



Sutton Poyntz Society

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Summer is here

As I sit at the keyboard typing this newsletter I have to keep saying summer is here – just to convince me. Although the winter clothes are put away, the central heating has been on a couple of times. Still it saves having to water the plants.

Forthcoming events

Society All Day Walk 23rd July
Village Vegetable Show ... 4th August
Cream Teas 18th August
Medieval Dinner 8th September
Safari supper TBA

Society All Day Walk

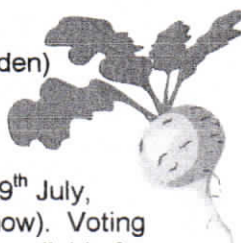
By the time you get this Newsletter, Richard and Mike will have led the all day Society walk around Portland (weather permitting). They are planning to start the walk at Bowleaze Cove by taking the open top bus to Portland Heights and then – but you will need to go to find out. The date is (or was) **Monday 23rd July**.

Village Vegetable Show

John Crisp is planning our Village vegetable show again this year for **Saturday 4th August** at Scutt Hall starting at 9.30 – judging 10.30 - 11.00.

See posted notices for details. Classes include:-

- 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 an unusual container (children only entry)
 - A Scarecrow (in your garden by 29th July, visible from the road – let John know). Voting papers and list of entrants will be available from the Springhead for £1 from 29th July and will also give you entry to the show.
 - Spud in a tub (up to 15ins dia x 15ins high)
- Entry fee donation £1 with any profits going to the young persons charity Waves in Weymouth. As last year, the winner will be voted by the public.



Garden tour from 2.00 on **Friday 3rd Aug** – Meet at Bellamy cottage.

Any queries contact John Crisp on 832529.

Cream Teas

Our cream teas this year will be on **Saturday 18th August** at the Mission Hall Orchard starting at 3.00. Cost will be £1.50 as last year. 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.



Medieval Dinner

The next themed dinner at the Mission Hall is planned to be a medieval banquet. The Sutton Poyntz gnomes will arrange this dinner on **Saturday 8th September** at 7.00. Cost is expected to be £12. Costume is not essential. Armour optional.

Safari supper

It is anticipated that the Mission Hall trust will be arranging their next Safari supper in the autumn. Keep your eyes open for notices with details. Any queries, contact Maureen Morris on 835533.

Report of events

Village Hog Roast

Following the first Hog Roast back in October, the gnomes showed that they could follow one good thing with another. On 20th May, the Mission Hall resounded with the noise of 60 diners enjoying a 3-course lunch superbly prepared by the gnomes.

Society Evening Walk

Around 20 walkers enjoyed the evening walk on 31st May on a fine evening. Having used all those calories, they were replaced with a good pub meal. They all look forward to repeating the exercise on the day walk around Portland.

Joint Hall Fund Raiser

In spite of our strange weather (perhaps with help from Tim) there was a fine day for the Garden Party in the Rectory garden on **Saturday 23rd June**. Apart from the numerous stalls, there was continuous entertainment including Line Dancing, music and activities from the Pantomime Players. All profits were shared between the local halls – Preston Village Hall, The Church Rooms, Scutt

Hall and the Mission Hall – and we understand they each received around £500.

Mission Hall BBQ

This years BBQ on the 14th July had some 60 villagers who braved a dodgy forecast and had a good time. All food was cooked and consumed before the rain arrived. But they were all prepared for this contingency and the evening continued with drinks being enjoyed under the cover of the thoughtfully provided Gazebos.

Village Plan

A draft copy of the Village Plan - Community Survey & Action Plan 2007 - has been passed to Weymouth & Portland Borough Council for comment. The Steering Group remains on track to publish the Village Plan by September. It is planned to use the Village Plan as the basis of the Society's response to the **Community Plan** and **Local Development Framework** consultation processes currently being undertaken by the Council. A copy of the Society's response will be posted on the Notice board in September.



Mission Hall



Our Mission Hall is changing shape and appearance – with significant improvements.

The floor has now been sanded and varnished and, together with the repainting, presents a totally different image. I am assured that we will not need to wear slippers for future events.

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.



Whilst mentioning improvements to the hall, we must include the great improvement at **Scutt Hall** where the outside area has been repaved. It now provides a most attractive entry to the village.

Sutton Poyntz Village WI

A full coach load of members and friends experienced an educational and enjoyable trip around some of Dorset's churches guided by Mr Gordon Le Pard who had given a recent talk to the WI.

A group of ladies from the SP village WI are performing a line dance as one of the acts at the Dorset Federation of Women Institutes 90th birthday gala concert at Bryanston school on Aug 1st.

Your Committee

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Tony Heathershaw (834375)
Joyce Litschi (833303)
Karen Phillips (836330)

Your committee are available for any items of interest or concern

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 on "Music in every home" planned for the September meeting.

Matters discussed by your committee

Appearance of the village – Following the suggestion that we might try to get extra "dog boxes" installed to minimise the mess left behind by a few dog walkers, we are in contact with W&PBC re their views on possible siting and emptying.

Traffic – Parking around the pond area was exacerbated recently with the "fencing in" of the "pub car park" at the end of the pond. We understand that Punch Taverns own this piece of land, on which locals have parked with the permission of the publican. We note that most of the posts, which were ready for the unwary motorist, seem to have disappeared. We await the final resolution from Punch Taverns.

Traffic down Puddledock appears to have got worse - particularly during the school run time. Although one can see that use of this road eliminates the problem of getting into the Preston Road, this private road is not built for continuous traffic.

We have also been concerned with heavy traffic driving through the village – presumably under the direction of a "SatNav" system. Width restriction signs do exist on the approach roads but appear to be ignored when following the satnav directions.

Planning Matters

- Your committee has opposed a licensing application from Eweleaze Farm for drinking and music. Although outside the village – sited in Osmington, between the Preston Road and the coast – we felt it inappropriate, being in such proximity with coast, for an unlimited music and drinks licence. We had visions of a local competitor to Glastonbury.
- No other planning applications have been published since the last newsletter.

Neighbours

Congratulations have been published in the echo to some of our residents since the last newsletter.

Richard Backwell is to be congratulated for being awarded the MBE for services to the Dorset Expeditionary Society. Richard has led several groups to the village of Okhle in Nepal and assisted them in a variety of projects to provide facilities that we take for granted – like a local water source.

Mike Haine was awarded the Scouting Association medal of merit for 25 years service with to the scouting movement.

Betty Hennessy has recently been invited to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. Betty has been an invaluable support to the scouts and Scutt Hall for many years.