



Sutton Hoyntz Society

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Instead of ending summer with an October Newsletter like last year, we revert to welcoming the approach of winter with the November Newsletter. And, as if on cue, the weather has suddenly turned cool.

Forthcoming events

French Evening 25th November
Christmas Coffee Morning ... 2nd Dec
Carol Service 22nd December

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 Beaujolais Nouveau event is planned for Saturday the **25th November**. There are only a few tickets left at £12 which includes your meal and a glass of wine – numbers are limited to 60. So contact Sue Buckley (834656) or Karen Albin (780144) to check whether there is space to give your French finery an airing and a chance to win "le (or is it la) raffle" and enjoy "un tres bon soir".



Christmas Coffee Morning and

Bazaar

The Mission Hall Trust are arranging a coffee morning and bazaar on **2nd December from 11.00 to 2.00 pm**. Stalls will include cakes, books, CDs, children's games, a flower stall and Bric-a-brac. So do come for a coffee and chance to browse around the stalls for that odd item for Christmas and get the chance to win a prize in the raffle. Any suitable donations will also be welcomed by John Allen (832759).



Carol Service



The annual carolling around the Christmas tree this year is planned for **Friday 22nd December** when we expect to have Time West once more leading the celebrations. We expect singing to start around **6.30 pm** outside the Mission Hall on a cool dry evening. In the event of the forecast being in error, we will

move into the Mission Hall a little earlier than normal. After the hearty singing, refreshments will be available in the hall as in previous years.

Report of events

Village Vegetable Show

The vegetable show organised by John Crisp on the 5th August was a most enjoyable morning. Various vegetables appeared during the morning to contest this light hearted event. Although we did hear of one whole row of carrots being excavated to find a matching pair for the display. The most enjoyable tea and cake was taken during the highlight - the highly competitive, "Spud in a Tub" when it is revealed what one potato has been up to all alone in a small pot for some 3 months. The event proved so important that the full results were published in the Echo – but I must reveal that a potato (of unknown species – but obtained from Poundbury Garden Centre) nurtured by your editor in a plastic pot produced more than 3lbs of very tasty new potatoes on the day. Apart from the enjoyment of socialising with our neighbours, the other advantage of this type of show is that you can eat the exhibits at the end.

Opening of the Mission Hall

Sir Anthony Jolliffe - a prominent businessman, former Lord Mayor of London and currently president of the Society of Dorset Men, performed the official opening of the Mission Hall extension. Whilst the opening gave the opportunity to express our gratitude for the numerous villagers who have worked so hard to make this extension a reality – holiday



commitments prevented us from thanking everyone in person – particular appreciation was expressed to Karen and Dave Albin and Jim Willis.



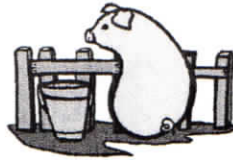
Summer BBQ Saturday

The summer **BBQ in the Orchard** on the **19th August** went with a swing. Good weather contributed to the enjoyment of all who attended.



Hog Roast

A Hog Roast Sunday lunch was prepared on Sunday 8th October by some very industrious village Gnomes.



A full house of 60 enjoyed a delicious roast Sunday lunch - which had started roasting at around 7.30 am. The soup, main course and apple crumble would have been a tribute to "mothers cooking" so congratulations were well deserved and the new kitchen was soundly tested. In addition to a most enjoyable lunch, a contribution of £241 was made to the Hall funds.



Victorian Fayre

The Street Fayre Committee was pleased to report that, despite torrential rain all day, the 6th Sutton Poyntz Victorian Street Fayre was able to raise £6,000 to donate to a

large number of local charities, all of which were recommended by residents of Sutton Poyntz. The success was obviously due to the hard work and generosity of all with some 1000 visitors who were not put off by the weather.

We now look forward to our 7th Street Fayre with a return to the sunny day to which we have become accustomed.

Village Plan

The Village Plan Steering Group are very industriously analysing the questionnaires returned from the survey carried out earlier in the year. A public meeting will be held when the analysis is complete (probably early next year) and it expected that additional working groups will then be formed to undertake the study of the highlighted topics and complete the report and action plan. It is still intended to publish the report by spring 2007, with the action plan being completed at a later date consequent upon the findings of the working groups and discussions with key stakeholders.



Matters discussed by your committee

Appearance of the village

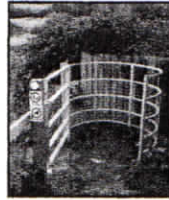
Willows - Your committee continues in attempting to expedite the **pruning of the willows** around the pond which has been delayed due to the power lines passing through them. We will continue to attempt to get a completion date.

Pond - David Emery, with local assistance, is ensuring the pond does not get clogged with fallen twigs and debris. He is hoping that this type of regular maintenance will minimise the need for a major de-silting exercise - volunteers welcomed.

Flowers - Your committee are planting further bulbs around the pond (to replace those trampled

by the ducks) and by the village border stone. These will complement the bulbs being planted around the Mission Hall by the WI.

Access - Two local stiles have been replaced by kissing gates. The Society's aim in doing this has been to improve access to the countryside around the village. The wooden kissing gate is located at the top of the footpath behind 'Wyndings' in Plaisters Lane and the metal gate is located behind the Old Stables in Sutton Road. The Society has worked in conjunction with Rights of



Way and Countryside Access Officers at Weymouth & Portland Borough Council and Dorset County Council (who funded and carried out the installation). Consultation is proceeding in the replacement of a third stile.

Planning Matters

Your committee attended the presentation by Bourne Leisure of their plans for Seaview caravan site, which included the use of a further area of land for touring caravans. They have subsequently withdrawn these plans while pursuing an appeal against an earlier rejection for the addition of 30 extra static caravans. Your committee will be attending the appeal as we oppose further expansion of the caravan sites. The committee supported an application for an additional house at 116 Sutton Road, which has been approved.

No objections have been raised for other planning applications.

At the environmental meeting on 23rd Aug it was suggested that part of the flood management for the Jordon would include a bund several hundred metres upstream from the Sutton Road bridge to minimise floodwater surging along the Osmington valley.

The excitement over the fencing off of the car park at the end of the pond appears to have ended. We understand that among the documents that exist, the latest dated documents confirm that the Springhead owns the area - but permits local residents to park there.

Sutton Poyntz - Neighbours

Maureen Morris would like to thank all those who both contributed to and bought items from the sales table of vegetables and plants outside the mill during the summer. She collected £71 from vegetables and a further £63 from plants which has been donated to the Mission Hall funds. Maureen is planning to place the table there again next year.



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

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