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Village Art Group Exhibition

The Village Art Group laid on another marvellous display of their work in the Mission Hall when over 200 people dropped in to see what this talented 15 plus strong group had to offer. I must say that the standard, always high, has achieved new heights, with careful presentation adding to the quality of the exhibition. Members of the group were on hand to talk about their work over a cup of tea and some delicious homemade cake, which added to the enjoyment of a visit.



Yet another appeal for help with the Victorian Street Fayre

The Street Fayre on Sunday 29 June is just two months away. Helpers are needed on the day so contact Jane Young (833408), even if you can only promise a couple of hours. The Village Stalls need unopened/unused gifts, jewellery, posh hats, scarves, handbags, garden accessories, tools, seeds, good quality paperbacks/hardbacks, DVDs, jigsaws, board games, good quality antiques collectables, posh frocks, hats, wedding accessories and small carry away wooden items suitable for repainting. If you have any (or all!) of these, contact Dave Langridge on 834818.

Homewatch

The Dorset Fire and Rescue Service offer householders a free, confidential, one hour home safety check. Smoke alarms are provided free if required. Ring 252600 or complete the on line form at www.dorsetfire.gov.uk for a check. From Monday 5 May Ringmaster Messages are being replaced by Dorset Direct - different name, same purpose.

Society AGM

Over 35 villagers took part in a debate entitled "What good is the Sutton Poyntz Society?" chaired by Councillor Ian Bruce, on what the Society is and how it does its job. Following short talks by John Crisp and Councillor Hazel Bruce on planning applications, the 1999 Village Survey and the 2007 Village Plan were considered, with thoughts that an update to the latter and the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan should be considered. At the AGM items as per this newsletter were covered. The Treasurer's Report was accepted and officers elected, with thanks to those retiring:- John Bellis, Treasurer, and Shirley Davies, Secretary, for their work over the years. Thanks are also due to John Crisp for stepping into the breach as interim Chairman. Under AOB there were mixed views on refurbishing the Village beacon, and the subscription remained unchanged at £4 (£2 for single occupancy). Thanks were proposed to those who provided refreshments and displays at the Society's winter coffee mornings.

Weymouth East Scouts and Guides

Fundraising to send local youngsters Bethany and Samuel to the World Scout and Guide Jamboree in Japan is well underway, assisted by the Weymouth East Troop. Nine troop members spent a day bag packing at Morrison's which raised £450. The quiz night, with delicious fish and chips from Straceys, brought in another £200, and the family Easter egg challenge on a very sunny Good Friday saw lots of people completing challenges and following village trails up to Margaret's seat, a special place for so many families to share the wonderful views. Teddies and soft toys are still needed for the Tombola stall at the Street Fayre. Donations please to Sarah (07769690111) who says she has quite a teddy bear party going on in her garage! Jointly they have raised £1000, and Bethany and Samuel are also doing individual activities towards the £3300 that each needs.

Shortly Betty Hennessey and Jill Small will be retiring from organising the jumble sales and beach stalls which have raised so much to maintain the Scutt Hall for the Scouts and Guides over many years. Both are owed a huge vote of thanks, but Betty would like to find someone to take over from her. If you could help, ring her on 833614.

Planning

The Society responded to the Waterside Caravan park application (WP/14/00153/FUL) for the erection of 28 safari tents for tourist use to replace 74 tent pitches, and 3 tree maintenance applications were noted.

New Nature Reserve Path

The woodland walk through the copse is almost complete. Feedback has been excellent, but within a few days bags of dog mess were discarded amongst the spring flowers, and there have been two incidents of damaged way-markers, perhaps caused by youngsters. It is in the interests of everyone that the considerable time and effort that Wessex Water have spent on this project is respected; permissive paths can be withdrawn if they cause the landowner too many problems! Anyone who would like to help with bio-diversity activities should contact Dave Emery (832907).

Recent events

Well over 40 people enjoyed John Crisp's Wine Tasting Evening, and raised over £100 for Society funds in the process. I couldn't be there, which was a shame as John passed me the question sheet and I answered every one correctly!

Many thanks to all the willing helpers who turned out to help with the Village spring-clean both around - and in! - the pond.

At the History Evening John Willows of the Wessex Water Museum gave a fascinating talk on the history of the Great Eastern funnel. Bill Egerton led a vote of thanks to John, as well as presenting an update on his own recent research.

Forthcoming events

VILLAGE "WEIGH IN"

For those trying to lose a few pounds there is an informal "weigh in" at the Mission Hall every Tuesday morning between 10 and 11 am. Just drop in, jump on the scales and view the damage!! It's only £1 per session which includes a cup of coffee but definitely **NO** cakes or biscuits.

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Not sure this should be mentioned after the last entry, but on the second Wednesday in every month there is a ladies only lunch at the Springhead. Come along, meet old friends and make new ones. Contact Maureen the Mill on 835533 for details.

CREAM TEAS

This very popular event will be held in the Mission Hall garden (or the hall if wet) on Saturday 19 July between 2:30 and 4:00 - no need to book. Price not known but it's always very good value.

THE SCARECROW COMPETITION

This annual smile raising event will start on Saturday 19 July, with the winners announced at the Vegetable Show. There's no theme this year, so let your imagination run riot. Dave Martin will be delivering entry slips in early July, or contact him on 836322. All entrants will be given a number to display on their scarecrow. As usual, voting slips will be available in the Springhead for £1, or more if you are feeling generous - it's all for a good cause.

VILLAGE VEGETABLE SHOW

For those with green fingers the annual village vegetable show will be on Saturday 2 August at Scutt Hall. It starts at 9.30 for competitors to display their wares, with voting by members of the public from 10.30 to 11.30. Light refreshments will be available including homemade cakes. The list of classes in past years has included Longest runner bean; Longest cucumber; Heaviest marrow; Selection of herbs; 3 carrots; 3 tomatoes; Single lettuce; 3 courgettes; 3 beans (any kind); 5 soft fruit (same or mixed); Anything grown in the greenhouse; Any vegetable not listed above; A bunch of flowers; A bunch of different leaves; Plant/s growing in an unusual container. It costs a minimum of £1 to enter any number of classes, the proceeds going to charity. There will also be the famous "spud in a tub" competition for the Des Evans trophy for the heaviest quantity of spuds grown in a tub. Prize giving will start at 11.45. Any queries contact peter.sheaves@btinternet.com

MISSION HALL BARBEQUE

Rumoured to be on the afternoon of Saturday 2 August. Little information yet (i.e. none!) but note the date and watch for details.

FRENCH STYLE PICNIC

Dust off your beret, fishnet stockings and string of onions for a French Style picnic at the Mission Hall on Sunday 3 August starting at 1 pm. On offer are cheeses, ham, quiche, salads etc; dessert and coffee are included. The cost is £12 per head and tickets are available from Maureen.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Committee meetings 3rd Wednesday each month, 7.30pm in Mission Hall. Please contact the editor with news, views or anything of interest.

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