

THE PUMP & POUND

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Changes are coming! Spring is here and Dorset Council and Parish Council elections are near. At the last Parish Council meeting, I thanked all councillors and the clerk for their hard work during the last 4 years. It is an honour to have represented you all. We have been committed to work to maintain our local services and amenities and also to protect our beautiful natural environment. We are fortunate to live in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and a Conservation Area. I hope that this precious heritage will continue to be protected for future generations. The Annual Village Meetings are also approaching. Please come to these meetings on **Wednesday 17th April at 19:00 in Chedington** and **Wednesday 24th April at 19:00 in South Perrott**. They are excellent informal opportunities for all residents to discuss issues affecting them and their communities. *Kate Organ, Chairman*

Big Breakfasts

The Big Breakfast held in SPVH on Sunday 10th March proved to be as popular as always. A total of 61 breakfasts were served. Including a raffle and donations, and after deducting costs, a profit of £300 was made. This concludes the fundraising to purchase "Eye Gaze" equipment for Oliver, which now stands at a total of £936. The Big Breakfast will return in the autumn when another local worthy cause will be the beneficiary.

Charity Race Night

The race night held in South Perrott Village Hall on Saturday 16th March was a big success, raising £470 towards the village hall running costs. It was a most entertaining evening. Thanks are due to Mike Gardner and all those involved in the organisation and running of the event. Being a "My Fair Lady" themed evening, many hats were on display and they were judged by the punters present. The 3 finalists are pictured right with the winner being the hat designed by Pauline and worn by Liz on the left.



The Village Halls

The AGM for **Chedington Village Hall** will immediately follow the Village meeting on Wednesday 17th April. It would really help the Chedington Village Hall Committee if they could send out information by email in the future. If you are happy to receive flyers from them in electronic form please send an email to ChedingtonVH@gmail.com. They will use blind copy so that your details don't get spread around and only the chair will have access to the addresses. Thanks to everyone who has already given their details. If you do not wish to receive any future information you can let them know on this email address as well.

The AGM for **South Perrott Village Hall** will be on Wednesday 15th May at 19:00 and followed by complimentary refreshments. South Perrott Village Hall will be holding its St George's Night dinner on Saturday 27th April at 18:30 and the SP Club will be putting on a Taste of the Mediterranean evening on Saturday 18th May at 18:30. Anyone wishing to attend either (or both) of these events should contact Michael (891890) or Barry (891033).

Dorset's Hedgehogs

A talk was given to the Gardening Club at the end of last year by Colin and Susy Varndell of the Dorset Mammal Group on the subject of the alarming decline of hedgehogs in the UK. Our two villages were invited to adopt hedgehog friendly activities and to map the whereabouts of these endangered mammals. Two residents from each village volunteered to initiate the scheme, to be followed by a publicity drive and talk to be given by Susy Varndell in the near future. For more information please contact Jo Caughlin for South Perrott (j.caughlin76@gmail.com) or Terry Girling for Chedington (trgirling@me.com).



Jumble Sale

The next jumble sale in South Perrott Village Hall will be on Saturday April 6th at 14:30 in aid of Cancer Research and St Mary's Church. The contact is Ann on 891224.

News from the Pubs

The **Coach and Horses** will be closed from 1st to 5th April (reopening at 18:00 on 5th). In April, they will be having a curry night (12th) and a carvery on Easter Monday. In May on 31st, they will be putting on a Pasta

and Pizza (tapas style) evening. Contact Eve or James to book a table. On 25th May Eve will be taking part in the Women V Cancer Ride the Night. This charity cycle ride is from Windsor to London and back.

Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club

On February 13th, Christine Brain told the story of Barrington Court from its origins as a 16th century deer park to the Arts and Crafts-style gardens, for which garden designer Gertrude Jekyll provided planting plans, and the 1960s planting scheme of Mrs Lyle that we see today.

In March, Sally Nex talked about a rogue's gallery of garden pests and diseases. The message is "mind your Ps and Qs". P for Prevent: practise good hygiene, use effective barriers, utilise companion planting, plant resistant varieties. Q for be Quick when prevention fails. And remember, sometimes it's our own fault - sowing too early, planting out too early, erratic watering!

The next meeting is on Wednesday April 10th when Carole Birtwhistle will be talking about hornets and bees. On Wednesday May 8th there is the visit to Brimsmore Garden Centre, meeting at 14:00 for a 14:30 presentation.

A visit to Holworth Farmhouse (between Broadmayne and Wool) has been provisionally arranged for Wednesday 17th July at 14:00. Please let Dave McSkelly know (davemcskelly@gmail.com or 891891) if you would like to attend.

Dates for your diary

Once again, the South Perrott Steel Band will be playing at Corscombe Fest on Saturday 8th June from midday to 1pm.

Chedington's Open Gardens 2019 will be on Saturday 15th June.

Parrett & Axe Parish Council

Below is a summary of some of the topics discussed at the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 14th March 2019. A full set of the 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 and Clerk, also in attendance were District Cllr. Peter Barrowcliff, River Warden Martyn Gillingham and P & P Editor David McSkelly. Apologies were received from County Cllr. Rebecca Knox, District Cllr. Tony Alford and PCSO Alex Bishop.

❖ Reports from Councillors

- **District Cllr. Peter Barrowcliff** – reported that Budgets have been approved including, £6 million extra for child and social care, for the new Dorset Council, which comes into effect on 1st April 2019. Council elections will be held on 2nd May 2019 and until then the Shadow Council will continue in post. Notice of Council Tax has now been issued to all households for 2019/20 tax year. Discussions are underway on the relationships between the Parish and Town Councils with Dorset Council.

Peter was thanked for his regular attendance at the PC meeting and for his help and support

- **County Cllr Rebecca Knox** - in a message (read out by Cllr Barrowcliff), Cllr. Rebecca Knox explained that she was unable to attend our Parish Council meeting as she needed to attend an Extraordinary Meeting of the Shadow Dorset Council to discuss how Dorset Council will be working with Parish and Town Councils in the future. Rebecca Knox will be standing for re-election as Councillor for the Beaminster Ward and has emphasised the importance of Parish and Town Councils to the democratic process.

- ❖ **Police Report** - Alex Bishop, in a written report, stated that in the last couple of months no crimes had been reported in the parishes of South Perrott and Chedington. Scams are also occurring regularly across the Country. They are beginning to be more prevalent than most physical crimes put together. Should anyone receive an unsolicited call, even if the person says they work for a company such as BT or Sky, just hang up. Companies like this do not cold call. Do not get into any conversation with these callers, or pass any personal/financial details to them as they can be very convincing. They are only after your personal details such as bank account or card numbers so they can access your accounts. Should you pass your bank details to anyone over the phone, call your bank as soon as you have hung up (using a different phone or wait until the line is clear) and they will cancel any transactions. Also contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040, or report any fraudulent activity on their website at www.actionfraud.police.uk.

For information, a **Post Office operates out of Mosterton Village Hall** every Monday between 1-3pm and Alex is in attendance to meet the public on the second Monday of each month, from 1.30 – 2pm.

- ❖ **Highways Issues** – the Chairman updated the meeting on the progress of the following:

- **A356, Chedington Hill**, the white lines still need reinstating;
- **Potholes in Chedington Lane** –still awaiting satisfactory repair;
- **Grit Bins** – all have been refilled in both villages;

- **Kerbstones on A356** between Swinggate and Church Hill are still on schedule to be removed and the road resurfaced in 2019;
 - **New sign** has been erected at the Lecher Lane/A356 Junction to deter HGV use. The Clerk will continue to chase up all outstanding items.
- ❖ **Flooding Outside Sarum** – Recent flooding following heavy rain on the A356 outside Sarum soon subsides, but this is a hazard as for a while it encroaches across the width of the road. Highways have it on their work schedule for 2019 although now it may not involve a road closure as they hope that they can clear the blockage by drilling from the river side of the road. Martyn, the River Warden, reported that during the recent flood, in addition to the signs that he puts out, the Council had also erected signs.
 - ❖ **Finger Post Lecher Lane/A356** – The finger post sign pointing towards Mosterton is still missing and awaiting replacement/repair. The Chairman has contacted Mike Charles who has volunteered to make this sign.
 - ❖ **Picket Lane Pine Tree** – This has now been removed by Rick Smith (Wildwoods) as instructed by the Parish Council.
 - ❖ **Picket Lane Riverbank Railings** - Ann Studley and family are funding the reinstatement of the oak posts and rails in memory of Ann's late husband Hugh. A contractor has been appointed.
 - ❖ **Footpaths** - Footpath maintenance is the responsibility of the Council; however Permissive Paths are maintained at the owner's discretion. The Permissive path at the edge of Orchard Farm leading into Bailey's Lane has become hazardous as it is rutted and extremely slippery due to an increase in usage. The owner is happy for it to be levelled and surface dressing such as gravel or scalplings to be applied to the surface. This will be investigated. Footpaths Officers were requested to provide regular updates on the status of all footpaths in the parish.
 - ❖ **Elections** – Dorset Council Wards and Parish Council Elections are taking place on Thursday 2nd May 2019. Anyone on the Electoral Register can apply for postal or proxy votes by contacting elections@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk. Details are on the reverse of the Poll Cards
 - ❖ **Hedgehogs** – Cllr. Anthony de la Poer gave a presentation to the meeting. *(See article in this issue)*
 - ❖ **Planning Matters** –
 - **Applications considered:** - **WD/D/18/001069** Lower Chapel Marsh Farm, Beaminster – an amendment to external materials on the walls and roof of the barn. **WD/D/19/000172 & 173** – Installation of photo voltaic panels on out-building roof.
 - **Decisions notified by WDDC:** - None

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

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Parish Council Meetings for 2019:

All meetings start with the Public Session at 19:30
 Thursday 9th May (incl. AGM) South Perrott Village Hall
 Thursday 11th July 2019 Chedington Village Hall
 Thursday 12th September South Perrott Village Hall
 Thursday 14th November Chedington Village Hall

What's On in South Perrott and Chedington?

April 2019		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Monday	1 st	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Saturday	6 th	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
		14:30	Jumble Sale	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Sunday	7 th	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270
Wednesday	10 th	19:30	Garden Club with Carole Birtwhistle	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Friday	12 th	18:00	Curry Night	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270
Wednesday	17 th	19:00	Village Meeting and Hall AGM	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Monday	21 st	12:00	Easter Monday Carvery	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270
Wednesday	24 th	19:00	Village Meeting	SP Village Hall	Rebecca - 891264
Saturday	27 th	18:30	St George's Night Dinner	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
					Barry - 891033

May 2019		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	4 th	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Sunday	5 th	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270
Monday	6 th	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Wednesday	8 th	14:00	Garden Club visit to Brimsmore GC	Brimsmore GC	Sue - 891240
Thursday	9 th	19:30	Parish Council Meeting (incl. AGM)	SP Village Hall	Rebecca - 891264
Wednesday	15 th	19:00	SP Village Hall AGM	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
Saturday	18 th	18:30	SP Club (Taste of the Mediterranean)	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
					Barry - 891033
Friday	31 st	18:00	Pasta & Pizza evening	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270

Regular Events – Winter/Spring 2019

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
			SP Village Hall	Bob - 891404
			SP Village Hall	Louise - 891600
Every Wednesday	14:00	Tai Chi (not 10 th and 7 th April and 29 th May)	SP Village Hall	Monica - 01460 74193
Every Thursday	09:30	Yoga	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
	18:00	Steel Drums Session	SP Village Hall	Mike - 07762 260582
Every Friday	10:00	DVD Club	SP Village Hall	Mike - 891669

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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Coach & Horses James/Yvonne 01935 891270

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Millennium Green:

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