



Sutton Poyntz Society

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SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY - Newsletter No 119 – May 2006

Another Year

Summer must be nearly here. We have had the annual plant sale at Scutt Hall - and the grass keeps growing.

Keep your eyes open for notices for local Summer events. Notices will be posted in the normal places - on the various telegraph poles and the Society and Mission Hall notice boards.

Forthcoming events

Society Walks .. June 15th & July 19th
Victorian Fayre June 25th
Society Cream Teas July 29th
Village Vegetable Show ... August 5th
Summer Barbecue August 19th

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Mike Haine and Richard Blackwell will organise our **two walks** this year.

Evening walk to start at Smugglers Cove, at 18.30 on Thursday **15th June** for about 3 to 4 miles. We can order refreshments at the pub for when we return.

Day walk starting at Mapperton car park (OS194 GR503998) by the village hall, at 9.30 on Wednesday **19th July** for about 8 to 10 miles. Bring coffee, drinks and lunch. Cream teas available after at Sawmill café to restock up the calories after the walk.

Watch the notice boards for details.

Victorian Fayre Sunday June 25th

A lovely sunny day has been booked again for the 25th next month.

This year, it is planned to **start the Fayre** with a bang with a **procession of village children** parading behind the Mill Street Jazz Band around the village. Dave Caddy

will be co-ordinating the children who need to be dressed up for the occasion. Costumes can be anything vaguely Victorian such as chimney sweeps, rag a muffins, flower girls, soldiers etc. Any parents who would like to loan their children for the procession or make/loan costumes please contact Dave on 832595.

Clive Davies is co-ordinating **helpers** so if don't have a job yet (or can help out elsewhere) either

on the day or beforehand - do contact him on 833798 (e-mail clive@royalmanor.co.uk). The more helpers, the merrier and the easier! Clive will be taking names up until 25th June.

Your Society will again be running the **Tombola** stall, which is being organised by Simon Emblem this year. Please contact him or your local committee member with your contribution to our prizes. Your local contact will also collect any contributions when they collect your annual Society subs in May or June.

The Fayre will also need items for the **other Village Stalls** - Books, videos and DVDs; Antiques and Bygones; Games, Music and Toys; Accessories. For Pantry corner, fruit pies and biscuits are required as well as cakes. Contact Caroline Roberts on 832062 with your contributions or promises.

Society Cream Teas July 29th

After the great success in the garden of Sue and Dave Buckley last year, we plan to return next door to the orchard for this years **Cream Teas**.

We look forward to seeing you all on Sat **29th July** at 3.00. Cost will be £1.50 as last year. The extension work to the hall should have been tested out during the Victorian Fayre - so we hope for good weather and your company to enjoy tea and scones - and of course there will be a raffle. If wet, we will adjourn to the Mission Hall.

Village Vegetable Show August 5th

There is still time to get your vegetables started for this year's vegetable show which will be held in Scutt Hall on **Saturday 5th August**.

The classes are:

- Three carrots of any kind
- Three courgettes
- Three tomatoes
- Five items of soft fruit
- Any three vegetables - all different
- A lettuce
- A bunch of herbs

Anything grown in the greenhouse (John is still hoping to see a parrot)

And the highly competitive, "Spud in a Tub". One potato plant growing in a pot with the opening less than 15 inches and less than 15 inches high. We will also have one new class this year - a vase of flowers has been suggested. Let John Crisp know if you have any additional suggestions.



A visit to the vegetable gardens of show entrants will also take place again this year. As last year, entrants will vote to select the class winners. Entry fee will be £2 (for any number of classes) to cover the hire of the hall and expenses. Any surplus and donations will go to the Children's Society. The only entry condition is to grow vegetables in Sutton Poyntz.

Summer BBQ Saturday August 19th

The Mission Hall Trust is organising this years summer **BBQ in the Orchard** at 6pm on the **19th August**. BYO meat and wine / beer. The fire, salads and desert will be provided. Cost to be £5 per person with children free. Book your spot with Maureen on 835533.

Keep your eyes on the notice boards for any changes.

Safari Supper Saturday March 18th

Once again, the Safari supper went with a swing with many villagers enjoying their meals spread between neighbours. The only complaint heard was - we do not have a date for the next one.

Society AGM Wednesday April 12th

The Society AGM was well attended with 52 members attending. Following the formal business of reports and re-election of your committee, we were treated to a fascinating talk from Dennis Ackroyd, relating many anecdotes and incidents under a very appropriate title of "Have dog collar will travel". Your unchanged committee is listed at the foot of this newsletter.

At the AGM, it was agreed that this year's subscriptions would remain unchanged at £2 for a household and £1 for a single occupant. Your representative will be calling during May and June to collect subscriptions for the Sutton Poyntz Society for the current year. Your committee hope you will continue with your valued support and that new residents will take the opportunity to subscribe. The Society's representative will take the opportunity during the collection to request your support for the Street Fair by donating a prize for the tombola that is again being run by the Society

Village Plan

The community survey being carried out in connection with the Sutton Poyntz Village Plan is in full swing. The response to the questionnaire distributed in early April has been excellent with a diverse range of opinion but also some recurrent themes! Detailed analysis will be carried out over the next 3-4 months working in



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

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conjunction with Dorset Community Action. However, some preliminary results will be presented at the Village Plan Stand at the Sutton Poyntz Street Fayre on 25 June 06, with a chance to find out more and to make further comments at the Open Day & Workshop to be held at the Waterworks Museum on 15 July 2006. The latter will include displays on local history, archaeology, agriculture, countryside access and the environment and is being supported by Weymouth & Portland Borough Council, Dorset County Council and Wessex Water. It is also hoped to have a display of children's work (painting, poetry, drawing and photography relating to the village - likes and dislikes!) as well as facilities for adults to express their thoughts and feelings about life in Sutton Poyntz today and yesteryear. Anyone whose child(ren) would be interested in taking part, please contact Maureen Tepper on 834470.

Mission Hall Extension



The extension is nearly complete and should be well tested during the Fayre. The breakthrough to the extension is planned for 20/21 May - so we will not have to look through the window to see the new kitchen. Our grateful thanks to all those who have worked so hard to complete this valuable addition to the hall.

Matters discussed by your committee

Running tight for space in this issue so just a few comments.

Appearance of the village

The observant ones amongst you will have noted that Wessex Water have cleared the area just before the Water Works to reveal the old wash area. It is mentioned in a book written by Fredy Litschi called **Sutton Poyntz and Preston**.

Page 26 - Next to Budmouth Cottage is a ditch in which a water trough and steps can be observed. It is here that women from Sutton gathered to wash their clothes and the laundry from the Melcombe boarding houses. After ironing, bunches of primroses and lavender were folded between the sheets etc. Our thanks to Wessex Water.

Before leaving the appearance of the village, it has been commented that we are getting more dog mess around the village - please remind anyone you see, being thoughtless with their dogs mess, where the dog bin is.

Finally - The Moves Welcome to

Robert McAlpine and Olivia Shirley in Church Cottage, Mission Hall Lane

Richard & Rachael Taylor in Littlecot, Plaisters Lane

Simon Emblen (Chairman) (832143)

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