



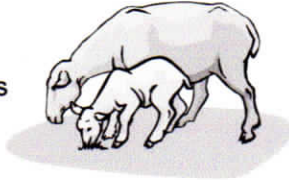
Sutton Poyntz Society

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SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY - Newsletter No 124 – May 2007

Spring is Sprung

We watched some of this years lambs being born at the end of March in the barn at Puddledock – by kind permission of Sally – when being visited by my young niece. They were up to number 42 when we left of some 600 plus. It is very pleasant to see them running about and playing just like little children. However, see the note below under neighbours – with comments on dogs.



Forthcoming events

Village Hog Roast 20th May
Society Evening Walk 31st May
Joint Hall Fund Raiser 23rd Jun
Mission Hall BBQ 14th Jul
Society All Day Walk 23rd July
Village Vegetable Show ... 4th August
Medieval Dinner TBA

Village Hog Roast

Those gnomes have been at it again and are providing us with another Hog Roast. By the time you have read this Newsletter, the Mission Hall will have resounded with the noise of 60 diners enjoying a 3 course lunch. Planned for the **Sunday 20th May**, I hope all of you who wanted – saw the notices posted and got tickets.

Society Evening Walk

Mike Haine and Richard Blackwell will again be organising our **two walks** this year. The evening walk on **Thursday 31st May** and will be around the area of West Knighton with a finish at a convenient pub. Keep your eyes open for more details in the posters for this and the All day walk below.

Joint Hall Fund Raiser

An event to raise funds for all the local halls is planned for **Saturday 23rd June** at the Rectory garden. Taking the form of a Garden Party from 11.00 to 4.00, all profits will be shared between the local halls - Preston Village Hall, The Church Rooms, Scutt Hall and the Mission Hall.

Mission Hall BBQ

This years BBQ is planned for **Saturday 14th July**. See the local posters for more details and the starting time – expected to be around 6.00pm.

Society All Day Walk

The all day Society walk is planned for **Monday 23rd July** when we will be wandering around Portland. See posted notices for more info.

Village Vegetable Show

John Crisp is planning our Village vegetable show again this year for **Saturday 4th August** at Scutt Hall.

Classes for this year will be:-

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| Longest runner bean | Longest cucumber |
| Heaviest marrow | Selection of herbs |
| 3 carrots | 3 tomatoes |
| Single lettuce | 3 Courgettes |
| 3 beans (of any type) | |
| 5 Soft fruit (the same or mixed) | |
| Anything grown in a greenhouse | |
| A bunch of flowers (from your garden) | |
| A bunch of different leaves | |
| Plants growing in unusual container (children only entry) | |
| Scarecrow (make a figure to stand in your garden for the week before the show) | |
| Spud in a tub (up to 15ins dia x 15ins high) | |



As last year, the winner will be voted by the public. Any queries contact John Crisp on 832529.

Medieval Dinner

The next themed dinner at the Mission Hall is planned to be a Medieval banquet. More details in the August newsletter – including the date. Keep your eyes open for notices as previous events have been fully subscribed.

Report of events

Village Plan

More than 60 people squeezed into the waterworks Museum on 29th March to hear about the results of the Village Plan survey carried out last year. There were numerous graphs and facts extracted from the survey and full details will be presented in the report to be published later this year.



A few odd facts that did not get reported are:-

- There were 61 children and young people attending 23 different pre-schools, schools and colleges
- Just 1 in 10 respondents were interested in adult and/or family learning opportunities in their local schools.
- Almost 90% of you think that mains gas should be available throughout the village
- On the social scene, some 70% of you think there is quite enough going on already with organised events!

The real challenge now is to prepare the Report and an Action Plan to tackle the major areas identified in the survey and also to nibble away at the many smaller tasks and projects that can be undertaken and which will result in lasting benefits to the community.

If you are interested in helping to develop the Village Plan, contact Maureen Tepper (834470) or Tony Heathershaw (834375).

Society AGM

The Society AGM on **Friday 20th April** re-elected your committee with the addition of John Bellis as treasurer. Thanks were expressed to Sara Knight who promises she will be back at a later date. The meeting decided to increase our annual subscriptions to £4 (the first change since 1995) and these will be collected shortly by your committee. It is interesting to note that the subs were 10/- (50p) at formation of the Society in 1967, rose to £1 in 1981 and to £2 in 1995 and now £4 in 2007. Next increase is due around 2020? Following the formal meeting, we were entertained with a home DVD from Ron Waite (of the Springhead) from the 50's with a live commentary by his daughter, Diana Waterman. Dee and Geof Wareham provided the projection facilities.

Mission Hall

- There is now a brick built BBQ available in the orchard at the Mission Hall for use by any events.
- Following the redecoration, renovation of the floor and windows at the Mission Hall are the next planned major tasks.
- In aid of the Mission Hall Trust there will be a beach stall on Weymouth sea front on Sunday 26th August. This will be a joint initiative with the Sutton Poyntz Village WI. Any bric-a-brac items are welcome - please deliver to The Old Stables, 86 Sutton Road.

SP Village WI

Following the recent talk on "Little known gems of Dorset Churches" by Mr Gordon Le Pard, a coach trip is being organised to some of the churches mentioned. If you are interested in joining the trip on Wednesday 11th July, cost £12.00, contact Dorothy Emblen on 832143.

Your Committee

Peter Jones (833288)

Tony Heathershaw (834375)

Joyce Litschi (833303)

Tony Bugler (832953)

Michael Haine (832995)

Peter Riley (834653)

Simon Emblen (Chairman) (832143)

John Bellis (Treasurer) (837162)

John Sutherland (Secretary) (832227)

Future meetings are as shown in the current programme with a talk in June on "Weeds as Medicines".

Matters discussed by your committee

Appearance of the village – Although they have now gone, hope you enjoyed the extra daffodils planted this year.

It has been suggested that we might try to get extra "dog boxes" installed to minimise the mess left behind by a few dog walkers.

Access – Although there is no livestock currently in the field behind and adjacent to the Springhead Pub, North Down Farm and Upwater & Overcombe Barns, walkers are reminded that there are no definitive rights of way or public access across this land.

Planning Matters

- Your committee felt the new layout with 4 houses an improvement on the original 5 proposed to replace Brookberry and The Weald. Minor comments were suggested re thatched properties and solar panels.
- Renovation of 1 Myrtle Cottage appreciated but the approach was thought inappropriate in the conservation area. We opposed the proposed removal of a wall for off road parking.
- Concern was expressed on a retaining wall at the rear of 64 Sutton Road.
- No objections have been raised for other planning applications at True Blue, Smithy Cottage, 5 Sutton Road.



Neighbours

Livestock and dogs

This lamb was 2 months old when savaged and killed by a dog. It was not a local dog as the picture came from Ilkeston. However, dogs have injured two of our local 3-day-old lambs. I guess, to a dog, a lively 3-day-old lamb is a bit like a rabbit and great to chase – but our injured local lambs also died. Please ensure all dogs are kept under control – particularly near livestock.

As suggested in the last newsletter - Will all walkers and dog walkers "**Please keep vigilant and encourage any errant dog owners to keep their dogs on a lead when in a field with livestock**" – particularly young livestock who haven't learnt the dangers of horseplay or "dogplay" yet.



Past members

We do not normally include obituaries in the Newsletter but Ken Knight has been such a long serving member of your committee. He was secretary of the Society from 1982 to 1995 and continued as an active member of your Committee until 2005. Unfortunately we must report that Ken passed away peacefully on 6th May.