



# Sutton Poyntz Society

*Affiliated to the Campaign to Protect Rural England*

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*Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas*

## **AND FIRST, THE REALLY GOOD NEWS**

Most of you already know that the Springhead Pub is under new management. We are delighted to welcome Jo Parker, (the new publican, who is living above the pub), Karen Smith and Nigel Duggan, who are jointly running the pub, along with their team of Sarah, Ollie, Jackie and Gareth. The pub premises have been transformed; the Springhead has been humming during their first few weeks, and gives a warm welcome both for meals and drinks.

Every Sunday, the pub serves a Carvery, with live music from 3p.m. Wednesdays are Pie Night.

The pub has arranged a village Christmas meal on the 14<sup>th</sup> December, which is fully booked, but drop in to see their Christmas menu and make your booking.

They are also running a New Year's Eve "James Bond" evening, for which (at the time of writing) there are still places for aspiring Moneypenny's, M's, James's or Q's.



Let's all help to make this new venture a success. Having a thriving pub is hugely important to the village.

## PLANNING

No 1 Myrtle Cottages – The revised Planning Application (12/00604) was approved by the Council; the Society's response was the only one opposing the changes.

Trees – The tree surgeons are going to be busy – there have been a host of applications for tree felling or maintenance. The Society's view is that the trees in and around the village are important for the village's character, and the stock of trees should not be reduced.

## COMING EVENTS

**Wine tasting evening** – The Society is running a wine tasting evening on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January, in the Mission Hall. Jack de Carteret will bring along samples of different wine types, and will try to help people in their understanding and appreciation of wine, but mainly just in their enjoyment of wine. There will be a chance to test your palate in a blind wine-tasting. Tickets will be on sale in December.



**Village Ladies Lunch** – Second Wednesday of each month, at the Springhead.

**Coffee Mornings** – First Friday of each winter month (last one in March). Mince pies for the December coffee morning. In February, we are planning a lighthearted jam competition, on similar lines to the Vegetable Show – bring along a sample of your home produce, and all then sample the jams (we will provide the scones) and vote for the best presented and best tasting jam.

**Village Christmas meal** – 14<sup>th</sup> December, at the Springhead (fully booked).

**New Year's Eve party** – 31<sup>st</sup> December, at the Springhead (see front page).

## NEWSROUND

**Street Fayre** – A sum of nearly £15,000 was presented to a number of charities, local and national, at a presentation evening on the 5<sup>th</sup> October. The photo below shows the representatives of the 20 charities, along with Guy Bridge and other members of the Street Fayre Committee. All the representatives gave a short résumé of the work of their Charity. Thanks to the 5000 or so members of the public who turned up to the Street Fayre, and congratulations to the Committee for another successful event.



**Armistice Day lunch** – Many thanks to the Mission Hall Committee for organising the excellent lunch on 11<sup>th</sup> November, enjoyed by about 60 villagers in the Mission Hall.

## HOMEWATCH

We have contacted the candidates for the new post of Police & Crime Commissioner, and hope to arrange a visit by the successful candidate.

Remember 101 is the non-emergency phone number for the Police.

## VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

We are most grateful to the nine villagers who distribute these newsletters, and to John Newbould who does the printing. The newsletter comes out five times a year, in January, March, May, August and November.

About 35 people now get their copies by email. The advantages to them are that they get their copy immediately on publication, and in glorious colour! The potential advantage to us, of course, is cost.

If you would like to get an electronic copy of the Newsletter, send us an email at [newsletter@suttonpoyntz.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@suttonpoyntz.org.uk). Let us know if you want to keep getting a paper copy as well as electronic.

## SOCIETY COMMITTEE

We would very much welcome any volunteers willing to join the Society Committee. Ideally it would be good to have a wide spread by age and by location in the village, so that we are as representative as can be in judging planning applications. If you want to 'test the water', please come along to one of our meetings to see what we do – meetings are usually the third Wednesday of each month – see the Website calendar for details.

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> November, 19<sup>th</sup> December, 16<sup>th</sup> January.