



Sutton Poyntz Society

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Autumn arrives slowly

You might like to know that there are only 9 Saturdays to Christmas as I sit at the keyboard typing this newsletter. At least the summer has stretched on – the tomatoes are all ripening – there is a glut of fruit and this “November” newsletter has even come early. There are a couple of events in October that I thought you might like reminding – so the slightly early Newsletter. It also seems a long while since the last one in August. We could do with a Newsletter distributor in the Silver Street / pond / Sutton Road area. Anyone interested please ring the secretary.

Forthcoming events

Street Fayre Public Meeting...24th Oct
Lunch for Christian Aid31st Oct
Halloween Sausage Sizzle31st Oct
Christmas Carols.....21st Dec
Safari supper TBA

Village Street Fayre Public Meeting



Do you want the biennial Sutton Poyntz Street Fayre to take place in June 2008 or ever again? What do you think? It will not happen at all if we cannot find enough people in the village to join the committee now and meet once a month, over the odd glass or two of

wine, and help organise this wonderful event. Come to the meeting on **Wednesday 24th October at 7.30pm in the Mission Hall** to air your thoughts, bring a friend and find out more, you won't be locked in! There'll even be lots of photos and info on previous Village Fayres. We are struggling for committee members so we seriously face the rather sad demise of a previously very successful day, hugely enjoyed and participated in by so many in the village. If you wish to discuss anything ring Guy Bridge on 833343(eve) or 257258(day).

Lunch for Christian Aid

Following a most successful lunch (and tea) earlier in the year when some £400 was raised for the Moon Walk, Caroline Crisp will be organising another Lunch in the Mission Hall. Profits on this occasion will go to Christian Aid. Lunch will be on **Wednesday 31st Oct** and will have a difficult task to equal the previous event. Apart from the lunch, the atmosphere is friendly and convivial and a good social event – so hope to see you there. See

posted notices for more details – but be warned that the last lunch was both very enjoyable and well attended.

Halloween Sausage Sizzle



At tea-time on the same day, following the lunch, the Mission Hall Trust is organising a Halloween Sausage Sizzle for the younger members of the Village. See the posted notices for more details but reserve the date for teatime at the Mission Hall.

It looks like **Wednesday 31st October** could be a day full of treats for both young and older with a social lunch for us and the arrival of the giant pumpkin (or is that just an American Myth) for them (to paraphrase the two Ronnies).



Christmas Carols

I know it seems too early to even think of Christmas – but just look in the shops. In addition, we do not have another Society Newsletter until January. (So it would be a bit late to remind you then.) Our carol singing this year is planned for **Saturday 21st December** outside the Mission Hall and will be led as usual by Tim West.

Safari supper

It is anticipated that the Mission Hall trust will be arranging their next Safari supper a little later than previously suggested. Early next year looks like being the date so keep your eyes open for notices (they have proven very popular in the past) but we should have a date in the next newsletter.

Report of events

Society All Day Walk

A dozen people and a dog met at Portland Heights on Monday 23rd July for this year's “all day” walk led by Richard Backwell and Mike Haine with most having taken the open top bus from Bowleaze Cove. A short stop was made at Easton Square for coffee before proceeding around the island towards a lunch stop at the Lobster Pot. The weather was not ideal but all twelve (and the dog) completed the planned walk and got back to the bus stop in time for the return trip to Bowleaze. Our thanks to the Richard and Mike for organising this year's walks and we look forward to more of the same next year.

Village Vegetable Show

It seems a long while since the village vegetable show with the 20+ scarecrows displayed around the village back in August. John Crisp reported that this year he donated the revenue to the childrens society and Waves project in particular – a very commendable £202.43. Our thanks to John and his assistants – not forgetting the junior visitors who were delighted in searching the “spud in the tubs” for every last sign of a potato.

The Scarecrow competition ran for the week preceding the Vegetable show and there were many intrigued visitors wondering where the rooks and jackdaws had gone. The old lady scarecrow visiting Julia Allen was voted the winner from some very good entries.

There were many winners of the various classes but particularly noteworthy was the spud in the tub competition which drew some 25 entries with harvests ranging from 5oz to a winning yield of 5lb 6oz nurtured by Tony and Anthea Heathershaw.



Cream Teas

Our cream teas this year turned into a minor disaster with all the materials prepared and tables laid. But then - a power cut, which included the Mission Hall, resulted in the cancellation of the event. Holiday commitments of several committee members prevented an early-rearranged date. So our 2007 Cream Tea will go down as the Tea that wasn't.

Medieval Dinner

The medieval banquet at the Mission Hall on 8th September was enjoyed by a rowdy crowd of revellers which I am told included a Cardinal in their midst. This is the 4th event arranged by the Sutton Poyntz gnomes and apart from the enjoyment for all involved also added another £100 to the Mission Hall funds. No more events are planned until next year – so we will wait in restless anticipation.

Village Plan

The Village Plan - Community Survey & Action Plan 2007 - is at the printers and should be available by the beginning of next month. It is anticipated that it will be available on-line at the web sites of Weymouth, Dorset-for-you and the Weymouth and Portland Partnership so anyone with on-line access will be able to read or download as required.

[URLs:- Weymouth.gov.uk

Dorsetforyou.com

Weymouthandportlandpartnership.org]

A copy for loan will be available from your committee.

Your Committee

Your committee are available for any items of interest or concern

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Mission Hall

Following the floor renovation, a new window has replaced a rather tired old one. Your challenge is to spot the one that has been changed.

The beach stall on Weymouth sea front in August had the benefit of a lovely day and run together with the Sutton Poyntz Village WI proved well worth while.

Yoga at the Mission Hall – Isabelle Taylor has just started two yoga classes in the hall on Tues am and Thur pm. See poster at hall details.

Sutton Poyntz Village WI

Congratulations to the seven ladies from the SP Village WI who performed a line dance as one of the acts at the Dorset Federation of Women Institutes 90th birthday gala concert at Bryanston school in Aug in front of an audience of 600. Future meetings of the SP Village WI are as shown in the current programme with a talk and demonstration on Pottery planned for the November meeting.

Matters discussed by your committee

Appearance of the village – The Borough have agreed to trim back the willows around the pond now that they are reaching the ground. More significant trimming still awaits the co-operation of the Electricity board as the cables pass through the trees.

Planning Matters

- **Consultation** - Your committee has responded to the consultation documents issued by W&PBC and W&P Partnership relating to the Local Development Framework and the Community Plan. Copies of the response have been posted in notice board with copies for examination available from your committee members.
- **Opposed** - Your committee has opposed the demolition of the Cartshed and replacement with a pair of semidetached houses. We could not see a reason to remove an Oak tree at Smithy Cottage. We will also be objecting to the Waterside application to replace touring caravans with static caravans.
- **Comments** - We have commented on a proposed refurbishment for Myrtle Cottage.
- **No objections** - were raised for a Conservatory at Sutton Court Lawns, front extension in Sutton Close, and applications for felling trees at Mullions and Fellside.
- No other planning applications have been published since the last newsletter.

Neighbours

We welcome to the Village the Hutchings family (albeit for a short stay), the Thompsons, the Glavins and the Frys.