



# Sutton Poyntz Society

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## Forthcoming events

**Coffee mornings..... 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays**  
**Valentine Safari Supper... 12<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Mission Hall AGM ..... 23<sup>rd</sup> February**  
**Question Time..... 16<sup>th</sup> March**  
**History Group ..... 30<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Society AGM..... 20<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Street Party ..... 29<sup>th</sup> April**

## **Valentine Safari Supper... 12<sup>th</sup> February**

The Mission Hall Trust are arranging a Safari supper on 12<sup>th</sup> February. Starting at 6.45 in the Mission Hall for aperitifs you will also get your itinerary for the evening. Coffee will be back at the hall when you can relax and compare notes. Contact Suzanne on 835353 to arrange which course you could provide. Regret it is almost fully booked from the last coffee morning – and word of mouth. Cost will be £8 as last time.

**Mission Hall AGM** The Mission Hall AGM is being arranged for Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb at 7.30. All are welcome.

## **Question Time**

The Society is arranging a social evening in the Mission Hall on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March starting at 7.30 based upon a "Question Time" format. The panel will consist of Hazel Bruce, Peter Chapman, David Mannings, Dennis Ackroyd and Chris Hubbard; they will answer questions submitted earlier by the audience. Numbers will be limited and entry will be by ticket available from the committee at £1.50. The bottom of the ticket will have a tear off strip for the submission of any question – which will allow the chairman to select and order questions in a logical sequence.

## **History Group**

Following the first public event arranged by the group covering the families who owned Sutton Poyntz, the group are arranging a further event on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March. See "**Village History**" below for more details. If this event lives up to the reputation of the first presentation – it must not be missed. More details will also be published on the web site and posters.

## **Society AGM**

The Society AGM is currently planned for 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30. 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. Please submit any items

for discussion to a committee member prior to the meeting.

This year we will be electing a new Chairman and Secretary as well as some new committee members so come along and volunteer to take your turn on the Committee.

We also hope to have a speaker for the meeting - See posted notices or the web site for details.

Subs for 2011 / 2012 can also be paid at the AGM.

## **Street Party**

A street party is being arranged for Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April to join in the celebrations for a wedding at that date. We have not got an invite (yet) – but the party will be in the area of the Mission Hall. So keep your eyes open for notices / flyers with more details.

## Reports on Village Activities

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

This season of Coffee mornings is in full swing. The December coffee morning also saw the launch of the village Web site (see below). January included a display of archaeological finds from around the village. Come and enjoy a coffee, chat and meet the village on the first Friday of the month.

### **Crime Prevention Measures**

A talk on Crime Prevention and Homewatch was well attended on 8<sup>th</sup> December. The accent was on prevention of burglary by making things awkward for any transgressor. Many little deterrents can be most effective in persuading the attempt to move to an easier target. Various marking devices were displayed from a UV sensitive ink pen to DNA marking. Many products are available from a local company - Streetwise-LV – see Crime Prevention report below.

### **Talk on Planning**

On December 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Mission Hall, a large crowd attended to hear Debbie Redding and Andrew Galpin from W&P Borough Council explain the current planning process and outline the changes anticipated with the accent on Localism. Also attending was Peter Farrell who is the current Chairman of the planning committee and he and the planners answered questions that had been submitted previously.

Having previously produced a Village Survey and Village Plan, the Society appears to be an ideal forum within which to maintain the involvement of the village in the developing planning process.

### **Christmas Carols**

Despite the cold and icy conditions, a hardy group of individuals gathered around the Christmas Tree for Carols. Due to the weather the Salvation Army were

unable to attend but the assembled company, including RAF Cadets and led by the Rev Tim West, sang heartily without musical accompaniment. The carolling was followed by welcome refreshments in the Mission Hall.

Once again the Tree was donated by 'Trinity Trees', and the Society, the Mission Hall and carollers made a donation to Julias House of £100.

### **New Years Eve party**

The New Years eve party arranged by John and Julia Allen went with a swing. A full house enjoyed good food and activities to welcome in the New Year in the manner to which they like to be accustomed.

### **Special General Meeting**

A special general meeting was convened on 4<sup>th</sup> January to discuss the licensing application for a drinks and music licence at Northdown Farm. With standing room only, the meeting heard the views of residents to this application which the Society will represent at the forthcoming licensing meeting. With a large number of residents in opposition (apparently all at the meeting except the applicant and the Echo reporter), the conclusion was that it would be useful to co-ordinate any future response.

The Licensing Committee are meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> February at the Ocean Rooms to decide on this application.

### **Other Village Activities**

- **Village History** – The History Group are arranging a History Evening in the Mission Hall on the 30<sup>th</sup> March. The highlight of the evening will be a talk by Richard Samways (archivist of the Weymouth Museum) on the Sutton Poyntz murder. Richard gave this talk to the Somerset & Dorset Family History Society last year, and you can be assured of a fascinating evening. Tickets for the event will cost £1.50 per person, and will go on sale during February - watch out for notices around the village and on the village website.

- **Village Web Site** – The new village website went live in December, and is already proving valuable for distributing urgent information, such as about the licence application on Northdown Farm land. Those of you with computers can find the website at <http://suttonpoyntz.org.uk>. The website contains a village calendar and information on village groups, as well as a wealth of useful and/or interesting information on the village. If you want information (calendar entries, reports on events, information on other village Groups etc.) put onto the website, contact a member of the Web Group - Bill Egerton, John Sutherland, Dave Emery or Peter Sheaves.

- **Crime prevention** – P Jones reports - Streetwise-LV, based in Bournemouth, is a registered charity sponsored by the London Victoria Insurance company. They are able to supply a range of reasonably priced security products for the home. Have a look at their site at [www.streetwise.org.uk](http://www.streetwise.org.uk) and click on the section at the top marked 'Shop-Crime Prevention'. Should you wish to purchase any product an order form and instructions for payment can be

downloaded. The product/s can be delivered to a local police station for your collection so avoiding any postage charges.

- **Biodiversity Group** – John Newbould reports - As I am writing this members of the group are reviewing their findings in 2010. Extensive work has been carried out on bats species in the village; moth trapping has continued but with less time spent and consequently fewer records. Garden Bird Watch has continued with just over twenty village gardens taking part. The results of 2010 GBW are displayed in the Cartshed notice board as well as available on line on the village website. If you wish to join in contact John Newbould or use the on line form. Grants have been received from OPAL to purchase more surveying equipment. Newsletters for December and January are displayed in the Society Notice board.

- **WI - Sutton Poyntz Village WI Report**

Chris reports that the January meeting benefited from a fascinating talk on Florence Nightingale given at short notice by Val Stevens as the planned speakers could not attend. The February Meeting will have a very different presentation when Stuart Morris will entertain us with images and music on the theme of 'Fun and Magic'.

Plans have been made for a Birthday meeting and lunch in February with a craft session and photography and collectibles exhibitions later this year.

- **Theatre Group** - Following the formation of the Sutton Poyntz Theatre Group in February of last year a total of five successful trips have been undertaken to venues as far apart as Bath and Chichester. The group has grown from an initial 30 members to over 80 at the end of 2010. While the focus is on the immediate locality we welcome theatregoers from the wider area on the basis that coach pick-up is restricted to Sutton Poyntz and Chalbury only, thus enabling us to significantly reduce journey time.

The next trip is to Poole on 22<sup>nd</sup> January to see 'Murdered to Death' followed by a visit to Salisbury on 5<sup>th</sup> March for a performance of 'The Constant Wife' by W. Somerset Maugham. Some coach only tickets are available for Salisbury at £8.50 per person.

New members are always welcome and should contact Colin Marsh on 833892.

### **Neighbours**

**A mixed crafts group** – Are you interested in getting together, on an informal basis, with like minded crafters to talk, work on your own chosen craft or maybe even learn something new? If you are, please ring Brenda on 833043.

**New Residents** - Welcome to Mike and Kartrina Blee who have moving into Plaisters Lane.

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

**Planning / licensing Matters** A licensing application placed on the 6<sup>th</sup> Dec kept us all involved with Society business as well as our seasonal activities. See above for details of the Special General Meeting.

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

John Crisp (Chairman) (832529) [MH Lane]	Tony Bugler (832953) [Puddledock]	Anne Dye (837139)
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