



# Sutton Poyntz Society

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## SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY - Newsletter No 131 – November 2008

### Autumn arrives slowly – (we hope)

After the comments of raining whilst I was typing the last Newsletter in August – we are now enjoying that late summer that we missed earlier in the year (although, no doubt it will be short lived).

- And it is only 9 weeks to Christmas!

As last year, this November issue is a little early to remind you of a couple of October and early November events.

Finally - with one of our committee members celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday – it is perhaps opportune to remind you that the committee and newsletter distribution would benefit with new blood. If anyone would like to sample the committee before the next AGM please contact anyone on the Committee.

### Forthcoming events

- Community Van** ..... 29<sup>th</sup> Oct
- Halloween Sausage Sizzle**..... 31<sup>st</sup> Oct
- Watercolour Splash** ..... 6<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Coffee Morning**..... 7<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Christmas Carols** .....19<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Community Van** - The Community Van will be visiting Sutton Poyntz on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October. It will be in the Springhead car park between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Please come along to discuss your views and the police aims to keep Sutton Poyntz safe.

**Halloween Sausage Sizzle** – The Mission Hall Trust are organising a Halloween Sausage Sizzle on **31<sup>st</sup> October**. Starting at **6.00** with the Pumpkin competition you will then be treated to gorgeous sausage hot dogs with a drink for children



and mulled cider for the adults. The event was enjoyed by all who attended last year.

### Watercolour Splash for Charity –

Artist Roy Winstanley is organising another one day course for "painters in watercolour" to be held in the Mission Hall on **Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> of November**. The subject, this time, will be Composition with Flowers. Call Roy on 832215 for details and to reserve a place.



The sum of £150 was raised on a previous occasion and was donated to Water Aid. It is

hoped to raise a similar figure on November 6 ---- if not more.

**Coffee Morning** – We look forward to seeing you at the second regular "Monthly Coffee Morning" on **7<sup>th</sup> November**. Call in any time from **10.30 to 12.00** for coffee, cake and chat. Note we are starting at 10.30 for this and future coffee mornings – we thought starting at 10.00 was a little too early.

**Christmas Carols** – This is the last Newsletter before Christmas – just look at the shops with their Christmas fare – and Poundbury Garden Centre have already opened their Christmas display. Our Christmas Carols this year will be sung around the Christmas Tree on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** and will be led as usual by Tim West - starting at 6.30.



If it is as cold as last year, you will doubly appreciate the mulled wine that will be available afterwards in the Mission Hall.

### Report of events

**Beach Stall** - The beach stall organised by the Mission Hall and the Sutton Poyntz Village WI was held over the bank holiday. There was the extra benefit of a lovely day and it proved well worth while with takings of around £560. Congratulations for all the hard work put in by the groups.

**Coffee Morning** – Friday, October the 3<sup>rd</sup> marked the start of our proposed regular monthly coffee morning. Some 30 villagers called in from 10.00 with the latest arriving at just before 12.



Apart from the coffee and cakes (and local gossip), David Emery provided a display of the wildlife material that he had been involved in collecting. His data collection included startling a group of young lads when he and John Newbould drove up the field with headlights on with materials for a moth survey.

The next coffee morning is planned for the 7<sup>th</sup> November, starting at 10.30 – look forward to seeing there.

### Victorian Fayre

The conclusion to this years Fayre was celebrated on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> October when the proceeds from the Fayre were presented to the benefiting





charities in a crowded hall. A total of £15,000 pounds was distributed to some 24 charities. Led by Guy, it was all raised with the co-operation and support of hard working villagers, on stalls, collectors, parking attendants, refreshment providers, performers on and off stage, the Springhead Pub, the Waterworks, sponsorship from Goadsby, Weymouth Scaffolding and many more contributing behind the scenes. Look out for 2010!

## Village Plan

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

The Action Plan groupings and current progress are summarised below:

- **Communication** – Newsletters continue to be delivered to Members and posted on the Notice Board.
- **Heritage and History** – Bill Egerton is looking at documenting the history of dwellings and changes in the village.
- **Childrens Facilities** – no action.
- **Crime prevention** – (P Jones) The visit of the Community Van is noted above. Households will have received a copy of the Safer Dorset handbook from the Dorset Police Authority. In addition the Home Office have made available a document entitled Home Security (an introduction to domestic surveying). The latter document is slanted more towards advisors on home security and the Homewatch volunteers are not qualified to approach home security from that standpoint. There are, however, some very good practical tips and advice contained within its pages. Copies are available from your Homewatch co-ordinator or from Peter Jones (01305-833288).
- **Conservation** – Your Committee continue to examine all local planning applications. Note all interested parties also need to comment.
- **Footpaths** – Tony Heathershaw is investigating possible funding for a village map. Our request for funds through the Pride of Place competition – to obtain artist assistance in generating local maps / walks – was unsuccessful; it was won by Lyme Regis for a Turning Lyme Green project. Your committee is in correspondence with W&PBC to attempt to improve the condition of Footpath 18 (between Weymouth Bay and Waterside caravan sites).
- **Wildlife and Environment** – David Emery / John Newbould running a study – progress was exhibited at the October Coffee Morning.
- **Traffic** – A notice has been posted by W&PBC, detailing a proposal to restrict parking on a short length of Sutton Road.

## Matters discussed by your committee

**Appearance of the village** – We have advised W&PBC of the dead trees along Sutton Road.

We have been concerned with the proliferation of signs in the village

– W&PBC advise that "Sold" signs and builders signs should be removed within 14 days after completion of their work.

### **Planning Matters**

- **Opposed** – Building of equipment store in the green area between Puddledock Lane and Sutton Road. Since been rejected.
  - Additional house in White Horse Lane - has been rejected.
  - Building of equipment store along footpath 18 in Weymouth Bay Caravan Park - has been rejected.
- **Planning Appeals** - Waterside Caravan Park expansion (to which the Society objected) - appeal started October 7<sup>th</sup> in the Ocean Room. The decision from the inspector is expected in the next few weeks.
  - Pair of dwellings replacing the Cart Shed, which was rejected, has gone to written appeal.
- **Commented** - on alteration at 1 Sutton Close – since been rejected.
- **Noted** - Parking restrictions proposed along Sutton Road.
- **SHLAA** - A document "Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment" has been published by W&PBC and is available on their web site. It is the first stage of the process to identify land for potential future building sites to meet the Government requirements for new houses over the next 15 years.

**Correspondence** – The Society has received correspondence from Mr Skinner who has objected to a report of items discussed by your committee in the November 2006 Newsletter relating to the car park area at the northern end of the pond. He has expressed the opinion that some of the factual information considered by the committee at its meeting in October 2006 was inaccurate.

## Neighbours

**Welcome** - We welcome Mr and Mrs Fry into Sutton Close.

**Buses** – Our thanks to First buses who have maintained a near normal service to the village over the last few months – in spite of difficulties at times in negotiating Sutton Road.

**Ladies lunch** – All interested ladies are reminded that the ladies lunch club continues on the second Wednesday of each month. If you wish to attend, ring Richard at the Springhead to book your place.



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

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