



Sutton Poyntz Society

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The Village Street Fayre - not long now!

The Street Fayre, an event which really embraces the community spirit of the village, is now set for Sunday 14 June. Planning is already well

under way, and responsibilities have been assigned under the watchful eye of Chairman Dave Langridge.

There will again be numerous locally manned - or should that be personned? - village stalls, the proceeds of which go to charity. The Perfect Presents stall would be grateful for any unwanted or duplicate Christmas presents you might have received, while others would benefit from your

donations of paperback books, antiques and bygonas, gardening tools and plants, accessories, designer clothes, jewellery, games and children's toys, vintage linens, Kitchenalia, craft and art work, small wooden items (e.g. tables,

candlesticks). tote bags and cushions. Contact Pat Bellis (837162) or Hilary Davidson (834479) if you would like further information. Then there are the tea rooms set up in the Mission Hall and Waterworks. Yvonne Emery would be grateful for any promises of donations of cakes to feed the thronging crowds. Jez Cunningham has also put in a plea for volunteers to help on the day and just before with the myriad of things which need to be done - car parking attendants, setting up the stalls, decorating the village and so on. The list is almost endless. Whilst the Fayre may seem a long way off, the weeks whistle by, so put the date in your diary now and keep the week free. You can go on your 'Wrestling with sea water crocodiles' holiday after the Fayre, secure in the knowledge that you have done your bit for the many charities the Fayre supports - and had a good time into the bargain.



Neighbourhood Survey

YOUR VILLAGE – YOUR VIEWS – YOUR VILLAGE’S FUTURE.

There was an excellent attendance at the regular Friday coffee morning to witness the roll-out of the Village Survey. Obviously a great deal of work had gone into this two part document, not least the delivery of it to every household within the village boundary. At the time of going to press there had been over 250 responses and more were coming in. This represents in excess of 50% of the households concerned, a figure significantly higher than similar exercises held elsewhere. A measure, perhaps of the concern that everyone has for the future of the village? The aim date for completing the analysis is by the February Steering Group Meeting. Watch that space!

Progress on the Phone Box and Bench

As you have probably noticed, the vegetation adjacent to the phone box at the start of Plaisters Lane has been trimmed back, and the whole area looks very neat. Work is also afoot behind the scenes to establish a Community Interest Company for the village. This is necessary for legal reasons to do with buying the phone box from BT. The money to meet the cost of the purchase was donated by a well known local resident, who took out a second mortgage for the £1 required. Wood to refurbish the adjacent bench is available, and as soon as we get some decent weather - Mike Blee will be organising a Sun Dance around the pond to ensure this - volunteers will leap into action. Watch that space as well.

Defibrillator

No apologies for reminding you that the village defibrillator is located around the back of the Springhead. Go up the ramp from the lower to the upper car park and it is on your left. Just follow the signs. Next time you are out and about make a point of locating it. Hopefully it will never be needed, but it's best know where it is.

Village events

Some recent events in the village (not necessarily in chronological order) that you may have missed or might like to recall -

Macmillan Coffee Morning

The Macmillan Coffee morning organised by Hilary Davidson as part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning was an enormous success. With the donations at the door, the raffle and the sale of cakes Hilary tells me that the sum raised was in excess of £700! Everyone concerned can be justifiably proud of their efforts to raise money for this worthwhile cause

Children in Need Day

Maureen Morris and Hilary Davidson organised an all-day Pop-up for Pudsey event with all manner of refreshments on offer. The soup makers, cake and bread bakers and everyone who contributed their time and energy - not forgetting Ray Agget who made and sold bird boxes and bird tables for the cause - helped to raise nearly £800

Autumn Scout Jumble

Mo and Dave Martin once again organised the Scout Jumble sale, but as they were cruising around Australia at the time they handed over on the day to Jean Seymour and John Sutherland! Thanks to some gratefully received publicity from the News Room of the Dorset Echo there was an excellent attendance, and well over £400 was raised to help maintain Scutt Hall for the benefit of our local youngsters.

Carol Service

The Carol Service - seems like a year ago now - at the Mission Hall was a lovely occasion. Aably led by Rev Tim West and beautifully accompanied by the Salvation Army Brass Band, villagers and cadets enjoyed singing some of our lovely carols in a beautiful setting and in some clement weather. After the carols there was baptismal service at the pond, followed by refreshments in the Mission Hall itself. This traditional event is a wonderful start to the Christmas season.

Chatty Crafty Meetings

A new group has been established which meets every Monday morning from 10 to 12 in the Mission Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend, as the aim is to encourage villagers to meet for a chat and refreshments whilst sharing their craft knowledge - knitting, crochet, weaving, sewing, embroidery etc. Early signs are promising, so if you would like to make new friends, perhaps learn a new skill or pass on one that you have for others to enjoy do drop in and see what they are about. It's only £2 per session and you are sure to find it most enjoyable and worthwhile.

Winter Coffee Mornings

At the November coffee morning Rita Oxley gave us a fascinating display of her spinning and weaving. Before coming to Sutton Poyntz Rita lived up on the Scottish islands which have a fine tradition of these skills. I for one had not realised the wide diversity of materials that can be spun into thread for clothing.

In December our Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group unveiled the Place Appraisal and two Survey documents, both vitally important for the future of the village. See earlier for progress to date.

Forthcoming events

Winter Coffee Mornings : The Coffee Mornings continue on the first Friday in the month until the last in March. They take place in the Mission Hall between 10.30am and noon, and in addition to the usual coffee/tea and delicious homemade cake you are assured of good company and sparkling conversation, all for just £2 per person.

History Evening : There is just a whisper about a possible talk in the not too distant future. I am hard at work ferreting out information, and as soon as details emerge, rest assured that you will be the first to know. Watch for the Newsbite.

Stop Press

Some last minutes items not included in the hard copy of Newsletter 174.

Wheelchair loan

Maureen tells me that Charlie and Sue have donated a wheelchair to the Mission Hall. If anyone has need of it on a temporary loan, please contact a Mission Hall Trust committee member to take advantage of this very generous gesture.

Forthcoming Events - Summer Coffee Mornings

Bill reminds me, and Maureen confirms that the Summer Coffee Mornings will be taking over from the Winter ones so ably organised by Peter Riley. They will be, as always, from 10.30am to noon on the first Friday in the month from April through September.

Keep a lid on it

Those of you with four legged friends may have noticed that one of our dog litter bins has a new lid, pictured here with local, er, user, Hebie. Our thanks go to Ron Higham, whose daughter Sue lives in the village.



(Please note that no FLFs were hurt or demeaned in the taking of this picture, and Hebie has pawprinted his permission for use of the photograph. Ed)

Profile of Committee Member Liz Balfe

My name is Liz Balfe and I have lived in the village for nearly six years, although I know the village very well, as it was part of my 'patch' when I was a health visitor at Preston surgery in the 1980s and 90s. I am originally from Liverpool, but made Dorset my home 30 years ago, seduced by the beautiful countryside and coastline. I have two grown up children, who are both currently living in London, but love coming back home to the tranquillity of Dorset. I have recently retired after 42 years in the NHS and am currently enjoying my new found freedom, with lots of fun things to do, including my passion for walking in our amazing countryside, travelling and my secret plan for acquiring a puppy! I joined the Society to try to give something back to the local community.



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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