



Sutton Poyntz Society

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SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY - Newsletter No 136 – November 2009

Sutton Poyntz Street Fayre

Autumn is here and it is time to start the planning for the next Fayre. It is planned to hold the biennial Sutton Poyntz Street Fayre again in June 2010 –but – it will only happen if we can find enough people in the village to help. Go to the meeting on 30th October to throw your helping hand into the pot.

Theatre Group

As the nights begin to draw in, a new Theatre group is being proposed by Colin Marsh – see Neighbours at the foot of the Newsletter.

Forthcoming events

- Street Fayre Meeting.....30th Oct**
- Sausage Sizzle 31st Oct**
- Coffee Mornings 6th Nov**
- Table Tennis from 8th Nov**
- Safari Supper 14th Nov**
- Gnomes Seasonal Lunch6th Dec**
- Carols 21st Dec**

Forthcoming events

The 2010 Village Street Fayre

Public meeting with cheese and wine
Friday 30th October at 7.30pm in the Mission Hall

Can you help on the day or on the committee and meet once a month, over the odd glass or two of wine, and help organize this wonderful event. Have you a skill or useful contacts? Catering, Website Design, P.R? Without Village support it won't happen!

Come to the meeting 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 past Village Street Fayres. We need your support for the previously very successful day, hugely enjoyed and participated in by so many in the village, which also managed to raise the remarkable sum of £15000 for Charities you help choose. If you wish to discuss anything ring Guy Bridge on 07775806658.

A **Sausage Sizzle** is planned for Halloween, on **Saturday October 31st** at the Mission Hall from 6.00 to 7.30. As well as the bangers, there will a Fancy Dress Competition and a seasonal Spooky Pumpkin Competition.



Coffee mornings continue on the first Friday in November (**6th November**) and for the following 4 months. Apart from a tasty coffee, cake and friendly natter – you can anticipate another small supporting event.



Table Tennis comes to the Mission Hall – starting next month. From Sunday 8th November (and each following Sunday) you will be able to

book yourself a ½ hour session on the table. For £3 all equipment will be provided and any skill level is ok. The table is available from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. From Monday 9th November, the same table will be available for a ladies session between 2 to 4. This ladies session will cost you just £2. Again all skill levels are accepted – just turn up. Any queries ring Sarah Ayling on 834758.

Safari Supper

The Mission Hall trust is arranging a Safari Supper on **14th November**. Starting at 7.00 in the Mission Hall you will get aperitifs and your itinerary for the evening - ready for your trip out for starters and main course. Deserts will be served back at the hall (which allows people a little further from the centre of the village to participate). Coffee will bring the evening to an end. Book your place with Susanne on 835353 and let her know which course you would like to provide. Cost is anticipated to be £8 each. Don't delay - numbers are limited.



Gnomes Seasonal Lunch The gnomes are arranging a seasonal lunch at the Mission Hall on **Sunday 6th December**. For £12 you will once more eat like royalty (or at least like a gnome). Numbers are again limited so book early with Jill Caddy on 832595 and you can order your meal from the Menu.



Carols around the Christmas Tree this year will be accompanied by the Salvation Army Band. Starting at 6.30 on **Monday 21st December** – we will need energetic singing to complement the band. Carols will be followed by Mulled Wine and Mince pies in the Mission Hall.

Report of events

Gnomes Lunch – This lunch was obviously so well enjoyed that the seasonal lunch (mentioned above) was an obvious follow up. All who attended

will have been first in line for the December event – so be aware that the hall does not have elastic walls and there is a maximum number set for dining.

Stream Dipping – Louise Sheaves led a group of children and parents on the 5th Sept into the woods to investigate the bugs and things in the stream above the water works. Everyone returned with jars, photos or pictures from the group microscope. It was obviously successful as Louise is planning a similar event in the near future – so keep your ears to the ground.

Coffee Mornings – Our first coffee morning of this session was again well attended. In addition to the pleasant company, it is exceptional value and much nearer than the town. The exhibition of photos raised much interest. In addition to the village photos, Peter and Rita Riley showed a number of their superb shots taken over the years.

Village Plan

John Crisp, on behalf of the Society Committee is co-ordinating progress with each group below. If you are interested in contributing to any of these groups, please contact John Crisp or the contacts noted.

- **Heritage and History** – Bill

Egerton leads the group that has started documenting the history of dwellings, and changes in the village. Now the holiday season is over, an event is being planned for the near future. Keep your eyes open for notices if it occurs before the next Newsletter.



Crime prevention – Peter Jones reports on Sutton Poyntz Homewatch. The level of crime in the village is thankfully LOW and it is hoped that all may strive to keep it that way. Helen Hambleton of Waterworks Cottages will be taking over from Julia Allen to co-ordinate the spread of information from Ringmaster in the central (pond) area of the village. Thanks are expressed to Julia for her support to Homewatch. A deputy for Helen in the central area will be welcomed, not an onerous task and any volunteer please contact Peter Jones. Should you feel that you are not receiving an efficient service about Homewatch please let Peter Jones (833288) know so the matter may be sorted out.

- **Conservation** – Your Committee continue to examine and comment on all local planning applications. Note that all other interested parties also need to comment.

- A document, outlining the principles followed by your committee in their approach to Planning in Sutton Poyntz, is posted on the notice board for your information.

- **The Village Map** project has currently paused.

- **to Tourist leaflet** – A leaflet highlighting the features be found in a walk around the village is now available from Sara Knight or



at our coffee mornings at a cost of 25p. A cheque to assist their work was presented by Wessex Water on 9th Oct during the art class at the Mission Hall.

- **Biodiversity Group News** John Newbould reports - The Biodiversity group has continued to organise regular Monday walks from Fox Cottage. One Monday we visited a house on Plaisters Lane where over 40 spikes of the orchid Autumn Ladies Tresses were present. Highlighting this small plant paid dividends with one of the walking party finding just one spike in her lawn. We have continued to do the garden bird watch with participants receiving a monthly *Newsletter*, which is displayed in the notice board on the Cartshed.

Matters discussed by your committee

- **Planning Matters** Your committee has revised the process for reviewing planning applications to include all members of the committee instead of a small sub group as previously implemented.

- **Commented** – Remove leylandii at Greenhills and Walnut tree pruning at the Gospel Hall– restated view of Society but deferred decision to Trees officer.

- We note that the communications mast on Chalbury hill has been refused.

- **Speed limit.** We await any news on the possibility of implementing a **20 MPH speed limit** throughout the village from the top of Plaisters to the village entrance at Sutton Road. It appears the start and end of the limit might need to be marked with something like a rumble strip to indicate the lower limits. Our local councillors are investigating.

Neighbours

- The **village DVD**, reproduced by P Riley, which was placed in the hall for loan by anyone who was interested has not reappeared. It appears to have gone on a long term loan – could the current borrower please return it for others to use!

- Finally, A **New Theatre Group** is being proposed.

It would appear that the Springhead Theatregoers is being disbanded. Colin Marsh is investigating the



possibility of forming a similar theatre going interest group - of a smaller size for people in the village and the immediate area. If anyone is interested in participating in such a group **please contact** Colin Marsh or Rita Oxby (833892).

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

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