



Sutton Poyntz Society

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PLANNING

Society Planning Policy – The revised Society policy is now available as a draft. A few copies have been circulated. If you would like to see it before the AGM, please contact a committee member. The policy is important. It ensures that comments made by the Society are soundly based, consistent and free from personal bias.

Comments were sent to the Planning Office on the application by Punch Taverns to replace the pavilion building at the Springhead with a block of bed and breakfast rooms. We highlighted the need for extreme care to ensure that no precedent is created by marginally encroaching on the development boundary. The committee also pointed out that the construction materials selected were inappropriate for the Conservation Area.

Live Music Bill – No, we didn't know about it either! From the minimal information available to us, there seems to be a risk that, in passing this Bill, Parliament may have degraded the protection village residents have from invasive noise due to amplified music. Because of the uncertainty, John Crisp wrote to Richard Drax back in January asking the obvious question about what protection remains for villagers. At the time of writing this Newsletter there has been no answer to this question.

COMING EVENTS

Coffee Mornings – Popular as ever, these have now stopped as Spring has arrived. They will start again in October.

Society AGM – Wednesday 18 April at 7:30 p.m. Come and have your say on what the Society should (or shouldn't) be doing. It is the Committee that keeps the Society going. If you haven't done a tour of duty yet, then now is the time to volunteer. We would particularly welcome ladies to keep the Committee balanced. The meeting

will be followed by a talk on "The Olympics at Weymouth" by Duncan Flint.

Scarecrows – Once again we hope to see lots of wonderful scarecrows mysteriously appear on Sunday 22 July and disappear on Sunday 5th August. Remember, all proceeds go to "Waves" in Weymouth.

Cream Teas – They will be in the afternoon of Saturday 21st July at the Mission Hall.

Vegetable Show – Saturday 4th August in the Scutt Hall. Doors open around 9:30. Classes as previously, see the notice board and the next Newsletter. Only a few weeks left before it's time to start your spud in a tub!

Village Spring Clean 24/25 March – Thank you to those who have already said they are willing to help. The clean up will be the weekend of 24/25 March, see you there! Details on the calendar on our website.

Flower Festival – St Andrews Church will be holding a flower festival on May 5, 6, and 7th.

Biodiversity Group – John Newbould's latest bird report is on the village notice board together with details of the nature walks.

NEWSROUND

Homewatch – Recent attempted thefts at local properties focus the mind upon protecting property. Please contact Peter Jones on 833288 for details of the provider of a simple DNA (Smart water) marking kit. This marking is unique to the household and will help to recover any stolen property; petty theft will no doubt continue to be a problem during a period of recession.

We are told that fraud via ATMs and the Internet is decreasing. However, as seen in Ringmaster messages, sophisticated scams continue apace; we must continue to be wary. If you are not receiving Homewatch Police notifications please contact Peter on the above telephone number.

Street Fayre – This year will be on Sunday 24th June and planning for this year's event is progressing well. We have, as always, an active committee organising the entertainments. Various stalls and materials are needed to ensure we maintain the success of previous years. In addition to assistance from local residents in the materials needed for the village stalls, we need to confirm that we have sufficient helpers on the day to provide the support to all activities. At the last Fayre, we had approximately 200 helpers supporting over a few hours in various places. Many have already volunteered their time. Please let us know that you can help in one (or more) of the following areas on 24th June:

Village Stalls: Pat Haine -

michaelhaine007@btinternet.com

Children's Events: Linda Obey -

linobey@hotmail.co.uk

Manning the entry areas: John Sutherland -

jandii.sutherland@tiscali.co.uk

Car parking: Clive Davies - clive@royalmanor.co.uk

Catering: Elise Potter - ekpotteruk@yahoo.co.uk

Setting up / clearing away: Dave Martin

curly2you@btinternet.com

Please contact one of the above or John Sutherland

on 832227 – jandii.sutherland@tiscali.co.uk

The village stalls need LOTS of contributions. So please search your loft, wardrobe, kitchen cupboards and garage! The Village Stalls are:

PERFECT PRESENTS – For adults and children. Any unopened or unused gifts. Please take to Ruth Davies (Felix House, Plaisters Lane, 833798) or Pat Haine (Southdown Cottage, Plaisters Lane, 832995)

ANTIQUES and BYGONES – Any collectables, glass ceramics, bowls, jugs, and good quality bric-a-brac. To Vera Flowers, please. (833031)

WEDDING FINERY – Those lovely wedding suits and dresses that don't quite fit anymore. Hats, bags, and smart shoes to Margaret Sykes (3 Old Bincombe Lane, 832200)

SHABBY CHIC FURNITURE – this made a lot of money last time. Small carry away wooden items – chairs, coffee tables, wooden lamp stands, bedside cabinets, framed mirrors. All will be painted and look very fashionable. Please deliver to Pat Bellis (Sutton House, Puddledock Lane) Your items can be stored, work is well under way but they need MORE!

SPORTS EQUIPMENT – Ready for the Olympics! Hunt out your old bicycles, surf boards, rucksacks, footballs, boots, and racquets of any description to Ruth Davies (Felix House, Plaisters Lane, 833798)

FILL A JAR – Run by the Brownie Pack. Fill a jar with sweets (no chocolate), crayons, marbles, etc. To Maureen Bond (Puddledock Lane, 834012) Clean empty jars needed as well.

GARDENING STALL – Gardening tools, patio pots, gardening accessories, and (nearer to the day) plants. All to Pat Haine (Southdown Cottage, 832995)

ACCESSORIES & JEWELLERY – Jewellery, scarves, and bags to Jean Kirk (Greendown, Plaisters Lane, 834759)

BOOKS – good quality books to Sue Locke (4 Sutton Court Lawns, 835116)

RED WHITE & BLUE – a patriotic stall for Olympic year. We will be asking for lots of cup cakes to be made. Patriotic cake cases provided. A stall for the children. Please offer your help to Sarah Breaks (837373).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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| Bill Egerton (Chairman) | 832872 | John Bellis (Treasurer) | 837162 |
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| Karen Phillips | 836330 | John Crisp | 832529 |
| Tony Bugler | 832953 | John Sutherland | 832227 |
| Peter Riley | 834653 | Peter Sheaves | 833338 |
| David Martin | 836322 | Alan Dawson Hollis | 832746 |