



# Sutton Poyntz Society

*Affiliated to the Campaign to Protect Rural England*

## SUTTON POYNTZ SOCIETY - Newsletter No 141 – November 2010

### The year draws to an end

This is the final Newsletter of 2010 – where did the year go. This issue is a little late due to your secretary attending a family wedding in Australia. The weather there, although not hot, was certainly warmer than we have at present – and of course they have the pleasure of Christmas in mid summer. It does not sound right though - does it! BBQ turkey. However whatever the turkey looks like – do have a great Christmas and may 2011 be even better than 2010

### Forthcoming events

**Coffee mornings..... 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays**  
**Crime Prevention Measures .....8<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
**Talk on Planning ..... 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Christmas Carols ..... 20<sup>th</sup> December**  
**New Years Eve party ..... 31<sup>st</sup> December**  
**Question Time.....16<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Society AGM..... 20<sup>th</sup> April**

### **Coffee Mornings – First Fridays**

This season of Coffee mornings is in full swing. Come and enjoy a coffee, chat and meet the village on the first Friday of the month.

### **Crime Prevention Measures**

Peter Jones reports - A talk will be given by PC Kevin Eames on crime prevention measures and PCSO Clive Joyner will elaborate on the state of Homewatch at an event to be held in the Mission Hall on Wednesday 8 December 2010 at 7 pm. A number of residents have requested an update on Crime Prevention and the strength of Homewatch is gaining increasing importance as amplified by the recent crime activity in the village. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn how the Police Force is tackling local crime and also for you to question our Safer Neighbourhood team members. I hope that you will make every effort to attend as the police force are seeking more community support to combat the local crime element"

### **Talk on Planning**

On Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Mission Hall, we will have an Evening with the Planners. Debbie Redding and Andrew Galpin from W&P Council will talk on planning and the new "Localism" proposal. Starting at 7:30, there will be time for a few questions, please send your suggestions in advance to John Crisp, Bellamy Cottage, by 7<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Christmas Carols**



**Carols** around the Christmas Tree this year will be starting at 6.30 on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup>**

**December.** A good noisy crowd is anticipated with the carols followed by Mulled Wine and Mince pies in the Mission Hall.

### **New Years Eve party**

John and Julia Allen are organising a New Years Eve party at the Mission Hall. Posters are displayed around the village and it is expected to be a popular event. Space is limited – so contact John or Julia on 832759 soon for details if you want to book a place.

### **Question Time**

The Society is hoping to arrange a social evening on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March based upon a "Question Time" format in the Mission Hall. Watch out for posters giving details.

### **Society AGM**

The Society AGM is currently planned for 20<sup>th</sup> April. Come along with your ideas for the future of the Society. We need to develop how we assist the W&P Planning Committee in discharging their duty of care to our Conservation Area. Also come along and volunteer to take your turn on the Committee.

### **Reports on Village Activities**

#### **Coffee Mornings – First Fridays**

This season of Coffee mornings started on 1<sup>st</sup> October where it appeared that nothing had changed from the previous coffee mornings. Serious chat was caught up and a display of old record covers brought back memories of ones youth. The November coffee morning was accompanied by a display from the Biodiversity group.

#### **Fayre Charity Presentations**

The conclusion to the 2010 Village Fayre was celebrated on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> October when some £20000 was presented to the benefiting charities and local activities.

#### **Sausage Sizzle**

On a dry, crisp, dark evening, the Mission Hall was full of fancy dress witches, skeletons, ghosts and other 'scary' people! Outside the garden wall was lined with wonderfully carved Pumpkins. The winners of the Fancy Dress competition were Orla Stevens and Scott Randall and the Pumpkin winners were Mimi Lloyd and Max Lloyd. Well done to everyone who dressed up and those who carved the Pumpkins! You were all marvellous!



## Other Village Activities

- **Village History** – A group meeting is planned for this month. Watch out for a notice of a general meeting early next year.
- **Village Web Site** – The results of work on this web site should be evident shortly – keep your ear to the ground.
- **Crime prevention** – Homewatch – see note of the meeting in Forthcoming Events above.
- **Biodiversity Group** – The November Newsletter is displayed in the Society Notice board. This issue focuses on the bats seen around the village.
- **WI - Sutton Poyntz Village WI Report**

Our Old Time Music Hall in October was a happy sing-along evening and the children from Westfield College made an excellent contribution. We are looking forward to their return at our Christmas Party. The main speaker at the Autumn Council Meeting in Poole was Edwina Currie who proved to be a lively, entertaining speaker. She replaced Ann Widdecombe who had to withdraw at the last minute to attend her brother's funeral. Our thanks and best wishes went to the departing County Chairman, Margaret Knight, who during her term of office was unfailingly composed and good-humoured whatever the circumstances.

The President reported on the Resolutions Meeting at Morden, and Carol Sutton was thanked for organising the very successful Autumn lunch at the Spyglass. We were pleasantly surprised to hear that both our teams had got through to the Final of the County Quiz in Sturminster Marshall and now feel that the elusive trophy may well be within our grasp.

Our November speaker was David Hawkes who did a splendid job informing us about the history of Islam. *He began by showing that the differences between Islam and Christianity are very small. Surprisingly the largest congregation of Muslims in the world is in Indonesia where there are 92 million.*

*Islam is an Arabic word meaning 'submission to the will of God' and a Muslim is a person who submits. The prayer beads carried by Muslims represent the 99 attributes of God. The Prophet Muhammad was born in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, in 570. At the age of forty he was meditating in a cave on a mountain one night when he was visited by the angel Jibreel who ordered him to recite. Once Jibreel used the name Allah, Muhammad began to recite words, which he believed were the words of God. These revelations continued throughout his life. They were remembered and recorded and form the text of the Holy Qu'ran, the Muslim scripture.*

- **Theatre Group** The Sutton Poyntz Theatre Group continues to go from strength to strength. The second half of the year had theatregoers from the village visiting Chichester Festival Theatre on two occasions, firstly to see the stage version of Yes, Prime Minister on a glorious June day and most recently in early August to see the musical, '42nd Street'. The consensus was that both were excellent productions and the two hours free time in Chichester prior to the performances was well received. A group

of 32 travelled to the newly refurbished Theatre Royal Bath on September 11th to see a production of 'The Rivals' starring Penelope Keith and Peter Bowles. The final event for 2010 sees 48 members going to the Poole Lighthouse Theatre on 27th Nov to see a new Inspector Morse mystery, 'House of Ghosts' by Colin Dexter and starring Colin Baker.

The first trip of the New Year is to be on 22nd January 2011 to see 'Murdered to Death' a comedy thriller at the Lighthouse Theatre Poole, with Norman Pace, Victor Spinetti and Sandra Dickinson. New members are always welcome and should contact Colin Marsh on 833892.

## Neighbours

**Broadband** - Communities that are keen to obtain fibre-based broadband are being asked to publicly declare their desire for high-speed net access. BT have an online voting system to see the demand for Fibre optic, which may help get better Broadband into the village if you go to [racetoinfinity.bt.com](http://racetoinfinity.bt.com) put in your postcode, phone number etc, it will register your vote! You never know; if we hit the target percentage BT may re-schedule and move us up the pecking order! The vote for fibre optic broadband in this area is a worthwhile exercise.

Out of interest the Preston exchange has 3641 connections to/from it, see ([www.racetoinfinity.bt.com](http://www.racetoinfinity.bt.com)) On 8<sup>th</sup> Nov Preston have only returned a 2.8% vote so hopefully that can be improved on.

**The Springhead** – Richard at the Springhead is offering a selection of meals at the amazing price of £5.50 - which includes a drink. This offer is available on Wednesday to Saturday 12 – 2 and 6 – 8. See his advert (copy posted in the Society notice board) for further details.

## Matters discussed by your committee

**Planning Matters** A meeting with our borough planning officers is being arranged for December (see forthcoming events above). Changes to the planning process being implemented by the Government appear to make the views of local residents even more important.

### Planning applications -

- **Commented (no objection)** – Mill House Rearrangement of facilities at rear of property.
- Little Acorns - Two storey extension.
- Stables in Green Wedge – Additional storage for food – provided building was temporary structure.
- **Objected** – Springhead marquee – The Society was concerned on the use of amplified music essentially in the open air.
- Fuchsia Cottage - Addition of garage – was concerned in the size of footprint of enlarged property and effect of views from village.

- A proposed meeting with our Local Councillors (mentioned in the last Newsletter) had to be cancelled due to conflicting appointments. However a similar format Question Time event is planned for next March with questions posed by the audience (in advance). (See forthcoming events above.)

## Your Committee

Your committee are available for any items of interest or concern [collection area]

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John Bellis (Treasurer) (837162)	Bill Egerton (832872) [S Sutton Rd]	Karen Phillips (836330) [N Plaisters]
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