



# Sutton Poyntz Society

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## SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY - Newsletter No 120 – August 2006

### Summer 2006

Summer finally arrived – and how! Having wondered if it was going to warm up, the sun shone; with another heat wave promised for August. It was a pity we couldn't have had a little of that sun for the Fayre although it was surprising how many people still turned up in spite of the rather damp day.



Keep your eyes on the notice boards for any changes.

### **French Evening**

The next themed dinner to be organised by the Mission Hall Trust at the Mission Hall is planned to be a French Evening. This oo-la-la event is planned for an evening in **November** – so keep your eyes on the notice boards for further details. Maureen will be organising and you will be aware that all places at previous evening events were taken up very quickly.

### Forthcoming events

**Village Vegetable Show ... August 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Opening of Mission Hall . August 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Summer Barbecue ..... August 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**French Evening ..... November**

### Report of events

#### **Society Walks**

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

Some 17 walkers enjoyed the evening walk on 15<sup>th</sup> June. We started and finished at Smugglers Cove – with refreshments taken in the Smugglers by most of us before returning home.

The day walk suffered from being on 19<sup>th</sup> July - the hottest day of the year. Only 6 sturdy souls started from Mapperton car park but by taking it easy and drinking frequently, they all enjoyed a good stroll. I guess the lure of cream teas at the end kept them going.

Thanks to Mike and Richard for organising these walks and we look forward to another next year.

#### **Village Vegetable Show August 5<sup>th</sup>**

It is too late to get your vegetables started for this year's vegetable show – it is (or was) held in Scutt Hall on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August**.



The classes are bound to be keenly and light heartedly contested especially 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. Results in the next newsletter.

#### **Society Cream Teas July 29<sup>th</sup>**

After the great success in the garden of Sue and Dave Buckley last year, this year's Cream Teas at the Mission Hall actually exceeded last years attendance with 101 of us enjoying tea and scones organised by Sara.

We put tables on the orchard and took them in and put them out – but it still rained. Although we served in the hall, the skies cleared and by mid afternoon we were able to use the orchard as well – which was just as well with 101 guests.

The raffle sold out making exactly £100 for your funds.

#### **Opening of Mission Hall . August 18<sup>th</sup>**

The official opening of the Mission Hall extension will be performed by Sir Anthony Jolliffe. Sir Anthony is a prominent businessman, a former Lord Mayor of London and currently president of the Society of Dorset Men.



**ALL ARE WELCOME.**

This is an opportunity to express our gratitude for the numerous villagers who have worked so hard to make this extension a reality.

#### **Summer BBQ Saturday**

The Mission Hall Trust is organising this years summer **BBQ in the Orchard** at 6pm on the **19<sup>th</sup> 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.**

#### **Victorian Fayre**

In spite of booking a lovely sunny day for the Fayre – the sun came on the Saturday leaving us with a very wet Sunday. The rain did not really start until about 10, but then it did not stop for the rest of the day - apart from a brief 30 minute pause around lunch time.



However, over 1000 visitors were not put off which was most reassuring for the Fayre committee. Although the accounts are not completed, it is understood that there will still be something like £5000 to distribute to the charities supported. Although this is well short of the previous Fayre, it was a very pleasant surprise to see the enormous support shown on a particularly inclement day. Your Society tombola stall contributed £658; £480 on the day with a further £178 at the subsequent tabletop sale in the Mission Hall on the 15<sup>th</sup> July. The distribution of funds from the Fayre to the various charities will take place shortly. Other profits from the tabletop sale on the 15<sup>th</sup> (£415) went to the Mission Hall funds.

## Village Plan

Over 200 visitors were able to enjoy an interesting and memorable occasion at the Village Plan Open Day held on the 15th of July at the Waterworks Museum. Residents and visitors, including Borough and County Council officials, were able to see local history displays and exhibits provided by residents and by Weymouth & Portland Borough Council, Wessex Water, Dorset Community Action, Dorset County Council Countryside Access and AONB Teams, Dorset Wildlife Trust and Dorset Police Community Support Officers. Local farmers George and Sally Lunn provided an excellent display concerning modern farming practice and showing how satellite navigation and computer technology are now playing their part in the rural economy!



The Open Day also provided an opportunity for residents to view preliminary results from the survey carried out in April. This yielded a 72% return on the Village Plan Questionnaire distributed to some 400 households, with the comments and opinions of some 530 residents represented. A 'workshop' provided further opportunity for comment, and an exhibition of children's painting, drawing and poetry captured the concerns of younger people. Videos of life in the village as it was some 50 years ago and as we see it today provided a fitting backdrop for the current Village Plan initiative, which is just one of 80 Parish and Village Plans completed or in progress throughout Dorset. More work is required to complete the analysis of survey data and to carry out research that will investigate the viability of projects, based on comments received from the survey, for inclusion in a community Action Plan to be published next year. The Village Plan Steering Group is delighted with the outcome of the Open Day and the project remains on track to complete during 2007. Further progress will be reported in the Society's Newsletter. If you would like to find out more about the Village Plan or to offer your

services, ring Maureen Tepper (834470) or Tony Heathershaw (834375).

The Village Plan Steering Group comprises Maureen Tepper (Chair), Tony Heathershaw (Vice Chair), Peter Jones, Caroline Richards, Elisabeth Heathershaw & Karyn Punchard.

## Mission Hall Extension

As reported above, the extension is complete and was well tested during the Fayre. The official opening will allow us all to add our grateful thanks to all those who have worked so hard to complete this valuable addition to the hall.



## Matters discussed by your committee

### **Appearance of the village**

The **notice board** adjacent to the pond has been repaired and replaced.

Your committee have been attempting to expedite the **pruning of the willows** around the pond which has been delayed due to the power lines passing through them. We will continue to attempt to get a completion date.

W&PBC have completed the latest repair to the spring in Sutton Road although it would appear that at least part of the problem was due to an old water pipe running to a long vanished dwelling. We are hoping that the water problem in the road has also now vanished.

Consultation is proceeding in the replacement of three of the local stiles replaced by kissing gates later this year.

### **Planning Matters**

Although your committee has objected to planning applications for three houses in Mission Hall they have been approved. A subsequent plan to use the car park at the end of the pond for building material storage has been rejected following our objections.

Your committee has strongly objected to the comments reported in the local paper by Councillor Farrell that we felt denigrated the role of the Society.

No objections have been raised for other planning applications.

You might like to know that there is an environmental meeting planned for 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug at Preston Village Hall relating to Critical Ordinary Watercourses in the Weymouth area. These will include the River Jordan..

### **Finally - The Moves Welcome to**

Jane Walsh in Sutton Court Lawns  
Red and Shirley Parker in Raynards Way  
Michael Nixon in Sutton Road  
Mr and Mrs Crocker in Silver Street  
Mr and Mrs Turner In White Horse Lane

### Your Committee

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Your committee are available for any items of interest or concern