



*Sutton Poyntz*

# Sutton Poyntz Society

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## Vegetable & Scarecrow Competition

Green fingered villagers turned out in force to contest the various classes in the SP Village Vegetable Show. Rivalry was as keen as ever, with some excellent produce on display. Voting, by popular choice, started with the purchase of a voting slip from John Bellis at the door followed by some difficult decisions to be made. As John totalled the votes he said he could detect a distinct pattern, which resulted in Bill Egerton presenting the winners with their certificates as follows Longest runner bean, 3 tomatoes and Anything grown in a greenhouse - Dave Caddy; Longest cucumber - Ian Locke; Selection of herbs - Elise Potter; 3 carrots - David Pennington; Single lettuce and 3 courgettes - Dot Emblen; 3 beans - Joyce Faraday; 5 soft fruit - Bill Egerton; Any other vegetable - Louise Sheaves (we were assured that her red onions were not painted!); A bunch of flowers - Mike Haine; A bunch of different leaves - Ros Evans.

Announcing the winner of the Scarecrow Competition, Dave Martin read out an international message from one of the scarecrow voting slips written by some Italian visitors who said how marvellous they thought all the entries were. After a close fought contest the winners were Liz and Chris Balfe, with the Baker (Entry No. 13) in Puddledock Lane. After much dirtying of hands and the use of a new electronic digital weighing machine Peter Sheaves presented the results of the Des Evans Trophy for the highest weight of spuds grown in a tub. This year Dave Martin managed the staggering weight of 0.57kg up approx 1000% from last year, but it still wasn't enough to topple Jane Walsh from top spot with 1.86 kg, though 3 other competitors managed over 1 kg. She was presented with the unique trophy by Ros Evans. In conclusion Bill Egerton thanked the ladies for the wonderful teas and cakes, Peter Sheaves for organising the vegetable show, Dave Martin the Scarecrow Competition and all those who entered the competitions and/or turned up on the day to vote. £305 will be donated to 'Waves' from these events, including £116 raised by teas organised by Weymouth College.



The pictures show the Black Hand gang of potato pluckers, Jane Walsh receiving the Des Evans Trophy and Liz Ballard with the Scarecrow winner's trophy.





## Community Speed Watch

Community Speed Watch (CSW) has been introduced in Dorset.

This police backed scheme enables communities to actively and officially monitor traffic speed through their built up areas. For details see [www.dorset.police.uk](http://www.dorset.police.uk) Peter Jones is the liaison for this scheme within Sutton Poyntz. If you wish to be involved please contact him on: (833288 or [PJonesHamp@aol.com](mailto:PJonesHamp@aol.com)) for information



**DON'T STAY STUMPED**

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### The picture competition stumped everyone!

The puzzle picture in the last issue was of the BBC recording an edition of the very popular Seaside Special variety programme in 1977. Nobody got the answer quite right, but Ann Kemp was closest, and will receive the prize once I've decided what it is! Ann remembers "Complete chaos and much fun" and that to film the dancers near the Mill the camera was placed on the wall – with lots of stones removed - up at the other end of the pond. Then they had to go hell for leather down the road to be ready for the next shot! Those were the days!

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## Pigs in Poyntz

Walking down Puddledock Lane I came across Guy and Virginia Bridge, returning from cycling out towards Abbotsbury. They were admiring Ann and Richard Crocker's three pigs - Henry, Kate and George - on the newly cleared land alongside the Lane. I don't know if Guy was viewing them with a professional eye as to how many pork steaks they would provide, but Henry couldn't have cared less. He was more interested in pinching the biscuits that Ann had brought for her coffee! It really made a most charming rural scene. Thanks to John Morris for the picture of Ann with Henry (?), Kate (?) and/or George!



# CREAM TEAS!

ENJOYED BY EVERYONE

On a pleasant summer day 70 villagers, plus a few from overseas, enjoyed the Village Cream teas at the Mission Hall, raising over £160 for Society funds. Thanks are especially due to the ladies for their hard work in preparing and serving the teas

The Street Fayre to be held in 2014 generates community spirit and brings the whole village together in one enjoyable day. Last year's committee did a splendid job and with your amazing help on the day, and the visitors, raised £20,000!

for many good causes. Now new members with fresh ideas are needed, as without a committee there is no Fayre. A meeting at the Mission Hall (TBA) will be your chance to get involved. All comments and ideas will be gratefully received. Please attend and make your voice heard.



*& a shed!*

Committee meetings are usually held monthly, starting in October, so not long now! Contact Guy on 01305 257258 or [guy@guybridge.info](mailto:guy@guybridge.info) for a chat or more information.

Wessex Water have kindly agreed to allow a discrete village shed in the waterworks site for storing Street Fayre props and other items that may now be taking up space in someone's garage. If you know of a good size shed that could be used please contact [Guy on 01305 257258](mailto:Guy on 01305 257258) or [guy@guybridge.info](mailto:guy@guybridge.info)



Two Scout & Guide Spring fund raising events, the Spring Jumble Sale and the Beach Stall were a great success. Betty Hennessey says they raised over £1400 to go towards the upkeep and repair of the Scutt Hall, used by so many youngsters.

She thanks all those who helped with the events, and especially Simon Grant-Jones for giving up so much of his time to transport everything. Betty herself deserves a big "thank you", for she works tirelessly for the benefit of our local youngsters.



Girlguiding

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## Forthcoming Events

1. The Village BBQ on Sunday 8 September at a cost of £6 per person.

Please bring your own meat and drinks. Salads bread/rolls and dessert will be provided. All are welcome.

2. A Village Sunday Lunch on Sunday 3 November. Come along and enjoy good food in good company. Please bring your own wine/drinks. £12 per person.

Both start at 1pm at the Mission Hall, so contact Maureen on 835533 to book yourself in.



Stop Press! The White Horse Restoration project, led by Osmington Village, has been short-listed for a 'Heritage Angels Award'. Also the County Council Roads Committee has converted the ridgeway track above Sutton Poyntz and Osmington into a "restricted byway". Motor traffic is not permitted, but you are now free to take your horse and cart along the track!

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### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Forthcoming Committee meetings (to be confirmed)

3rd Wednesday of each month, 7.30, in the Mission Hall

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