



# Sutton Poyntz Society

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## SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY - Newsletter No 128 – March 2008

### Spring has sprung

The Met Office tell us that Spring started on March 1<sup>st</sup> — and it is also time for our **AGMs**.

Those with green fingers need to consider getting prepared for this years **Village Vegetable** (and scarecrow) Show - ready for when spring really does arrive, the show is in August.

It seems a long while before we will need to be concerned about the Victorian Fayre in June. But, there will only be one more newsletter before the **Sutton Poyntz Fayre** is here – and we need the support from you all.

### Forthcoming events

**Mission Hall AGM.....14<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Society Walks .....June / July**  
**Charity lunch ..... Spring - TBA**  
**Society AGM..... 16<sup>th</sup> April**  
**We'll Eat Again .....26<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Plant Sale .....3<sup>rd</sup> May**  
**Victorian Fayre..... 29<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Vegetable Show ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug**

### Mission Hall AGM

The Mission Hall trust will be arranging the AGM for Friday **14<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30 in the Mission Hall. Following the formal business there will be talk on Neighbourhood Watch by Mr Davenport.

### Society Walks



Our spring walk, on **5<sup>th</sup> June** will be centred on the Blackdog at Broadmayne, will be led by Richard and Mike. Reserve **23<sup>rd</sup> July** for the all day walk. Further details will be published in the May Newsletter, on the notice boards and around the village.

### Charity lunch

After the enjoyable lunches organised by Caroline Crisp last year, a further lunch is anticipated soon – look out for the notices around the village.



### Society AGM

The Society AGM is planned for Wed **16<sup>th</sup> April** at the Mission Hall – so make a note in your diary. Both Simon Emblen and Peter Jones are not planning to seek re-election - your committee (which meets monthly)

would benefit from the opinions of ladies and younger members on the committee.

After the formal business we have two interesting topics for discussion. For the village - The "Way Forward" progressing the Village Plan Action Plan will be led by Peter Jones. For everyone with a TV - "Going Digital" - answering your queries of what will happen next year when our area switches TV to digital – will be led by David Dunford.

### We'll Eat Again (sorry Vera!)

The first Gnomes production of 2008 is aimed at recreating wartime life in Britain.

Authentic music, food and camaraderie of the 1940 war years is planned. It is hoped that as many as possible attending will enter into the spirit of the evening and come along in suitable costume for that era.

This first 2008 Gnomes fund raising event, for the Mission Hall, looks forward to your support.

Remember that numbers will be limited to 60 – Tickets, price £12, for **26<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.30 will be available from the Gnomes shortly.

### Plant Sale

Maureen Bond is organising the annual plant sale at Scutt Hall on **3<sup>rd</sup> May** starting at 10.00. All profits will be donated to Julia's House.

### Victorian Fayre - 29<sup>th</sup> June

Details for the Fayre are being organised by the Fayre committee. The Village stalls are vitally important at the Street Fayre as they create a large proportion of the funds raised for our chosen charities. We need your donations and we would be pleased to accept them for the following stalls. Contact the names below or Judy Backwell (833349).

**Perfect Presents** Pat Haine (832995) Any item for this stall which you would like to give, or receive, as a present. Adult or Child.

**Accessories** Ruth Davies (833798) A very popular stall. Any accessory – e.g. bag, hat, scarf, jewellery, sunglasses, bangles etc.

**Gardening Stall** Paul Nicholson (835681) Any articles associated with gardening – pots, tools, fresh fruit, vegetables, flowers etc.

When you plant up a pot for your garden, why not make up another which could be sold on this stall. Summer plants in containers that could be carried to the car would be very popular.

**Books** Caroline Crisp (832529) Adult and Childrens books in very good condition please. (No text books.)





**Antiques and Bygones** Vera Flower (833031) Everyone enjoys browsing through this stall. Vera will be organising and running this stall which has been very successful in previous years.

**Tombola** (John Sutherland) Your committee members will be seeking your donations for this stall run by your Society. We hope to at least equal the success of previous years.

**Brownies** (Maureen Bond 834012) As in previous years, they will be looking for filled jars to sell.

**Your help and assistance** with stands, events and contributions will be essential to ensure the success of the Fayre on 29<sup>th</sup> June – please contact any of the above. If you wish to discuss anything or nominate a charity to benefit, contact Guy Bridge on 833343(eve) or 257258(day).



### **Vegetable Show**

Hopefully, you are sorting out your seeds in preparation for this years Village Vegetable Show that will take place on

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Same classes as 2007, including Spud in a Tub. Seed potatoes will be available from John Crisp around Easter time. The Scarecrow competition will run for the two weeks preceding the Vegetable Show. This means scarecrows appear on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July and may return to their day jobs on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

### **Report of events**

#### **Safari Supper**

Some 46 itinerant diners, enjoyed both their dinner and the exercise before returning to the Mission Hall for coffee, chat and comparing of notes.

#### **Society Coffee Morning**

We did not manage to include our coffee morning in the list of forthcoming events in the last Newsletter. But, local notices, word of mouth and perhaps the entry in the Sutton Poyntz web site encouraged 41 friends and neighbours to enjoy the coffee morning at the Mission Hall on 14th Feb. Apart from coffee and cake, there was also an exhibition of paintings and several display boards of local pictures (including the entrants to last years Scarecrow competition). In addition to the convivial chat with local friends a diversion was provided by the raffle. Amongst the visitors we had previous residents from Australia and America. We look forward to the next event in the Village.

### **Village Plan**

The Village Plan - Community Survey & Action Plan 2007 – is available to everyone with internet access on the Dorset County Council Website "Dorsetforyou" web site under the URL <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/index.jsp?articleid=330473> where

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

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the Sutton Poyntz Village Plan is amongst the plans that are available for anyone to view (and download). A loan copy of The Village Plan is available from any of your committee members. Discussion on the Action Plan is to be held at the Society AGM – see above.

### **Sutton Poyntz Village WI**

Bonny Sartin (of the Yetties), who spoke about smuggling along the South coast, entertained the February meeting of the SP Village WI. Future meetings are as shown in the current programme with Mrs Ferentzi-Sheppard talking on Family History at the March meeting.

### **Matters discussed by your committee**

**Appearance of the village** – The good dog walkers are complaining again about the bad dog walkers. We request you to be unpopular if you spot dog walkers not clearing up after their dogs – point out there is a dog mess box by the pond and ordinary bins can also be used provided the deposit is bagged.

#### **Planning Matters**

- **Opposed** - Your committee has expressed concern on the issue of a drinks licence at Ewelease farm.
- **Commented** – 3 Sutton Close extension
- No other planning applications have been published since the last newsletter.

#### **Newsletter distribution**

Our thanks to Wynne Palframan who is delivering Newsletters etc. for members residing around the pond area of the village.

### **Neighbours**

We welcome Dave and Mo Martin in Plaisters Lane and Colin and Jo Grove in Sutton Road. Further to the last Newsletter which mentioned the **blog** at <http://www.helenmarygee.co.uk> covering the cruise of a couple from the village, it notes that their race across the Atlantic started at 13.00 on 26<sup>th</sup> November from Las Palmas. The Helen Mary Gee arrived 16 storm ravaged days later in St Lucia in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their class. I am sure the result was worth the bruises – but I suspect – "never again"; six of the 216 boats taking part did not finish. More details are on the blog.

#### **Sewing Machines for Nepal**

Richard Backwell has started a sewing project in 2 villages in Nepal that enables the ladies there to make their own clothes for their families. If anyone has a hand operated sewing machine that they no longer use (gathering dust in their loft), please contact Richard (8333349) as he hopes to take a further 6 machines this year when he visits Nepal. Any spare parts (i.e. shuttles, needles and instruction manuals) would also be most welcome.

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