



The Sutton Poyntz Society

**- bringing the village
together**

Sutton Poyntz is a jewel in the beautiful Dorset countryside, but it is more than just a picture postcard view. It is a community with a comprehensive range of interests, hobbies and pastimes. So, welcome to that community and to the Sutton Poyntz Society. We are glad to have you with us and hope that your time in the village will be enjoyable, enriching and fun. In this short note we hope to give you a flavour of life in the village, its facilities and those in the surrounding area. We also hope that it will encourage you - if encouragement is needed - to join us and bring your particular and unique skills to further enhance village life.

The objectives of the SP Society are:

- Conservation: to protect and improve this beautiful rural village
- Social: through village events to help create a sense of community.
- Communication: publishing regular village newsletters and managing the village website.

Some regular village events:

- Coffee mornings on the first Friday of each month;
- History Evening in March/April;
- Plant Sale in May;
- Village Cream Tea in June;
- Victorian Street Fayre in alternate years in June;
- Village walks in June/July;
- Vegetable Show in early August.

There are many more! The website calendar and Newsbites have details.

Library

The Society maintain the ex-BT Telephone Box opposite the Notice Board (beside the post box on the wall of the Cartshed). This is a book exchange for paperback fiction, and good source of information on village walks. Worth a visit.

Some Local walks to start you off

Alongside the footpath towards the spring source through the Millennium Walk - the Society-planted row of oak trees - and on to the Society-installed Beacon bench. Or up to Margaret's Seat with panoramic views across the bay. Guess who installed this seat?

Local stores

Provisions are available from the Spar mini-market and the Co-op Store on Preston Road.

Houses along Plaisters Lane

Houses on Plaisters Lane and along Puddledock Lane are not numbered. The website has a map of house names.

Other Village Groups

Biodiversity Group	Dave Emery (832907)
History Group	Caroline Crisp (832529)
Theatre Group	Colin Marsh (833892)
HomeWatch	Keith Raw (keithraw007@gmail.com)
SPAM – SP Action Men	Clive Davies (833798)

Victorian Street Fayre

Since 1994 the village has held a biennial Fayre which engages and occupies the whole village. Normally held on the last Sunday in June, the next is due June 2024. All profits (£16,000 in 2018) from this hugely popular event are donated to charity.

Mission Hall

The Mission Hall is a registered charity and is managed by a completely separate committee from the SP Society. The trustees are elected annually, and their role is solely to maintain the Mission Hall. They raise money through rent from the users (currently £10/hour), donations, bequests, and various fund-raising events. Local groups (e.g. art, bridge, yoga) hold regular activities here, and the Hall and its garden are the venue for many social events throughout the year. Book via Maureen Morris (835533).

WI

There are two local WI groups. The SP Village WI meets at the Mission Hall on the first Wednesday of each month. Secretary Liz Slee (570168)

Scouts

The local scouts and guides meet at the Scutt Hall. Contact Betty Hennessy (833614) or Mike Haine 832995.

Local Church

The local C of E Church, St Andrews (837147) is in Church Lane, Preston. Other denomination churches are to be found in Weymouth and Dorchester.

Public Houses

The village pub is The Springhead (832117) alongside the pond, with The Spice Ship and The Bridge Inn within easy walking distance.

Medical

Doctors' surgeries are at 102 Preston Road (832203) and Littlemoor Health Centre (814686). Chemists at Chalbury Corner and at Littlemoor shopping centre

Defibrillators

The Sutton Poyntz Society maintains a defibrillator which is kindly hosted by the Springhead pub. It's on the shed wall around the back. Other nearby defibrillators are outside the Church Rooms (opposite the Church) and outside the Preston Village Hall.

Conservation area

The whole of Sutton Poyntz is in a Conservation Area. This does not mean that nothing changes, but some work on your house or garden that would normally be considered 'Permitted Development' needs planning permission from the local council. A notable example is that the pruning or removal of mature trees needs permission. Advance consultation with the planning authorities is strongly recommended.

Local Services

Milk is delivered daily by Milk&More and Craigs Dairy.

Newspapers are delivered daily by Joys or you can subscribe to the Dorset Echo.

Rubbish collections on Mondays, even on Bank Holidays.

Public transport: Village service currently suspended, but two or three buses per hour from Seven Acres, Preston.



So what now? Join the SP Society!

Membership is open to all local residents - over 75% of households belong and the number is growing - plus those who live nearby who have the interests of the village at heart. The yearly subscription is a mere £5 per household, which puts you on the list to receive frequent Newsbite emails which tell you all about local events.

Drop an email to society@suttonpoyntz.org.uk and ask to become a member and be added to the newsletter distribution. You can also access the Village website at <http://suttonpoyntz.org.uk>.

For further information, contact a member of the Sutton Poyntz Society Committee. These are listed on the website. The Secretary is Andy Hohne 07946 323681 andy.hohne@hotmail.com

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