



Sutton Poyntz Society

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And so to 2008

Christmas 2007 has been and gone. All the decorations and lights have been taken down and put away - to be untangled again in 11 months time (if we can remember where we put them). Now into 2008 we can look forward to many events including the 2008 Sutton Poyntz Victorian Fayre.

Forthcoming events

Safari supper 1st March
Society Walks June / July
Charity lunch Spring - TBA
Society AGM..... 16th April
Victorian Fayre..... 29th June
Vegetable Show 2nd Aug

Safari supper

The Mission Hall trust will be arranging their next Safari supper for 1st March. For anyone who has not been on an earlier event – we start at the Mission Hall and then visit a different host for each course with each host providing one of the three courses. We finish back at the Mission Hall for coffee to chat and compare notes.

Costs and details will be published on notice boards around the village as soon as they are available – for any enquiries contact Anthea on 834375. This event has been very popular in the past – so hope to see there.

Society Walks



A spring and summer walk will be arranged by Richard Backwell and Mike Haine. Initial dates planned are 5th June for our evening walk and 23rd July for the all day walk. Further details will be published on the notice boards and around the village.

Charity lunch

After the enjoyable lunches organised by Caroline Crisp last year, a further lunch is anticipated in the Spring – look out for the notices.



Society AGM

The Society AGM is planned for Wed 16th April at the Mission Hall – so make a note in your diary. Your committee (which meets monthly) would benefit from the views of younger members and ladies.

Victorian Fayre

Following from the meeting in Oct, there is enough enthusiasm to start planning for the 2008 Fayre. Major committee contacts for this year are:

Guy Bridge – Chairman
 Dave Caddy – (832595) Equipment
 Maureen Morris – (835533) Commercial stalls
 Mike Nixon – (837331) Entertainment
 Elise Potter – (835475) Catering
 Clive Davies – (833798) Parking
 Julie Pemberton (834282) Publicity
 Judy Backwell – (833349) Village Stalls
 Sarah Ayling – (832758) Craft Stalls
 John Sutherland – (832227) Helper recruitment



Your help and assistance with stands, events and contributions will be essential to ensure the success of the Fayre on 29th June – please contact any of the above. If you wish to discuss anything ring Guy Bridge on 833343(eve) or 257258(day).

Vegetable Show

Make a note in your diary for this years Village Vegetable Show that will take place on Saturday 2nd August. Same classes as 2007, including Spud in a Tub. Seed potatoes will be available from John Crisp around Easter time.

The Scarecrow competition will run for the two weeks preceding the Vegetable Show. This means scarecrows appear on Sunday 20th July and return to their day jobs on Sunday 3rd August.

Report of events

Lunch for Christian Aid

Back at the end of October (seems a long while ago now), Caroline Crisp organised a Lunch in the Mission Hall with profits going to Christian Aid. A very amicable collection of guests enjoyed jacket potatoes and cold meats with a desert of apple crumble. As well as providing a contribution to Christian Aid, the lunch proves to be an enjoyable social event – so much so that Caroline is planning a similar event sometime in the Spring. Keep your eyes open for notices around the village.

Halloween Sausage Sizzle



The Mission Hall Trust organised a Halloween Sausage Sizzle for the younger members of the Village. It was great to see so many of our younger villagers enjoying a barbie and bobbing for apples. Pumpkins were brought and lit up at the end of the day.

Christmas Carols

Our carol singing this (last) year moved to the pond side and was led as usual by Tim West. A good crowd sang on a very cold evening while the waters of the pond were undoubtedly cooler. Warming sustenance was available after in the Mission Hall. Carols this year include a few totally new to your secretary.

Village Plan

The Village Plan - Community Survey & Action Plan 2007 - has been completed and the Society will now be looking to progress the aims of the Action Plan. A loan copy of The Village Plan is available from any of your committee members.

For those with internet access it is also available on the Dorset County Council Website "Dorsetforyou" web site under the URL <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/index.jsp?articleid=330473> where the Sutton Poyntz Village Plan is one of some 54 Village and Parish plans that are available for anyone to view (and download). It is anticipated that links will also be available on-line at the web sites of Weymouth and Portland Borough Council (Weymouth.gov.uk), and the Weymouth and Portland Partnership (Weymouthandportlandpartnership.org).

Mission Hall

The winter has been tamed with heaters now provided in the new extension area. It is getting more comfortable than home. No-one claimed the free cruise for noticing which window had been replaced as mentioned in the last newsletter - shows what a good match it was to the originals!!
See above re Safari Supper.

Art Group

Members and friends of the Sutton Poyntz Art Group raised £135 for Water Aid during a one day workshop organised by local artist Roy Winstanley on 24 September 2007 at the Mission Hall. A great time was had by all, experimenting with everything from left over emulsion, tile grout, watercolour, acrylics & ink on all sorts of surfaces including corrugated cardboard, fabrics and paper. After lunch, provided by Roy and wife Jean, lessons learnt during the morning session were used to create abstract masterpieces in the afternoon! It is hoped that it might be possible to repeat the experience at some time in the future.

Sutton Poyntz Village WI

Since the last Newsletter, the SP Village WI have had three meetings and also visited Salisbury to attend the carol service in the cathedral. The members provided entertainment at the Christmas party whilst the other meetings hosted talks on Pottery and Reflexology.

Future meetings of the SP Village WI are as shown in the current programme with Bonny Sartin (of the Yetties) coming to the February meeting to talk about smuggling along the South coast.

Matters discussed by your committee

Appearance of the village - The Borough have trimmed back the willows around the pond - a big improvement. More significant trimming still awaits the co-operation of the Electricity board as the cables pass through the trees.

Planning Matters

- **Consultation** - Following the response from your committee to the consultation documents issued by W&PBC and W&P Partnership relating to the Local Development Framework and the Community Plan, on 28th Nov we discussed the views of the village with Peter Chapman and Brian Ellis. (Unfortunately Hazel Bruce could not join us on that date). We look forward to the continued support from our councillors in our endeavours to ensure that Sutton Poyntz remains the delightful village that we all love.
- **Opposed** - Your committee has opposed the Waterside application to replace touring caravans with static caravans.
- **Comments** - We have commented on a proposed refurbishment for Myrtle Cottage.
- **No objections** - Spring Bank extension; fell a gum tree at Clyffe Cottage, True Blue extension, Cobtree cottage tree works.
- No other planning applications have been published since the last newsletter.

HGVs driving through the village - We have been in contact with the mapping supplier for "Sat Navs" who advise that satnavs were aimed at the private motorist and were inappropriate to be used by lorry drivers. However, they also advised that "As of October (07), we now produce a version of our data, which includes HGV restrictions, so hopefully the system manufacturers will be able to produce navigation devices appropriate for use in HGV's. You should understand, this is not within our control."

This has not solved the problem but it is one step along the way.

Neighbours

Dorchester Library has advised us that they are hosting an illustrated talk by the authors of a new book "The Manor Houses of Dorset". Tickets cost £2 and are available from the Library - the talk is on 31st Jan at 7pm.

The **ladies luncheon club** has moved to the second Wednesday in the month at the Springhead. Give Debbie a ring on 832117 if you plan on going.

Those with a computer may be interested in the **blog** at <http://www.helenmarygee.co.uk> covering the cruise of a couple from the village, which started with a race across the Atlantic.

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