planning Committee overruling the advice of the employed Planning Officer.

The committee is inviting the Planning Committee Chairman to visit the village, so that we can discuss which developments genuinely “preserve and enhance” the Conservation Area, and help one another to an understanding of best practice.

## **COMING EVENTS**

**Village Ladies Lunch** – Maureen Morris is organising the restart of the Ladies’ Lunch for the second Wednesday in the month starting on the 12th of September. These will be at either the Springhead or the Spice Ship. Please let Maureen know your preference and if are interested in going along. Ring 835533.

**Coffee Mornings** – The first sign of Autumn is that we start looking forward to the Coffee Mornings, at 10.30 on the first Friday of each winter month, in the Mission Hall. The first one will be on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Let's hope for an Indian Summer between now and then.

**Village Weigh In** – These take place on Tuesdays at 10 to 11 a.m. Please ring Maureen on 835533 if you are interested in weighing in.

## STREET FAYRE

Sutton Poyntz Street Fayre was a resounding success despite the weather trying to conspire against us. Without much of the field being able to be used for parking, people decided to park up where they could and then walked in - in their droves.



The Street Fayre was almost as successful (charity donations potential) as 2010. This was due to the immense help and assistance provided by our band of loyal helpers from within the village. Over 200 of you helped on the day including many who helped before and after the event to ensure everything went smoothly. The entire Street Fayre committee thank you wholeheartedly and hope you all had a wonderful day.

It is planned to invite all those charities who will receive money to an evening in early October (date to be confirmed but likely to be Friday 5th October) when we hope to hand over this year around **£14,000** to various local and national charities. If anyone has feedback, good or bad, please send to David Langridge (Publicity) [dlangridge@btclick.com](mailto:dlangridge@btclick.com).



## NEWSROUND

**Jubilee** – A great time was had by all who attended the Jubilee lunch in the Mission Hall garden – although it was not hot, any threat of rain held off. Thanks to Anthea and the Mission Hall team for organising this. We also lit a beacon on the hillside, happily without mishap.



**Cream Teas** – numbers were slightly down this year but thanks to the hard work of those preparing the teas this was again a very enjoyable event.



**Scarecrows** – much pleasure was given to villagers and visitors alike by the annual scarecrow competition ably organised by Dave Martin. This year with an Olympic theme. Dave Martin's diver was the most popular, but surely Dorset Synchronised Swimming has to take Silver.

**Vegetable Show** - Entries were down on previous years, partly due to the clash with the Olympics but more likely because the early part of the year was very poor for vegetable growing due to the weather. There were however some excellent vegetables on show together with fine displays of leaves and flowers, clearly flowers fared better in the adverse weather conditions than vegetables. Coffee and fantastic cakes went down well and the highlight of the morning was the spud in a tub weigh-in for the Des Evans trophy, this year won by Tony and Anthea Heathershaw. A full list of winners is on the web site [suttonpoyntz.org.uk](http://suttonpoyntz.org.uk). Thank you for all who entered and helped and to the organiser – Peter Sheaves.

## HELP PLEASE

**Homewatch** - Peter Jones (833288) would welcome a replacement coordinator for the village Homewatch team to carry out the distribution of information in the central area of the village. Use of the Internet is essential - please give him a call. The new Safer Neighbourhood Team for Preston and Sutton Poyntz is PC Christine Gould and PCSO Debbie Oswald -Watson. They may be contacted on 101. Peter has been in contact with the Police authorities in Weymouth as he felt that little or no relevant Ringmaster information had been provided recently. He was told that due to personnel problems the continuity of Ringmaster may have suffered but this will be looked at. Peter was assured that community policing remains a priority and that budget cuts will not affect the service expected. Peter would like to flag up the services of the Dorset Energy advice scheme Safe and Independent Living (SAIL) which provides a raft of useful advice and support information to remain safe and warm in your home. Please call Peter on the number above for further information.

**Village Green** – this is what we seem to call the bit of grass by Fox Lane where we have put up the Christmas Tree in previous years. Maureen and Tim are handing over maintenance of the area so we need a volunteer team to keep it all neat and tidy. Please contact Bill Egerton (832872) if you would be prepared to help.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

	Chairman	Bill Egerton	832872
	Secretary	Shirley Davies	837287
	Treasurer	(vacant)	
John Crisp	832529	John Bellis	837162
John Sutherland	832227	Peter Riley	834653
Peter Sheaves	833338	Sue Wintle	834209
David Rees	833867		

Forthcoming Committee meetings (7.30, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, in Mission Hall) on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 21<sup>st</sup> November.