



# Sutton Poyntz Society

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## Village Fayre a triumph

The village Victorian Street Fayre turned out to be another splendiferous occasion. On my arrival toll keeper Dave Morris demanded my three groat entry fee, but promised to care for my penny-farthing as I toured the delights. And what delights there were. They included vintage cars, many of which I had owned in the past; local bread baked by Balfey's apprentices; soothing melodies from the Springhead stage to rival anything at Glastonbury; burgers sizzling on a hot plate, lovingly tended as ever by Paul Caddy; Barbara Harrison in her mother-in-law's very fetching hat, at least 100 years old (the hat, not Barbara); teddies swaying across the pond saved from a watery grave by nothing more than a Boy Scout granny knot; a packed Perfect Presents stall; pints of Pimms and punnets of strawberries; a Water Aid competition to drop a piece of (imitation) poo in the toilet bowl to win a toilet roll; Guy Bridge dressed in a fine 'Brunel' suit, as befits the



engineer of the whole event; foods from far flung places, and also from Dorset; the legendary Mission Hall coffee and homemade cakes; No Mean Feet and the Shoe String Band strutting their stuff on the second stage; karting so that anyone disabled might experience the thrill of speed;

and last, but not least, a fortunately forlorn and empty first aid tent. After some happy hours I returned to my penny farthing, now minus its front wheel - but no heed, it was quicker to carry home than ride - with the thoughts that this Fayre had something for everyone, and everyone was certainly there. Another marvellous day out and all those who helped in any way can feel justly proud of their efforts.

## **Presentation night**

The Village Fayre raised over £14,000 which was distributed to nearly 30 worthy charities at a Presentation Night in the Mission Hall. Cheques were presented by the Chairman of Fayre Committee, Guy Bridge, to the representatives of a range of mainly local, but some national charities. All were very appreciative of the donation, and pledged to apply the money wisely and well. Guy thanked all who had helped, especially Yvonne Emery, the Committee Secretary, and other committee members, which was greeted with warm applause. Guy himself was also warmly thanked for his 14 years over 7 Fayres tenure as Chair of the Committee, and given a bottle of champagne as a small token of respect. He replied that it had been rewarding and worthwhile, and that whilst he was stepping down from the main post he would still like to be involved in the years to come. Undoubtedly the Village owes him a considerable debt of gratitude.

## **And there's been a lot more going on.....**

**Village Vegetable Show** : The new Mission Hall venue proved a big hit with everyone. Voting in the different classes was energetic work. Luckily Ruth Egerton and Anthea Heathershaw were on hand to serve tea/coffee and a piece of delicious homemade cake (some of which I bought to take home afterwards!). The Spud in the Tub competition



proved as nail biting as ever. Paul (Loop) Walsh won with 2.64Kg of potatoes, that's nearly 6 lbs in real weight. He was presented with the lovely Des Evans Trophy by last year's winner, Tony Heathershaw. It would not be

fair to mention that in seventh and last place Mike Haine had 2.5 ounces (but he did triumph in the '3 Beans' category)! Erika Ferrari won no less than four categories, with the others being evenly spread. Bill Egerton thanked all competitors and attendees, and it was decided that the proceeds of £100 would be donated to the Waves charity.



**Pimms and Ploughman's** : Led by Jez Cunningham, the P&P was organised by an intrepid sub-committee who procured delicious ham, cheese and salad accompaniments to go with the oodles of Pimms. The Balfey bakers yet again provided various tasty bread rolls, and the Pimms team sliced and diced fruit. In excellent weather everyone enjoyed a delightful early evening party in the Mission Hall orchard. This really enjoyable event (and highly successful fund raiser) is sure to be repeated.

**The Village Picnic** : Over 60 people arrived for a sumptuous lunch in the Mission Hall. Luckily for those attending, the talented lady organisers of the Mission Hall Trust had taken the wise decision to lay up the tables in the Hall, not the garden. Although on arrival a warm sun was beating down, there was a strong breeze which within an hour had become a gale and the sun had disappeared. Greeted with an aperitif which led on to ham, chicken, two sorts of quiche plus a wide range of salads followed by roulade, fresh fruit, cream, cheese and biscuits and coffee it was a meal fit for a monarch. The 'raffle' was won by Tony Ferrari because apparently he had a ribbon tied to his seat - don't ask! A goodly sum was raised towards maintaining the Hall garden, and when Bill Egerton proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies, it was greeted with loud and sustained applause.

**Cream Teas** : Sue Wintle and her band of willing helpers were blessed with lovely weather for the Cream Teas afternoon in the Mission Hall garden. Over 50 people attended and enjoyed that quintessential English delight - scone, jam and cream washed down with a hot cup of tea. Luckily those who prefer to put the jam on their scone before the cream agreed a truce with those who are adamant that it should be the other way around, and peace, humour and good company were features of the afternoon. Well done to everyone who helped to make this such a successful event.

**Village walk** : Eighteen people and several well behaved dogs met at Ferrybridge in beautiful sunshine. Richard Backwell led the intrepid explorers across the causeway to Portland - yer be dragons? - around the sailing centre to the Blue Fish for drinks and delicious cakes and the obligatory selfies! Suitably refreshed everyone returned across the causeway enjoying the lovely views. Some even stopped at Billy Winters for further delicious refreshment! This very sociable and enjoyable day allowed opportunities for chats between different villagers along the way, and was enjoyed by all who took part.

**Scout Beach Stall** : Mo Martin tells me that the Beach Stall for the Weymouth East Guide and Scout Troop raised over £700. She and Dave would like to thank everyone who donated items or helped on the day, making the sale so successful. Mo and Dave really do work hard on behalf of all the local youngsters who use the Scutt Hall.

### **Planning**

Work on the new development at the bottom of Wilmslow Road has already started, and the planning application for three houses on the Hunt's Timber Yard land in White Horse Lane has been approved. Some recent applications referring to trees have been considered.

### Homewatch.

The local police team (or Neighbourhood Safety Team) for the village now comprises Sergeant Anita Arliss, Constable Jane Bayliss and Community Support Officer Clive Joyner. Entering your postcode at [www.dorset.police.uk](http://www.dorset.police.uk) to see current activities in our area, and police policies, aims, activities and results

### A hot dog story with a happy ending

Peter Jones' red setter Katie disappeared at night after a recent very hot day. Peter searched likely spots and at lunchtime asked the village for help via a Newsbite. Twelve hours after Katie went missing, news came from a fellow dog walker. Peter searched again and eventually sighted Katie trapped deep in the undergrowth and a Fire Brigade rescue officer retrieved the distressed dog. She was immediately taken to the vet who described her condition as critical. On the hottest day of the year she had spent almost 17 hours without any water so organ failure was a distinct possibility. It was touch and go, but thankfully she recovered. Peter and Sue are extremely grateful for the help they received in response to the Newsbite, particularly from Maureen and from Simon of the Fire and Rescue Service. A fine example of village help and co-operation with a very happy ending.

### Forthcoming events

**Coffee Mornings** ; In the Mission Hall between 10.30am and noon on the first Friday of each month, October through to March. Entry is £2 but that includes coffee and cake and usually an interesting themed display. See you there.

### Business matters

**Minutes** of the Society monthly committee meetings are on the web site.

**Newsbites** are brief email news updates circulated between Newsletters.

Contact [newsletter@suttonpoyntz.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@suttonpoyntz.org.uk) to receive these. Jez also displays them on the Cartshed notice board.

**Organising an event?** Send the editor a reminder about a week before it takes place so that a Newsbite can be circulated.

**Neighbourhood Plan** - see progress at [suttonpoyntz.org.uk/neighbourhood](http://suttonpoyntz.org.uk/neighbourhood)

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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Please contact the editor with news and views, but make sure your input is with me at latest by 25 October, ready for the next issue in November.