



Sutton Poyntz Society

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SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY - Newsletter No 129 – May 2008

Summer is around the corner

This is the last Newsletter before the **Sutton Poyntz Fayre**, and we need the support from you all. So this issue highlights the support so many of you provide for the Fayre – please keep it up and enjoy it again this year.

Forthcoming events

Society WalksJune / July

Victorian Fayre..... 29th June

Vegetable Show 2nd Aug

Society Walks



Richard and Mike will lead our spring walk, on 5th June, which will be centred on the Blackdog at Broadmayne. Reserve **23rd July** for the all day walk. Further details will be published on the notice boards and around the village.

Victorian Fayre - 29th June

Arrangements are progressing well. The Village stalls are vitally important at the Street Fayre as they create a large proportion of the funds raised for our chosen charities. We need your donations and we would be pleased to accept them for the following stalls. Contact the names below or Judy Backwell (833349) or any Society committee member.

Donations required for:-

Perfect Presents Pat Haine (832995) Any item for this stall which you would like to give, or receive, as a present. Adult or Child.

Accessories Ruth Davies (833798) A very popular stall. Any accessory – e.g. bag, hat, scarf, jewellery, sunglasses, bangles etc.

Gardening Stall Paul Nicholson (835681) Any articles associated with gardening – pots, tools, fresh fruit, vegetables, flowers etc.

When you plant up a pot for your garden, why not make up another that could be sold on this stall. Summer plants in containers that could be carried to the car would be very popular.

Books Caroline Crisp (832529) Adult and Childrens books in very good condition please. (No text books.)

Antiques and Bygones Vera Flower (833031) Everyone enjoys browsing through this stall. Vera will be organising and running this stall which has been very successful in previous years.

Brownies (Maureen Bond 834012) As in previous years, they will be looking for filled jars to sell.

Society Tombola Stall (John Crisp) Our new Chairman is co-ordinating our Tombola stall this year. **Your committee members will be collecting your donations for this stall run by your Society.** We hope to at least equal the success of previous years. Your committee will also collect items for any of the other village stalls that you would like to donate.

Your help and assistance with manning stands and contributions will be essential to ensure the success of the Fayre on 29th June – please contact any of the above, your Society committee or Guy Bridge on 833343(eve) or 257258(day).

Fayre Helpers

Helper lists are divided into 5 time slots –

- Before (setting up)
- 10.30 to 12.30,
- 12.30 to 2.30,
- 2.30 to 5.00 and
- After (clearing up).

Many will be helping over more than one time slot. A complete list of helpers, and where you should be, will be available at the Information tent; but please be guided by the area organisers (shown on the listing) as priorities on the day will change with needs. I am generating the

listing and hopefully I will have contacted all helpers beforehand – my advance apologies if I have not - as there are some 150 of you – but many thanks for you help.

Apart from the numerous stalls, there will be entertainment throughout the day and food and drink when needed.

So enjoy the day – and please volunteer for a session of helping – give John Sutherland a ring.

Vegetable Show

This years Village Vegetable Show that will take place on Saturday **2nd August**.

Same classes as 2007

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| Longest runner bean | Longest cucumber |
| Heaviest marrow | Selection of herbs |
| 3 carrots | 3 tomatoes |
| Single lettuce | 3 Courgettes |
| 3 beans (of any type) | |
| 5 Soft fruit (the same or mixed) | |
| Anything grown in a greenhouse | |
| A bunch of flowers (from your garden) | |



A bunch of different leaves
Plants growing in unusual container (children
only entry)
Spud in a tub (up to 15ins dia x 15ins high)



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

As last year, the winner will be voted by the public.
Any queries contact John Crisp on 832529.

Report of events

Mission Hall AGM

At the Mission Hall AGM, the officers were re-elected for a further year. Chair Anthea Heathershaw, Treasurer – John Allen and Secretary Karen Aubin. Each user group also provides a representative for the committee. The meeting conclude with a talk on Neighbourhood Watch by Mr Davenport.

Society AGM

At the Society AGM the officers elected were

- Chair - John Crisp,
- Treasurer - John Bellis,
- Secretary – John Sutherland.

The other members of the nine strong committee are shown at the foot of this newsletter. Retiring members Simon Emblen and Peter Jones were sincerely thanked for their efforts for the Society. Subscriptions, which are due now, remain at £4. Following the routine business, interesting discussions were held on the "Way Forward" progressing the Village Plan Action Plan (see below) and on "Going Digital" – clarifying what will happen next year. Our thanks to Peter Jones for leading the discussion on the village plan and to Dave Dunford for clearing many digital TV misunderstandings.

Village Plan

The Village Plan - Community Survey & Action Plan 2007 – is now also available to everyone with internet access on the Weymouth and Portland Partnership web site as well as the Dorset County Council Website "Dorsetforyou" web site. The URLs are <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/index.jsp?articleid=330473> where the Sutton Poyntz Village Plan is amongst the plans that are available for anyone to view (and download) and <http://www.weymouthandportlandpartnership.org/information-bank.shtml>

A loan copy of The Village Plan is also available from any of your committee members.

Your Committee Your committee are available for any items of interest or concern

Tony Bugler (832953)

Michael Haine (832995)

Karen Phillips (836330)

Graham Embley (833268)

Joyce Litschi (833303)

Peter Riley (834653)

John Crisp (Chairman) (832529)

John Bellis (Treasurer) (837162)

John Sutherland (Secretary) (832227)

The Action Plan was discussed at the Society AGM and separate focus groups are planned to be set up consisting of interested people to continue the actions identified in the plan. Groups envisaged are:-

- Communication
- History
- Childrens Facilities
- Crime prevention
- Conservation
- Footpaths
- Wildlife and Environment
- Traffic

Names of volunteers taken at the AGM will be contacted and encouraged to form individual working groups.

A sub group within crime prevention has commenced work led by Peter Jones who is the area co-ordinator for the Neighbourhood watch activities. The Society has also responded to an invitation for some assistance in promoting the village. We have requested some help on the generation of a local map as a part of the footpaths group.

John Crisp, on behalf of The Society Committee will be co-ordinating progress with each group. If you are interested in contributing to one (or more) of these groups, please contact John Crisp.

We'll Eat Again (sorry Vera!)

The first Gnomes production of 2008 provided an enjoyable evening where we took our ration book tickets and eat rabbit stew as part of a very tasty dinner. We provided much of the entertainment as we sang along from the song sheets thoughtfully provided.

Neighbours

Buses

We have had a few days where the buses provided an most unreliable service into the village due partly to the difficulty the drivers were experiencing in passing the building development along Sutton Road and also the inability to turn around with Wessex Water having excavated the road. Hopefully the problems have now been alleviated but your committee needs to remain vigilant on new planning applications to ensure that inconvenience to neighbours is minimised.

Sewing Machines for Nepal

There is still time to find that old sewing machine. If anyone has a hand operated sewing machine that they no longer use (gathering dust in their loft), please contact Richard Backwell (833349) as he hopes to take a further 6 machines this year when he visits Nepal. Any spare parts (i.e. shuttles, needles and instruction manuals) would also be most welcome for a sewing project in 2 Nepalese villages.