

# THE PUMP & POUND

The Newsletter of Parrett & Axe Parish Council

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Welcome to the eighth edition of The Pump & Pound. It is now in its second year of publication and we hope that it is providing you with the information and news that you find interesting and relevant. We are pleased to receive your comments and suggestions if you feel that we could make any improvements.

*Michael Johnson, Chairman*

## South Perrott Open Day

Following the very wet summer that led to the cancellation of many events, including the Street Fair, the organisers were anxious that the weather would improve and fortunately it did! There was rain to the west, rain to the north and rain to the east but South Perrott was spared. This meant that a steady flow of visitors contributed to the £2,786 raised for St Mary's Church funds. This was only slightly down on the record sum raised in 2011.

A new feature this year was the scarecrow competition which attracted 10 entries. The anonymous judges were extremely impressed by the standard and they awarded 1<sup>st</sup> prize to "Wings" made by Sasha, Amber and Jane Buchan (pictured with Sasha and Jane). Second prize was awarded to "Joey" by Di Cote and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize to "Speedy Gonzales" by Liz Townsend.

The PCC would like to say a big thank you to the organisers, helpers and visitors who made the day such a success.



## Chedington Street Fair 2012

Despite the lack of a Street Fair this year and due to a great deal of hard selling of quiz and raffle tickets, £600 was raised to be divided between the two village halls. The work of all those involved is much appreciated and already next year's event is being planned. The provisional date is 27<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

## But the fund raising didn't stop there.....

For some time, Gary and Gill were hosting Bingo sessions in the Coach and Horses. These raised money for St Mary's Church heating, lighting and fabric fund. At their final session they handed over £225 to David Baldwin, the Team Rector (pictured with Gill, Gary and Adam from the Coach & Horses and Wendy from the PCC). Book sales have raised £202. The pub's monthly coffee club raffle has raised a staggering £741. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is very grateful for these fundraising efforts.



## All Change at the Coach & Horses Inn

We give a warm welcome to Jane who is the new licensee at the Coach & Horses.

Jane has extensive experience in hospitality management. She has introduced a new menu and other new features whilst retaining many of the popular community events for which the pub has become renowned. In particular, Jane will continue to support fundraising activities for local beneficiaries including St Mary's Church.

We wish Jane every success and hope she enjoys life here in South Perrott.



## Winyards Gap Inn – Loyalty Scheme.

Michelle and Toby at The Gap are keeping up with modern trends and offering loyalty cards to their regular customers with all the benefits and perks that this brings. They are proving to be very popular.

Mary and Faith give their thanks to Michelle and Toby for their generosity in donating coffee and the use of their car park for the MacMillan Cancer Research and the Weldmar Hospice Walk on the 29<sup>th</sup> September.

## **Fund raising for Chedington Village Hall**

On the 5 October, from 10:00 to 12:30, in Chedington Village Hall there will be a number of experienced knitters ready, willing and more than able to get you started on the road to a lifetime of great satisfaction in knitting. Not only is it trendy, it can be great fun. All materials are provided, refreshments too! Cost £10.

## **Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club**

The subject for the September meeting was Toadstools and Mushrooms with an informative presentation given by Michael Jordan who told us that very few Fungi are inedible. In fact all can be eaten, but some only once! However the general consensus was to leave fungi alone unless you are very sure of what you are doing. Fungi form an important role in nature and humans are now causing problems by over harvesting them.

## **South Perrott & Chedington Millennium Green**

The Millennium Green AGM will be held on Wednesday 7 November at 7pm in South Perrott Village Hall, to be followed by wine and cheese. Come along and have your say about the future of the Green.

## **Parrett & Axe Parish Council**

Below is a summary of some of the topics discussed at the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2012. A full set of the agreed minutes will be available on the Parish website ([www.parrettandaxe.org.uk](http://www.parrettandaxe.org.uk)) or from the clerk when accepted at the next meeting. Apologies were received from Cllrs Organ and Legg. In addition to the Parish Councillors and Clerk, County Cllr Rebecca Knox, District Councillors Janet Page and Caroline Payne, and PCSO Alex Bishop were also in attendance.

- ❖ **Beaminster Tunnel** - Engineers were working on the sloping sides with the aim of opening the tunnel to light traffic. A report is due shortly setting out all the options for a permanent solution with costs and timescales. A community meeting will be held in Beaminster in mid-October to discuss the options. Meanwhile the diversion routes are being inspected daily and it has been noted that the unofficial routes, such as Whitesheet Hill, are being damaged by HGVs. A temporary enforceable speed limit of 20 mph is being introduced in North Street, Beaminster, and a “steep slope” sign will be erected on Whitesheet Hill.

The feasibility of introducing a 20 mph speed limit in South Perrott or to install traffic lights was also discussed. Cllr Knox confirmed that she would support a 20 mph limit but explained that it was not a national standard. She suggested that parishes should push for the speed limit in order to change the policy. The Parish Council, if required, could put in a request for temporary traffic lights to deal with the extra traffic caused by the tunnel closure.

Due to the tunnel closure, the Police are conducting regular speed checks on the surrounding roads and will be checking on the speed of traffic entering South Perrott from the Chedington side.

- ❖ **A356** – The resident of Shire Cottage, South Perrott has had the roof of his property damaged repeatedly by vehicles as they attempt to turn right into Lecher Lane. This is caused by HGVs coming from the Crewkerne direction and having to reverse to turn into the Lane. Cllr Knox advised that she had reported the problem and a temporary sign “road unsuitable for HGVs” had been put in place. It was suggested that the best solution would be a “no right turn” restriction which would feed into the satnav system.

It was reported that traffic continued to have difficulties in the narrow section by Swing Gate Cottage. Trailers fail to track on to the shallow raised kerb by Swing Gate. Cars are still hitting the high kerb by Sarum.

- ❖ **Satnav Errors** – Please report all errors to the private mapping companies direct using their respective websites. These are: Tele Atlas – <http://mapinsight.teleatlas.com/mapfeedback/> and Navteq – <http://mapreporter.navteq.com/dur-web-external/secured/submitdur.do>
- ❖ **Sports Open Day** - There will be an open day on 27<sup>th</sup> October (9.30am – 12.00 noon), in the Sports Pavilion, Beaminster, to promote all the sporting opportunities available in the area.
- ❖ **Refurbishment of Pound** - Bob Buckland gave an update. Mr Buckland advised that he had already purchased the new seat and was arranging for an artist's impression of the finished site to be produced. Two quotes for building the planter have been obtained and a third was awaited. Dave McSkelly has kindly offered to donate a quantity of paving slabs.

- ❖ **Langmoor Lane Footpath** – An incident has occurred recently on the Langmoor Lane bridleway when a horse that was being ridden through the water near Hunters Hatch was spooked by the overhanging branches and nearly threw its rider. Jill Exton, DCC Rights of Way officer, responded quickly by arranging for the overhanging vegetation to be cut back. Jill Exton suggested that the Parish Council could consider the occasional use of a Lengthsman to cut the vegetation more frequently than the DCC's timetable allowed. The cost of hiring a Lengthsman is approximately £100 per day, or £55 per half-day. Funding might be possible under the Parish Grant Scheme. Discussion ensued on whose responsibility it was to maintain a bridleway. Cllr Rebecca Knox advised that it was Highways' responsibility to keep the ground surface clear, but it is the landowners' responsibility to cut back the hedges and trees.
  - ❖ **Queen's Diamond Jubilee – Trees for Dorset** - Rachel Palmer from Trees for Dorset had visited the Millennium Green with Bob Buckland and Peter Hinton and had looked at the site where the tree, to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, will be planted. It had been agreed that the tree would be a Wild Service Tree and would be positioned by the fence on the first part of the Green coming up from the river. Rachel Palmer will organise a commemorative plaque, the cost of which will be charged to the Parish Council.
  - ❖ **Disposal of garden waste** – A polite request. Please refrain from dumping grass cuttings and garden waste on the verge in Pipplepen Lane opposite School Hill. It is unsightly for local residents and there have been complaints.
  - ❖ **Bonfires** - a reminder to residents to be considerate of their neighbours when lighting bonfires.
  - ❖ **Planning Applications** - The following have been received for comment by the Parish Council since the last meeting: Hazel Barton, Chedington – erection of workshop and carport, creation of vehicle access gate from private driveway and reinstatement of pedestrian gate; Court Farm, Chedington – proposed new agricultural access.
- No decisions have been notified by WDDC on planning applications considered at the previous Parish Council meeting.

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### Next Parish Council Meeting:

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2012 South Perrott Village Hall

## What's On in South Perrott and Chedington?

### Oct 2012

		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	11:00	Coffee Club	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Get started with Knitting	Chedington VH	Susan - 891035
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup>	12:30	Harvest Lunch	SP Village Hall	Anne - 891224
		19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Gardening Club	Chedington VH	Sue - 891240
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup>	19:00	Bingo	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup>	20:00	Halloween Fancy Dress with prizes & live band "Powercut"	Winyards Gap	Michelle - 891244

### Nov 2012

		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Coffee Club	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	19:00	Millennium Green AGM	SP Village Hall	Martyn - 891931
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	SP Village Hall	Angela - 891931
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup>	14:30	Autumn Bazaar	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup>	19:00	Bingo	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Fashion Show by Djuna	Coach & Horses	Sue C - 891019
		19:30	Gardening Club AGM & Supper	Chedington VH	Sue L - 891240
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Polling Day – Police Commissioner Election	SP Village Hall	
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup>	19:00	Funny Curry Night with 5 comedians and MC	Winyards Gap	Michelle - 891244

### Regular Events – Autumn 2012

Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Every Monday	19:30	Short Mat Bowls	SP Village Hall	Bob - 891404
Every Tuesday	10:00	Mosterton and District Over 50s Computer Club	Coach & Horses	Ella - 01308 868834 Barbara - 01308 867891 Martyn - 891931
Every Tuesday	14:00	Short Mat Bowls	SP Village Hall	Bob - 891404
Every Tuesday	18:30	Aerobics with Gemma	SP Village Hall	Gemma - 07767 083780
Every Thursday	09:30	Yoga	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
	18:00	Bokwa	SP Village Hall	Ali - 01460 74546/ 07753533727
	19:00	Pilates	SP Village Hall	Ali - 01460 74546/ 07753533727
Every Friday	10:00	Upholstery	SP Village Hall	Helen - 01460 62621

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#### Coach & Horses

Jane 01935 891270

#### Millennium Green

Secretary Martyn Gillingham 01935 891931