



Sutton Poyntz Society

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Life saving equipment coming to the village

Ventricular Fibrillation is a very rapid, chaotic beating of the heart muscle, and in particular the ventricles, which are the main chambers of the human blood 'pump'. The heart loses controlled rhythm and goes into spasm, with no cardiac output. When this happens, and it can be anywhere at any time, there are only minutes in which to help the patient, and a defibrillator can literally be a life saver. The defibrillator provides shocks that basically bring the uncontrolled chaos to a stop so that the heart can start rhythmically contracting again, providing blood to the brain and vital organs. *(Ed: I personally know of*

two cases last year, in Swanage and Weymouth, when publically available defibrillators saved lives in this way.)

Late last year Jez Cunningham applied to the British Heart Foundation (BHF) for a defibrillator funded by the Department of Health. He explained that Sutton Poyntz was a small village which would have difficulty raising funds for a defibrillator but which had very many visitors. Indeed, not so long ago a visitor collapsed at a local event. Jez was recently delighted to learn that his application had been successful. It comprises a ZOLL AED Plus defibrillator, an Aivia 200 cabinet and a



Call Push Rescue Training Kit which has already arrived. You can see Jez holding the defibrillator in the picture. The BHF say that easy public access to the defibrillator is essential, so it must be in a convenient, known site. Identifying such a suitable, central site for the defibrillator is underway, and CPR training for interested residents will be set up soon. This is marvellous news and Jez is to be complimented on his sterling work. Let's hope the equipment is never used, but it is comforting to know that it will be there if it is needed.

Waterworks pumping engine on the move **- but not under its own steam!**

One major item in Sutton Poyntz Waterworks history left for foreign parts recently (and another will be going soon, but more on that story in a future Newsletter!). John Willows, curator of the Waterworks Museum, tells us that for 22 years, from 1934 to 1958, the massive Hathorn Davey triple expansion steam engine



carried out sterling service by pumping Weymouth's water. In 1973, after 15 years of retirement, it was dismantled and transported, on loan, to Armley Mills Industrial Museum in Leeds, where it was manufactured. In 2000 the engine returned to Sutton Poyntz with the intention of it being reinstalled in what is now called the Hathorn Davey Room.



This has not happened, and fearful for the engine's future, John decided to find it a new home at the Internal Fire Museum of Power in Ceredigion, West Wales. Here they are building a new exhibition hall featuring 'steam power' and the Hathorn Davey is planned as a major exhibit. Hence over three days from Monday



23 January the engine was again taken apart and loaded on to lorries for the journey to its new home. To give you an idea of scale, the load on the lorry with the frame 10 tons, while other. with the flywheel at the front, and cylinders in the middle weighed in at 26 tons. John says that he is now hopeful that the engine will have a certain future, despite this being away from where it spent its working life. All that now remains is for SPAM to organise a trip to see it in its new home!



Upper Picture left : Eric Aubin, Pumping Station Superintendent, with the Hathorn Davey in 1973, Eric lived with his wife Coral in the Superintendent's House. Photo: Alan Barrey. Upper Picture right : In order to accommodate the height of the engine the roof of the pump room had to be raised, hence the difference in the lower and upper windows. Photo: Sidney Barrett

The youngsters need you!

Mike Haine has a plea on behalf of local youngsters. He has been the Weymouth East Scout Group Leader for the last 12 years, and he was a Cub Scout Leader for 28 years before that! After spending over 40% of his life helping generations of youngsters he feels that it is now time to step back and make way for a younger person. What is needed is a manager with the ability to get on with a great team of leaders. Mike will remain as an Assistant Cub Scout Leader and serve on the Executive Committee, so he will always be available for assistance and advice. If you would like to help, or know of anyone who might fit the bill, contact Mike (832995) for more details. There can be few more worthwhile ways to spend your time.

Coffee Mornings

Attendance in January was a little disappointing, and the event looked like finishing early until a band of intrepid ladies maintained a table sit-in until noon! Or perhaps they were just talking? However in February things perked up, with a bumper crowd. After expenses over £70 went into the Society funds, with another £25 raised for charity by bread sales from Balfey's Baking Street Irregulars. The extra draw was the appearance of Sgt Anita Arliss and PCSO Clive Joyner of the Safer Neighbourhood Team invited by our own Peter Jones. On display were an array of items to make us safer both in our homes and when out and about, and both Police officers were kept busy answering questions.

Forthcoming events

Winter Coffee Mornings : The last of the winter will be In the Mission Hall between 10.30am and noon on Friday 3 March. Entry is £2 including refreshments, and there will be an interesting display, of which news nearer the event.

And now for something completely different.....

Summer Coffee Mornings : Jean Cunningham (835811) and Maureen the Mill (835533) will be organising charity Coffee mornings in the Mission Hall between 10.30am and noon on the first Friday in the month throughout the summer, starting on Friday 7 April.

SP Society AGM : This will take place on Wednesday 12 April in the Mission Hall. After the business of the evening, which will include an update on how work on the Neighbourhood Forum is progressing, there will a chance to chat over wine/coffee, while a film of life in the village in times past will be on view.

Planning

WP/15/00081/FUL & WP/15/00088/FUL, development on land off Plaisters Lane, was rejected on appeal. The Inspector's report is at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/ViewDocument.aspx?fileid=19392730>.

WP/16/00747/FUL, for the erection of 8 dwellings on the south site of the land opposite Sutton Court Lawns, has been withdrawn.

WP/16/00899/FUL, a change to the plan, now for the building of two pairs of semi-detached houses on the Hunt's Timber Yard site, was felt to be within the SP Soc planning policy.

SP Village Bus Service Under Threat

Simon Newport of First, who met Mike Blee and Bill Egerton recently, says a new service is planned from Weymouth to Dorchester via Crossways. Buses will still pass the Spice Ship hourly, but not enter the village. Unfortunately Simon thinks this is a better use of their fleet than the existing service to Sutton Poyntz which is used by only 9 people per day on average, including all the three stops along Sutton Road. Somewhat surprising, but it did seem an accurate count by 'riders' placed on the route. This means the village would be only served by the hourly buses at the Spice Ship and the existing No. 4 buses at Seven Acres Road. Simon was asked if some of the new buses from Crossways could be diverted into the village, **possibly** providing a bus into Weymouth circa 10am and 2pm, with two buses back, at lunchtime and 4pm. Please let us know, via any Society committee member or the village website's "Contact Us", if this change would be a real difficulty for you, and also what times would be best for any minimal village service that might be retained.

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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Please contact the editor with news and views, but make sure your input is with him at latest by 25 April, ready for the next issue in May.