



Sutton Poyntz Society

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Balfey's Baker Street Irregulars (with apologies to Conan Doyle)

What seems like a long time ago, back in the summer, Balfey - that's Chris Balfe, our own Village master baker - asked for volunteers to stock a charity bread stall at the Victorian Street Fayre. Over 20 people took up the challenge and, following a course of practical tutorials in Balfey's home kitchen and in the Mission Hall, they set to work. The stall was a huge success, and since then the Sutton Poyntz Community Bakers (SPCB) - their official title - have gone from strength to strength. Chris says that the aims of the SPCB are to improve the skills of the community group, maintain social links, and raise funds for the village and for various charities. The bakers give



their time free, claim back only the cost of ingredients and sell a variety of reasonably priced, good quality bread. Profits are donated to charities supporting the homeless and hungry in Weymouth and Portland e.g. The Lantern Centre and Soulfood Soup Kitchen. Any left-over bread is used by them or by those in the village who can't get out easily. With these objectives in mind the Baker Street Irregulars have supplied the Pimms and Ploughmans event and Maureen's Village Summer Picnic. They raised over £135 at the Pop-up Coffee Shop for Children in Need, and now they are selling their wares at the

monthly Coffee Mornings in the Mission Hall, earning over £40 in November and December. Balfey says "When I take bread to the Lantern Centre the staff and clients are so grateful and welcoming that I hope we can do it every month. Our charity fund is now over £100; it could be distributed to homeless charities to help with their Christmas festivities, but any suggestions on how to distribute the funds gratefully received." At this festive season Balfey and his Baker Street Irregulars are definitely demonstrating the true spirit of Christmas.

A moving visit to the Village

When local villager Lesley Wilson sadly passed away John her husband wanted to mark her memory by a donation to the Village. It was decided that a notice board at the Top 'o the Pond would be a nice memorial. Tragically, before it could be erected, John himself died. However the family wished to continue with the notice board as a memorial to both John and Lesley, with a plaque bearing the lovely words

In Loving Memory of
John and Lesley Wilson
who found so much happiness in this village.
May all who seek it,
find their own happiness here too.



Recently Lesley's mother came to visit the village, and family friends Hilary Davidson and Jackie Greet took her to see the site of the plaque. Hilary says " She thought it was lovely and was very moved but felt it was in a marvellous place and that Lesley would have been very proud of it. We

showed her around the village; it was very emotional because the family were so happy here but it gave her a feeling of peace. Her mother loved the planters and whole area around the notice board. A very moving day for all."

Your Village needs you!

Peter Riley is looking for volunteers to bake just one cake a year for the Coffee Mornings in the Village Hall. This is open to gentlemen as well, of course, as anyone who had a slice of Bill's delicious Apple and Cinnamon cake will know. He tells me it was a Mary Berry recipe that Ruth said was 'foolproof'. The cost of ingredients is covered, so if you would like to help, give Peter a call on 834653. I'm going to try the recipe, and if Ruth's right, I may be adding my name to the list!

The History Group have plans to update the Village History. This has appeared in many forms in the past, one of the more well known being that by dear old Fredi Litschi, another is a pamphlet for the benefit of visitors. Amalgamating all sources and adding new research findings will be a worthwhile task, so if you have the time and inclination let me know by email and I'll pass your message on.

And there's been more going on.....

History Talk : In October Bill Egerton reprised his talk on "Owners of Sutton Poyntz" before a packed Mission Hall audience. In his words, this was a romp through the history of the six owners and families of the manor of SP, and a very enjoyable romp it was too. In addition to learning about some of the complex relationships involved and the land control machinations that went on, we also found out why the Bishop of Exeter's steward had to eat his shoe. I could tell you, but then I'd have to eat my own shoe! After warm, appreciative applause Caroline Crisp thanked Bill for his talk. During refreshments afterwards he dealt with a number of questions arising from his talk.



The Scouts Autumn Jumble Sale : Mo Martin tells me that the October Jumble Sale in the Scutt Hall for the Weymouth East Guide and Scout Troop raised over £670. She and Dave would like to thank everyone who donated items or helped on the day, making the sale so successful. Mo and Dave do sterling work on behalf of all the local youngsters who use the Scutt Hall.

Children in Need : Maureen and Hilary had the wonderful idea of creating a Pop-up Coffee Shop in the Mission Hall to raise funds for the Children in Need appeal. In addition to serving teas, coffees and cakes all day, at lunch time there was soup on offer as well. This proved so popular that supplies ran out. They promise that this will not happen next time (which answers one question I was going to ask!). Maureen and Hilary would like to say a great big thank you to everyone who contributed and donated to make it such a successful day, with a special thanks to both Chris Balfe and his BSI for the bread and David Burge for the soup. The day raised the amazing total of just over £900. I think that M&H themselves are due a loud round of applause for all their hard work. Another marvellous village event for the benefit of others.

Planning

A new application - WP/16/00747/FUL - has been submitted for the erection of 8 dwellings on the south site of the land opposite Sutton Court Lawns. Comments have to be made by Thursday 29 December

Spotlight on Committee Member Peter Dye



Peter Dye is married with two daughters, both of whom work in London. He and Anne have lived in Sutton Poyntz for nearly a decade, but have had a house in Dorset since the 1980s. After 37 years in the RAF, moving from station to station in the UK and overseas, Peter and Anne finally retired to Dorset - where they, and their labrador, always wanted to live. Peter was the Director General of the RAF Museum at Hendon and the National

Cold War Exhibition at Cosford. He now focuses on writing, curating exhibitions and lecturing. His first book, 'The Bridge to Airpower', is now available on Amazon and his next will cover the Fall of Singapore in 1942. Peter and Anne greatly enjoy living in Sutton Poyntz and taking advantage of the wonderful local countryside. Peter joined the Committee to play his part in sustaining a vibrant community which they have found both welcoming and supportive.

Forthcoming events

Carol Service : At the Mission Hall on Monday 19 December 6.30 pm Mulled Wine and Mince pies afterwards in the Hall. What better way could there be to see in the Festive Season?

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 including refreshments and usually an interesting themed display.

A History Group Talk : by Harry Barnes on St Andrew's Church building and history in the Mission Hall on 22 February 2017.

Business matters

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

Newsbites are email news updates. Contact 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

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