

THE PUMP & POUND

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At last spring is here! Apart from the sun and emerging flowers it also means the Annual Village Meetings are approaching! I would like to encourage all parishioners to attend their respective meetings, **Tuesday 2nd May at 19:30 in South Perrott and Tuesday 16th May at 19:15 in Chedington**. These are excellent forums for all residents to discuss issues affecting them and their communities.

Kate Organ, Chairman

Update on a Defibrillator for South Perrott

South Perrott Village Hall Management Committee has entered into a Managed Solution Agreement with The Community HeartBeat Trust to provide a public access defibrillator which will be sited at the Village Hall. The cost of the defibrillator is being met by the Resilient Communities Fund operated by Scottish & Southern Electricity and the Trust will be responsible for supplying, maintaining and insuring the equipment for a period of up to ten years. The Trust also has a contract with the South Western Ambulance Service, which will be informed of the location of the defibrillator.



The three Big "Hearty" Breakfasts held over the winter have raised £930 towards the cost of a defibrillator, and this money will be used to underwrite the running costs of replacement electrodes, batteries etc. during the life of the agreement.

We are setting up a team of volunteers willing to assist in the event of a medical emergency and, if you are able to assist, please contact Martyn Gillingham on 891931 or mvcgillingham@btinternet.com.

The Trust is also offering to run a Community Cardiac Arrest Response Seminar in South Perrott for up to 50 people. If you are interested in this training, please contact Martyn as soon as possible so that a convenient date can be arranged.

Soup and Pudding Drop-In Charity Lunch

On Easter Saturday (15th April) from 12-2pm in South Perrott Village Hall, there will be delicious home-made soups and scrummy puddings with tea and coffee all for £6 (children £3). There will also be an Easter Egg Raffle and Chocolate Tasting Quiz. There's no need to book – everyone is welcome. This is in support of Amnesty International and my challenge trek to Machu Picchu in May. *Jill Turner 01935 891291*

Village Hall Annual General Meetings

Chedington Village Hall's AGM will be held immediately after the Annual Village Meeting on Tuesday 16th May. The South Perrott Village Hall AGM will be on Thursday 25th May at 19:00 after which refreshments will be provided. Your attendance at these meetings is most welcome and will provide you with the opportunity to discuss the activities and functions that you would like to see in the halls.

SP Club News

This community club is now in its second year and continues to enjoy a strong membership and following. With hire charges and profits, the SP club has been able to donate £3,500 to South Perrott Village Hall to assist with its ongoing maintenance, a cost that is increasing as the hall ages. Contact Barry Chatfield on 891033 for more information.

Chedington Quiz Night

A Quiz Night is being held in Chedington Village Hall on Friday 21st April at 7pm to raise funds towards the running costs of the hall. Entry is £7.50 per person in teams of four. The price includes Beef Chilli or veg stew, and pudding. Tea and coffee will be available but bring your own drinks. Contact Mike Johnson on 891347/07813 210266.

Dog Fouling

There has been a recent increase in the amount of dog mess on public footpaths and roads in and around South Perrott and Chedington. Dog owners are urged to clear up after their dogs. It is not only unpleasant but also an offence to leave dog mess on a public right of way.

News from the Pubs

From 3rd April, **Winyards Gap Inn** will be opening 7 days a week for lunch and dinner. To keep up to date, visit website www.winyardsgap.com or Facebook page www.facebook.com/winyardsgap/.

The **Coach and Horses Inn** is launching its new Spring menu on 1st April. Also, theme nights are being introduced, the first two being on 28th April (German Food and German Music - prices on the menu on the night) and 5th May (Curry Night with all you can eat for £15 per person). Contact James or Yvonne (891270) to book a table for the theme nights. For more events and news from the pub visit the website www.thecoachandhorsesinn.co.uk

Mosterton Pre-School hopes to offer 30 hours of free childcare for working parents

Mosterton is one of the pre-schools in Dorset chosen to offer 30 hours of free childcare, which working parents will be able to access from April 2017. They now operate out of Mosterton Village Hall which is only available weekday mornings and therefore are unable to fulfil this commitment. The Committee have identified a suitable site and have planning permission to construct a purpose-built pre-school. They have already raised £140,000 towards achieving their target of £200,000 through grants and fund raising activities. This £60,000 shortfall must be met by September 2017. **If you can help with fund raising please contact Lyndsay Bailey on 01935 892366.**

For more details on the 30 hours of Childcare Offer visit www.dorsetforyou.com/30hours or contact Dorset County Council's Family Information Service on 01305 221066.

South Perrott Steel Band

Our Caribbean Band is up and running in South Perrott Village Hall. Although perhaps we might not do Notting Hill this year we hope you will get to hear us soon! If you would like to join please contact Mike Hayes on 01935 891034.

Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club

In February Emily Newton from the Dorset Wildlife Trust brought the club a real insight into the world of the owl. There are only 3 owls breeding in Dorset, the Barn, Little and Tawny. Long-Eared and Short-Eared owls do visit the county. Like much of our wild life, owls are suffering from loss of habitat although the adaptable Tawny continues to thrive. The Barn Owl always has had a fluctuating population and it is more difficult to assess their situation. Unfortunately, gardeners are not able to help them a great deal as few of us have large enough acreage to leave long strips of uncultivated land, such as edges of fields, where their prey can breed. Nor do we have tall enough trees to install nest boxes. What we could do is visit some of the many nature reserves that the Dorset Wildlife Trust has, and get inspired. A mystery solved; it's the female Tawny Owl that calls "twit" and the male responds with "two".

In March, Michael Stevenette spoke very entertainingly and knowledgably about the world of tea. Tea auctions were held in London each week where all the tea brokers/merchants did their tea tasting and decision making; sadly, this collapsed in the 1950s. It was interesting to hear that every area in the UK likes a different tea, Darjeeling being the most popular. But really, the final taste is down to the water source, from Muddy London to clear Kilder. Michael confirmed what has always been thought, but not quite believed. You should only boil the water once when making tea!

The next meeting is on Wednesday 12th April with a talk by Christine Stones starting at 7:30pm. Visitors are welcome.

On Wednesday 10th May there is a visit to Brimsmore Garden Centre. Please be there by 2.15pm using own transport as the talk starts at 2.30. There is a 25% discount on all purchases.

The Felt Workshop

The Felt workshop on Sunday 19th March in the Chedington Village Hall had a very good attendance and the gastronomic delights that were offered were well received. £230 for village hall funds was raised.

Parrett & Axe Parish Council

Below is a summary of some of the topics discussed at the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 9th March 2017. A full set of the agreed minutes from this meeting will be available on the Parish website (www.parrettandaxe.org.uk) or from the Clerk when accepted at the next meeting. In addition to the parish councillors also in attendance were County Cllr. Rebecca Knox, District Cllr. Tony Alford and River/Flood Warden Martyn Gillingham. Apologies were received from Cllr. Liz Fray, District Cllr. Peter Barrowcliff, Footpaths Officer Dominic de la Poer and P & P Editor Dave McSkelly.

❖ Reports from County Councillor and District Councillors

- **County Cllr. Rebecca Knox** reported on the following issues: -
 - The government's budget includes £2billion for social care and Dorset's share is £7million. There are plans for social care and GPs to work more closely together in Dorset.
 - There is concern about the number of overweight children in Dorset and the authorities (Health, Highways and Public Rights of Way), are encouraging schoolchildren to take more exercise in particularly by walking in the countryside.
 - Mobile phone coverage – the Government's contract with EE should ensure 4G coverage everywhere once the switch-over happens in 2019.
 - Police Report** – in the absence of a police report Cllr. Knox advised that Beaminster Neighbourhood Police reports are on Facebook. Angela, our clerk, is to be included on the circulation list.
- **District Cllr. Tony Alford** provided a further update on Local Government Re-organisation. Six of the nine Dorset Councils have now agreed to being replaced by two medium sized unitary authorities. Discussions are continuing with the three dissenting councils (Christchurch, East Dorset and Purbeck). If the re-organisation is approved, it is likely to take effect in 2019.

❖ **Highways Issues –**

➤ **Potholes** – potholes that have been reported in recent weeks have been promptly repaired. Cllr. Rebecca Knox was pleased to learn that the new system for reporting and repair appeared to be working efficiently.

❖ **Picket Lane Railings** - The Chairman advised that the Parish Council will be applying for funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to cover the cost of the repairs to a further section of the railings and riverbank in Picket Lane. One of the funds, called “Sharing Heritage”, encourages communities to apply for a grant of between £3,000 and £10,000 towards the costs of a project which will benefit the local community.

❖ **Local Footpaths** – Anthony de la Poer and Desmond Thomas have been working together to produce a map to show all the local footpaths in the area. This will be uploaded onto the parish website and given to all newcomers to the two villages.

❖ **Dog Fouling** – see separate article.

❖ **Freedom of Information (FOI) Publication Scheme** – Under FOI, councils are required to have all documents relating to council business available for the public to see. This Parish Council has agreed to adopt a published list based on the national model for the publication scheme.

❖ **Annual Village Meetings –**

- **South Perrott** – this will be on Tuesday 2nd May 2017 at 7.30pm in South Perrott Village Hall.
- **Chedington** – this will be on Tuesday 16th May 2017 in Chedington Village Hall.

❖ **Arson Attack** – in late February two cars were burnt out at Winyards Gap Inn and a hay bale was stolen from the paddock.

❖ **Charter for Trees** – it was suggested that the Parish Council signs up to become a Charter Branch to encourage communities to preserve their trees. Funding of up to £1,500 may then be available for tree planting.

❖ **Planning Matters –**

- **New Applications considered:** - WD/D/17/000187 Holt Farm, South Perrott – single storey extension;
WD/D/16/002537 Maple Cottage, South Perrott – Replacement of rotten wooden windows with double glazed wood effect upvc windows.
- **Decisions notified by WDDC:**
WD/D/16/002173 Rowan Tree Cottage, South Perrott – Replacement of outbuilding to form garage/carport (amended plans). Approved;
WD/D/16/002625 Winterhayes, South Perrott – Proposed extension, detached garage, carport and vehicle access. Approved;
WD/D/17/000002 Court Farm, Chedington - Proposed dormers. *Approved on 16/03/2017.*

Applications pending and decisions notified can be viewed on www.dorsetforyou.com

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Parish Council Meetings for 2017:

All meetings start with the Public Session at 19:30

- Thursday 11th May (incl. AGM) - South Perrott
- Thursday 13th July - Chedington
- Thursday 14th September - South Perrott
- Thursday 9th November - Chedington

What's On in South Perrott and Chedington?

April 2017		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	1 st	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Sunday	2 nd	19:00	Quiz	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270
Monday	3 rd	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Friday	7 th	18:30	SP Club Pot Luck	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
Sunday	9 th	07:30	Bingo	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270
Wednesday	12 th	19:30	Garden Club with Christine Stones	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Saturday	15 th	12:00	Soup & Puddings	SP Village Hall	Jill - 891291
Sunday	16 th	12:00	Easter Carvery	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270
Wednesday	19 th	19:30	Street Fair Meeting	Chedington Village Hall	Henry - 891567
Friday	21 st	19:00	Quiz Night	Chedington Village Hall	Mike - 891347 - 07813 210266
Saturday	22 nd	18:30	St George's Dinner	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890 Ella - 891065
Friday	28 th	19:00	German Theme Night	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270

May 2017		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Monday	1 st	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Tuesday	2 nd	19:30	Annual Village Meeting – South Perrott	SP Village Hall	Angela - 891931
Friday	5 th	19:00	Curry Night	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270
Saturday	6 th	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Sunday	7 th	19:00	Quiz	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270
Wednesday	10 th	14:15	Garden Club Brimsmore visit	Brimsmore Garden Centre	Sue - 891240
Thursday	11 th	19:30	Parish Council incl. AGM	SP Village Hall	Angela - 891931
Friday	12 th	18:30	SP Club Pot Luck (Spanish)	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
Tuesday	16 th	19:15	Annual Village Meeting – Chedington	Chedington Village Hall	Chris - 891437
Sunday	14 th	19:00	Bingo	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270
Thursday	25 th	19:30	SP Village Hall AGM	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
Sunday	28 th	12:30	SP Club BBQ	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890

Regular Events – Spring 2017

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	The Admiral Hood, Mosterton	Ella - 01308 868834 Barbara - 01308 867891 Martyn - 891931	
		14:00	Short Mat Bowls	SP Village Hall	Bob - 891404
		18:00	Line Dancing	SP Village Hall	Maggie - 892464
Every Wednesday	12:00	Steel Drums Session	SP Village Hall	Mike 07762 260582	
	18:00	Circuit Training	SP Village Hall	Neil - 07710163563	
Every Thursday	09:30	Yoga	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224	
	17:45	Pilates	SP Village Hall	Ali - 01460 74546/ 07753533727	
Every Friday	10:00	Upholstery	SP Village Hall	Helen - 01460 626211	

To keep up to date with village events view:

Facebook Pages ("like" and "share"):	
South Perrott	www.facebook.com/SouthPerrott
Chedington	www.facebook.com/ChedingtonVillage
Parish website	www.parrettandaxe.org.uk

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