



Sutton Poyntz Society

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Please help with the Victorian Street Fayre

David Langridge reminds us that the Victorian Street Fayre will take place on Sunday 29 June. The committee is organising entertainments, various stalls and materials and the Village Stalls need the following items:- Perfect Presents : unopened or unused gifts; Accessories:



jewellery, posh hats, scarves and handbags; Gardening: garden accessories, tools, seeds; Books: good quality paperbacks and hardbacks, DVDs, jigsaws or board games; Antiques and Bygones: good quality collectables; Wedding finery: posh frocks, hats and accessories; Shabby Chic furniture: small carry away wooden

items suitable for repainting. If you have such items then put them aside, as details of where to take them will be notified shortly. In addition we are looking for an army of volunteers who can help with the crowds (see pictures) on the day. Jane Young needs lots of helpers, so even if you can only manage two hours, please ring her on 833408.

Your village needs YOU.



Significant birthdays

I did promise that the information was 'off the record', but you can't trust the Press. A little bird tells me that a certain past SP Society Chairman has reached his three score and ten birthday and as a result the Wine Tasting Evening he is organising was postponed to allow for family celebrations! I'm sure we would all like to offer John many congratulations.

Homewatch

Martyn Underhill, the Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner, is seeking a rise of 1.95% (about £3.60/household) in the police precept. Peter Jones, our village Homewatch coordinator, hopes this will secure adequate community policing and support. Local petty crime, apart from garage/shed break ins, has decreased in recent months. You should be receiving Ringmaster alert messages from our local volunteer John Brooks and for more information on Homewatch see www.nhwdorset.org.uk

Planning

A planning application for the Old Rectory, 7 Sutton Road has been resubmitted (WP/13/00847/FUL and /00848/LBC). This is a Grade 2 listed building of special architectural and historic interest. The proposal is to demolish the existing double garage and erect a garden lodge. This will be moved away from the existing house and let into the hillside towards Sutton Road and will follow the proportions and design of the adjoining Old Coach House. The revisions to the original proposal involve changes to the roofline and windows. The SP Society response is as before, to ask the Planners to consider the visual impact of the changes from the road.

The Council have accepted responsibility for the state of the trees around the pond and will carry out work to make sure the tops are sound. Whether they can do this soon depends on the weather.

Youngsters active in the Village

Youngsters in the Breaks family have been busy recently. Sarah tells me that daughter Imogen has been keeping the village clean with a once a week litter pick as part of her civic award through St. Andrews School. She completes a community and school service challenge once a week for six months. So far she has collected a variety of rubbish including tissues, McDonalds wrappers, cigarette packets, a half full can of cider, crisp bags and an awful lot of builders rubbish! Son Samuel is organising a Teddy Bear Tombola for Weymouth East Scouts as part of their fundraising for the World Scout jamboree. He needs any teddies and any other good condition soft toys. Ring Sarah on 07769690111 and she will collect.

New Nature Reserve Path

Discussions have taken place between the SP Biodiversity Group, Wessex Water and Sally and George Lunn with a view to developing a nature reserve on the land to the north of the pumping station and addressing concerns about increasing incursion into land with no public access. As a result Wessex Water have created a new permissive path through the "copse" via two bridges and associated steps to create a circular woodland walk by the stream. The rest of the land, which has SSSI status, has been fenced off to protect its special environment. Notice boards will be erected to confirm the arrangements. The Group are now working with Wessex Water and Natural England to maintain and improve the biodiversity of the protected land by restoring hedgerows, clearing bramble and constructing a small dam to create a reed bed. In the longer term the Group hope to take over the management of the woodland just below the spring basin.

Forthcoming events

Fish & Chip Supper & Quiz: Thursday 20 Feb in the Scutt Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets £6 Fish and Chips, £3 child's sausage and chips, BYO drinks. Home-made desserts to buy on the night. All proceeds go to the Weymouth East Scouts Jamboree fund Japan 2015. For tickets ring 07769690111

Wine Tasting Evening: Friday 7 March, 7.30 p.m. in the Mission Hall followed by refreshments. This is your chance to sample a number of mystery wines and pit your wits against a quiz, with easy questions for the tipplers up to harder ones for the bon viveurs. How well do you know your wines? Come and test your knowledge in a light-hearted way. Tickets £7.50 from John Crisp or Bill Egerton.

Village Spring-clean: Saturday and Sunday 15/16 March. We plan to meet outside the pub at 10 am each morning to make sure the village is in tip-top condition before the Street Fayre summer. Bags, pickers-uppers and gloves will be provided, but you may prefer to bring your own trusty gloves, and it would help if you could bring equipment for pruning, cutting and sweeping,. Volunteers welcome either morning - or both!

SP Art Group Exhibition: Saturday (12 to 5 pm) and Sunday (11 to 5) on 26/27 April in the Mission Hall. Free entry, but delicious cakes & coffee will be served. This is their second show, and after last year's success they look forward to seeing you all again.

Society AGM: Wednesday 9 April, 7.30 p.m. in the Mission Hall, followed by refreshments. As well as normal AGM business, we will be holding a **DEBATE** entitled "What good is the Sutton Poyntz Society?" to consider what the Society does and how best it can serve the interests of the whole village, particularly on planning matters. We know there are divergent views, ranging from "Conservation is what the Society is about" at one end to "The Society should not represent villager against villager" at the other. Come along and air your views, so that the Society can be truly representative. Our planning policy (available on the web site) identifies some parts of the village as priority areas to be conserved. We will have a map showing these areas and will welcome thoughts at the meeting on whether our current priorities are still right. If the Society is to continue, new blood and new ideas are desperately needed. Please think about whether you can help. Candidates for the Committee and especially for the posts of Chairman and Secretary are required.

History Evening: Wednesday 19 March, 7.30 p.m. in the Mission Hall, followed by refreshments. John Willows of the Wessex Water Museum will give a talk on the history of the Great Eastern funnel. Bill Egerton will also present a short update on his recent research. Tickets £2.50 from John Crisp or Bill Egerton.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman	Bill Egerton	832872	
Secretary	Shirley Davies	319554	Treasurer (vacant)
John Crisp	832529	John Sutherland	832227
Peter Riley	834653	Peter Sheaves	833338
Sue Wintle	834209	David Rees	833867

Committee meetings

3rd Wednesday each month at 7.30 in the Mission Hall.

Please contact the editor with news, views or anything of interest. Deadlines for copy are 1st February, May, August and November.