



# Sutton Poyntz Society

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## **A very Fayre day indeed**

*Blessed with marvellous weather, large crowds and tremendous support from everyone in and around the village, this was a Fayre day that will live long in the memory. It even started with a bang, courtesy of the Nothe Fort gun. Car parking was in the safe hands of Spam, and the huge number of villagers in Victorian costume added greatly to the atmosphere (as you can see from the village wenches and the squire with his manservant). Wherever you turned there*



*was something to interest, to amaze and to delight. The stage entertainment at the two venues was varied but always first class, as was the separate area for the children, with rides, toy stalls and a Punch and Judy man. The village bread stall - with enough to feed the 5,000, or so it seemed - made a profit of over £560! There were nine village stalls, including Perfect Presents, Designer Clothes, Plants and Antiques & Bygones. The new Pimms in the Garden venue was full to overflowing, and a call went out for extra volunteers to meet the demand. The refreshments in the Mission Hall and the Waterworks were equally well patronised, as the heat caused a need for tea (or something stronger at the Springhead). The Wessex Water Museum received complimentary remarks, and the BBQ eased many hunger pangs. Although it was on for just one day, the planning and preparation in the days/weeks before, plus the clearing up afterwards, made it more of a marathon than a sprint. Dave Langridge, Fayre Chairman, praised the community spirit of the village which made his job so much easier, and he was proud to announce that £16,000 had been raised, mainly for the DCH Cancer Appeal. Well done everyone.*



**Some more photos of the Fayre,**  
**With thanks to Jez Cunningham and John Morris**



### **Sutton Poyntz illustrated talk and walk**

Jez Cunningham reports that the Mission Hall was crowded for this meeting organised by The South Dorset Ridgeway Partnership. The project was introduced by James Sharpe (Project Manager) ably assisted by Steph, and he passed the floor to Steve Wallis, senior archaeologist at Dorset County Council who talked on the archaeology of the area, with particular emphasis on the huge number of ancient burial sites. The audience then joined Kim Sankey - Historic Buildings Architect - for a walk around some of the notable parts of the village. They followed Mission Hall Lane and down Plaisters Lane, admiring stonework and thatch as we passed, then along Puddledock Lane to Cornhill Way to look at Sutton Lodge and Sutton House. In Sutton Road we studied Hunt's Cottage, then the Mill, the Courthouse and Northdown Farmhouse. Walking through to Silver Street they located the water standpipe, where it was mentioned that the project has a little funding which could assist in bringing some history back to life. They continued up past the pond, studying the cottages and then in White Horse Lane paused at Cob Cottage, one of the four beautiful Wamsley Lewis designed houses in the village. The walk concluded with a fascinating look around the Waterworks, led by John Willows.

### **Go Karting!**

Loop Walsh organised a SPAM afternoon of go-karting at the Clay Pigeon Raceway, but on learning that Joyce Peel, President of the SP Women's Institute, was a keen Formula 1 racing fan, he extended the invitation to her and the WI. Several of them took up his offer. The instructions were a little daunting "There will be two 15 minute sessions for each group with a break in between. If you find two too much, just do the one and enjoy the experience." Hardly confidence building? Then "Full race kit is supplied but the best foot wear are trainers with laces done up." So no high heels? But worse was to come "We drive if it is raining and rain suits are supplied." So perhaps driving in a totally open 'vehicle' in the rain being liberally sprayed with water? As Joyce says "Sutton Poyntz WI ladies had their first attempt at go-karting trying to update our image - it was terrifying fun!!!! Not many ladies of a certain age would be willing to have a go. It was a most impressive experience, but we probably won't go again!" Though from the picture it appears that the ladies took the first three places!





## **Homewatch**

*In September this year a business case will be presented to the Home Office for a merger between the Dorset and Devon and Cornwall Police Forces. This will only take place if the Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) of both forces are convinced that the majority of their county residents are in agreement with the amalgamation. The Dorset PCC is holding a series of presentations on the plans, but none are in the Weymouth area, so Peter Jones has been in contact to ask if this can be rectified. This merger is a significant change and details can be seen at [www.futurepolicing.co.uk](http://www.futurepolicing.co.uk) which also contains a survey form for your opinion. Make sure you make your views known.*

## **Village events**

### **Al Fresco Lunch in the Orchard**

*In excellent weather, a full house - or should that be a full orchard - of villagers turned up for the Mission Hall Trust Al Fresco lunch. As it was also the Golden anniversary of the SP Society the afternoon started with a glass, or in some cases a pint, of Pimms, with all the usual vegetables in it, provided by the Society committee. This was followed by a marvellous spread of ham, salmon, coronation chicken and salad prepared by the MH Trust ladies then on to desserts, this time from the SP Soc. Quieting the considerable hubbub of conversation, Bill Egerton paid tribute to the MH Trust members over the years, especially those*

*present who had been instrumental in the extension to the Hall. He also reflected on the history of the SP Society since its formation in March 1968. Many of the problems it dealt with then are still taxing minds today! His thanks to the ladies for a wonderful event was greeted with warm applause. There followed the cutting of the birthday cake, resplendent with an icing sugar picture of the village and 50th birthday candles. Barbara Harrison proposed a toast to the Society, then Dot Emblen and Sue Winkle cut the cake, with everyone enjoying a slice with their coffee. Another superb event enjoyed by all.*



## **Village Vegetable Show**

Bright sunshine again for this event, with a high standard of entries in all classes, especially the 3 Tomatoes. Everyone who attended was eligible to vote for their favourites, and Liz and Chris Balfe worked hard at vote counting. All classes had at least three



entries, and after a spirited but friendly(?) competition the winners were announced by Jez as:- Longest runner bean, Single lettuce & Three beans - Bill Egerton; Longest cucumber & Heaviest marrow - Tony Ferrari; Selection herbs - Ros Evans; 3 Carrots - Elise Potter; 3 Tomatoes - Ian Locke; 3 Courgettes & Bunch flowers - Caroline Crisp; 5 Soft Fruit, Anything from greenhouse & Any other vegetable - Erica Ferrari; Bunch leaves - Dot Emblen. The Spud in the Tub competition was a bitterly fought event, with accusations of doping, examiner



nobbling and intimidation (how do you intimidate a potato - threaten it with hot fat?). The winner was Loop Walsh, with a staggering weight of 2.362Kg (or 5lbs 3.3ozs in real money). It would be unfair to mention who came last of the seven entries with just 9ozs.\* Tony Heathershaw, last year's winner vowed that he would be back. Jez announced that over £150 had been raised for the local charity Waves, a great result. He thanked

everyone who helped with the multitude of tasks required to put on the show. Of course he is also due a vote of gratitude for his organisation of what was a thoroughly enjoyable event.

*\*It was John Crisp!*

## **SP Society Cream Teas**

On a glorious afternoon the cream teas in the Orchard were much enjoyed, especially as the entry charge was actually lower than last year! Attendance was down a little due to the competing attractions of the Sea Food Festival, the World Cup and Wimbledon, but everyone agreed that it was a most successful event (even by those who get their jam and cream in the wrong order on their scones). In times past the Cream Teas were the only fund raiser for the Society (the winter coffee mornings now help in this regard) but next year (who says the SP Society isn't forward looking) care will be taken to try and select a date that that is free of other events. Considerable thanks are due to Jackie G and Hilary, and those who helped them, for another most pleasant social event.

## **Forthcoming events**

### **The Sutton Poyntz Art Exhibition**

*On Saturday 25 August, Sunday 26 August and Monday 27 August between 11am and 4.30pm each day, the Sutton Poyntz Art Group will be holding their 6th Annual Summer Art Exhibition in the Mission Hall. Weather permitting there will also be work on display in the Mission Hall orchard, so together with a craft stall there should be lots to see. The group is very talented, and those of you that have been before need no urging to go along. If you haven't been before then you are in for a treat. Entry is free and delicious coffee and cake will be available. Mark the dates in your diary now, and drop in to enjoy the art, the coffee and the ambience. They look forward to seeing you.*

### **Summer Coffee Mornings**

*Having just been to the August Coffee Morning it made me sad to realise that there is only one more to go before they are over for the summer. That said, they have been a most enjoyable addition to the calendar, and the quality of the refreshments and company has continued unabated. We were even sitting outside the Hall sheltering from the sun, a glorious memory to carry into the dank winter months. Maureen, Hilary and all the other ladies are to be congratulated for their effort, and the next Newsletter will carry details of the donations to charity that their hard work and your attendances have provided. Don't miss the next and last on Friday 7 September from 10.30am to noon, in the Mission Hall,*

## **Other News**

### **A 'newcomer' to the village!**

*As you know, our long serving and much respected village PCSO, Clive Joyner has retired from Dorset Police. This left a gap in our local Neighbourhood Safety Team and his replacement PCSO Matt Barton dropped in to see us at one of the summer coffee mornings. Matt said that he was very much looking forward to meeting all of us over the coming months - informally, of course, not in his professional capacity - and that he would do his utmost to provide the same service and personal commitment that Clive had given us for so long.*



## Village fingerposts

*You may have noticed that the village fingerpost at the Plaisters Lane/Sutton Road junction has been repainted. This was a voluntary effort by Roger Bond of the Dorset Fingerpost Project. Roger has form for this sort of helpful activity, because I believe that he assisted Peter Jones to replace the fingerpost at the top of Plaisters Lane. So thank you Roger for your help - it will save us getting lost in the future!*

## Your Society needs you

*The Sutton Poyntz Society was formed 50 years ago to promote the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the village and those who live in it, and has been well served by its committee members for half a century. However the committee now urgently needs new members. Can you help? The Committee meets on the second Wednesday of every month - though reasons for absence are always accepted - in the Mission Hall between 7.30pm and 9pm to discuss matters pertaining to social events and maintaining/improving the local environment. No-one on the committee is asked to do more than they would wish - all tasks are voluntary and you can do as much or as little as you like. So to slightly amend the words of the late, great Lord Kitchener, "YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU". If you would like to serve the community in which you live and can spare a small amount of time each month then the Committee is the place for you. Find out more from Bill Egerton or any committee member (tel. nos. below).*

*STOP PRESS Two new members have come forward, but more are needed, especially gentlemen.*

## Business matters

**Minutes** of the Society monthly committee meetings are on the web site.

**Newsbites** are email news updates. Contact [newsletter@suttonpoyntz.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@suttonpoyntz.org.uk) to receive these. Jez also displays them on the Cartshed notice board.

**Organising an event?** Send the editor a reminder about a week before it takes place so that a Newsbite can be circulated.

**Neighbourhood Plan** - see progress at [suttonpoyntz.org.uk/neighbourhood](http://suttonpoyntz.org.uk/neighbourhood)

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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