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Sutton Poyntz Open Gardens a blooming success

After weeks of activity the weekend thankfully dawned dry and warm, and all the hard work was well rewarded. Over 700 people visited the



gardens - which were looking at their very best - and they also enjoyed the Art Exhibition, refreshments and various stalls assembled in the Mission Hall. Visitors were

extremely complimentary about the

whole event and those who had never visited the village were very impressed with its charm and beauty. In total £6,000 was raised to share between Cancer Research UK (75%) and WaterAid (25%).



On the following Monday those who had opened their gardens were able to visit the other exhibitors and everyone agreed there were a lovely variety of gardens on show and that their efforts



had been worthwhile! The organising committee would like to thank all the gardeners who worked tirelessly to prepare such a good show, all those who helped - with SPAM in the forefront - and those who attended. I think that a vote of thanks is also due to the committee themselves for showcasing the village in such a marvellous way. (Pictures by David Wilson)

Planning Applications

WP/15/00308/FUL : Development of 8 houses on land at 42 Sutton Road. The Society is concerned at the high density of the proposed housing, the small garden size, the assumption that on-street parking would be available and the impact of this latter on access along Sutton Road. These concerns have been made known to the Council.

WP/15/00081/FUL & WP/15/00088/FUL : 15 houses in total on the field off Plaisters Lane. The Society opposed the first application on the basis that it offended against 5 of the 7 Society planning policies and in particular would do visual damage to the Conservation Area and the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. These comments applied equally to the revised application that was tabled. The matter is unlikely to be considered by the Planning Committee before August at the earliest.

Margaret's Seat

As you probably know, the replacement stone for Margaret's seat has been prepared by Albion Stone after a very generous donation towards



the cost by Dorset County Council. A number of sturdy diggers plus one equally sturdy dog (tail just visible) have prepared the foundations by excavating a large hole for the cement base, and thanks are due to them for their



efforts. When the stone is delivered, local farmer Peter Broach has kindly agreed to transport it to the actual site where it will be mortared onto the foundations. The official unveiling will take place on Sunday 9 August, with Mick Hobson, Margaret's husband, and daughter Kathryn in attendance.

Volunteer Grass Cutters Needed

The lovely old orchard behind the Mission Hall requires regular mowing to keep it useable for events. Volunteers with their own mowers are needed to keep it in trim, and would only be called upon once or twice in the growing season. Hungry sheep are not excluded, but would have to be supervised! If you can help, call Pam on 832746.

Mission Hall Trust AGM

Unfortunately I mixed up my meeting times and arrived too late for the Mission Hall Trust AGM but the Committee did wish to record a huge vote of thanks to John Allen, a founder member of the Trust, on his retirement as Treasurer after 16 years in office. He will remain a committee member, so the Trust will not lose his enthusiasm and dedication to the task of ensuring the Mission Hall is well maintained and financially secure. In recognition of his outstanding service he was presented with a bottle of what I am assured was a Scottish cough mixture, to be imbibed as necessary!

SP Residents visit the big city

Simon Grant Jones, our village blacksmith - that phrase has a nice ring to it! - is both an Associate and a Licentiate of the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths. The latter means that he is qualified to teach the craft, and he is one of only twelve such teachers in the Company. He achieved the qualification over 16 years ago, after meeting the rigorous standards required, which included an assessor visiting Dorset to watch him in action and the submission of much documentary evidence of his ability to the Wardens' Court, a year long process. Although a professional Blacksmith specialising in beautiful bespoke forged metalwork - he was UK National Champion Blacksmith for 2010 and again for 2012 - I suspect from the way that he described his work that teaching comes high on the list of his loves and priorities. He regularly attends Guild dinners in London, especially the Awards dinner in November each year, but earlier this year came a special occasion. He and wife Lyn were invited by Lord Wakeham, with 38 others from the Guild, to lunch at the House of Lords at the palace of Westminster!

To celebrate the centenary of the Women's Institute a Garden Party was held at Buckingham Palace, hosted by The Duchess of Cornwall. Also in attendance were Princess Alexandra, The Countess of Wessex, and The Duchess of Gloucester. Four local ladies, Liz Newbould, Anthea Heathershaw, Jane Young and Valerie Stevens were among the guests with at least one member from every WI in the country. The tea, bite size sandwiches and ice creams were excellent, as were the grounds - with particularly beautiful roses. There was a wide diversity of ladies outfits - Liz says the local hat department of Julia's House was well represented! It was an interesting but exhausting day out, one not to be missed.

Recent Events

Cream Teas : Gazing out at the wind and rain the next morning, it was nice to reflect that the cream teas afternoon in the Mission Hall orchard was held in warm sunshine. With over 70 enjoying the delicious scones, cream and jam while catching up on local news, it was most enjoyable. The ladies are to be complimented on their organisation and the gentlemen on their heavy lifting. It is even rumoured that one gentleman was seen at the delicate and skilful task of washing up! Sue Wintle would like to thank everyone who helped and attended.

Forthcoming events

The Scarecrow Competition : Sadly this has had to be cancelled due to a lack of entries. Hopefully this is just down to people's forgetfulness,
The Vegetable Show : All you green fingered gardeners should be well on with your growing now, though the dry weather can't have helped. The Show is in the Scutt Hall on Saturday 1 August. There are all the usual categories - if you grow it, there'll be a category for it! - plus, of course, the keenly contested Spud-in-a-tub.

The Summer Picnic : Everyone loves a good picnic, and this is sure to be one. It will be in the Mission Hall Orchard (or the Hall if, heaven forbid, it's wet) on Sunday 2 August at 1pm. It comprises a welcome drink, main course and dessert, and the £12 tickets can be obtained by ringing Maureen (835533). Proceeds go to the Mission Hall Trust,

Margaret's Seat : Official unveiling of the new seat on Sunday 9 August, (time to follow by newsbite). Everyone is welcome to attend, but you will have to climb the hill first.

Pimms Evening : I now have a bit more information about this new event, including a revised date of Saturday 22 August from 5pm to 8pm in the Mission Hall. There will be food - latest thoughts were fish and chips - plus lashings of the Wimbledon nectar, as befits the event title, and even entertainment. Tickets will be £10 and proceeds go to the SP Society. Mark the day and time in your diary; further details will be sent out by newsbite.

Business matters

Subscriptions to the SP Society are now overdue. If you missed paying when the first newsletter was delivered, and again with this one, then please help your hard working delivery person. Put your £4 subs into an envelope, add your name, and pop it through their letter box, or any committee member.

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

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