

# THE PUMP & POUND

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Summer has arrived and our usual fund raising events are happening; Chedington Street Fair on 30<sup>th</sup> July and the South Perrott Fayre and Flower Festival on 14<sup>th</sup> August. I hope the weather will be good and that many of you will come and enjoy the day. Even at this late stage any offers of help will be greatly appreciated – contact Dave on 891891.

*Kate Organ, Chairman*

## Queen's 90th Birthday Picnic Tea, Sunday 12th June

The weather leading up to the picnic tea to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday meant that it was transferred to South Perrott village hall. Nevertheless, over 80 people attended and enjoyed afternoon tea with a celebratory glass (or two) of fizz. Bob Buckland presented Commemorative medals to all of the children present. The winners (pictured) of the "Best Crown" competition were:

Up to 10 years - Anna Pattemore

10 - 16 years - Zac Bailey

Adult - Ann Studley



Huge thanks are due to Jill, Vicky, Lyndsay, Kate and their team of helpers for organising such an enjoyable event. Thanks also to Joy Coles for her delicious cakes.

## The Caribbean Comes to South Perrott!

Mike Hayes gave local residents a taste of the Caribbean when he ran a steel band workshop in South Perrott Village Hall in June. Steel bands originated in Trinidad in the 1950's and the pans (drums) were made



from old oil drums of various shapes and sizes. Mike's workshop gave children and adults the opportunity to play tenor pans which give the melody and 3 different types of rhythm pans.



Mike currently runs steel band classes in London and the Home Counties, and is now interested in setting up a regular class in the local area. He

would like to hear from anyone who can suggest/provide a suitable venue and also storage, which must be damp free, for his drums. Mike who lives in South Perrott can be contacted on 01935 891034.

## South Perrott Village Fayre, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2016

The village fayre features many old favourites and some new activities too! As well as Sunday's events, cream teas will be served on Saturday from 2pm at Mohun House in Church Hill to complement the Flower Festival in the Church. There are many attractions and activities for everybody so look out for the flyer that will be circulated showing the full details. We hope that you, your family and friends come and enjoy the event - let's hope for fine weather!

## Bell Ringing – an appeal

The improvements to the noise levels in the Ringing Chamber have been a huge benefit to our Ringers and now we would love to recruit some new faces to swell our team. If you are between 13 and 80 and would like to give it a try, please contact me on 01935 891292, by email at [hinton.perrott@btinternet.com](mailto:hinton.perrott@btinternet.com) or even by knocking on the door at Pattens Cottage. We can arrange a lesson to see if you would enjoy it as much as we do. You don't need to be strong – the bells do the work! Men, women and children all ring. We don't always get it right but it is very satisfying when we do, and we get a laugh along the way. Come and give it a try – you'll be most welcome. *Peter Hinton*

## Attention all Riparian Owners

A reminder that all owners of land adjacent to the River Parrett and its tributaries in South Perrott have a responsibility for the bed and banks of the watercourse, and also the trees and shrubs growing on the banks. In practice this means carrying out at least an annual trim of any vegetation that could cause an obstruction to the natural flow of the river. Also, if you intend to carry out any works on or near the watercourse, you will need a permit from the Environment Agency. If you have any queries or require further clarification, please contact me on 891931 or [mcvgillingham@btinternet.com](mailto:mcvgillingham@btinternet.com).

*Martyn Gillingham, River Warden*

## Volunteers needed for South Perrott's Annual Village Clean Up

The Wombles (volunteers!) will be in action again on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August to litter pick prior to this year's Village Fayre the following week. We (the Wombles) will meet in the Pound at 9.45am when roads and

paths will be allocated - you may work in pairs. Hi-Viz tabards and sacks will be provided. Please wear heavy duty gloves and suitable footwear. Contact Sue on 891019 for details or to volunteer.

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

The outdoor season started in June with a visit, with the Mosterton rambles, to Kingston Lacy. The house, despite its size, was more inviting than most. The very imposing and impressive bronzes included Lady Mary Bankes, one of Dorset's most famous women for her staunch defence of Corfe Castle. Outside was very interesting, particularly the Japanese garden. The extensive lawns added an air of tranquillity and the walled gardens provided colour and scent.

Thanks are due to Dominie and Anthony for their generous hospitality for the annual supper. It was a lovely evening and their immaculate garden was a delight to wander round.

July's visit was to Wells for the Bishops Palace and garden tour. The guide was excellent although a little longer to linger in the gardens would have made a very good visit just that bit better. It was also market day with the added bonus of visit to the Cathedral.

### **South Perrott and Chedington Flower Show**

The annual Flower Show takes place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September in South Perrott Village Hall and we look forward to another wonderful year of entries in the different categories. These include vegetables, flowers, floral art, fruit, cookery and photography. There is also a range of children's classes in which all entries will receive a small prize. Full details are contained in the schedule which soon will be distributed around the two villages. The show opens at 2.30pm with an auction starting at 3.15pm. If you wish to exhibit, please bring along your entries between 9am and 12noon.

### **Parrett & Axe Parish Council**

Below is a summary of some of the topics discussed at the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016. A full set of the agreed minutes from this meeting 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. In addition to five Parish Councillors and Clerk, also in attendance were County Cllr. Rebecca Knox, District Cllrs Tony Alford and Peter Barrowcliff, and River/Flood Warden, Martyn Gillingham. Apologies were received from Cllr. Jane Cooper and Dominie de la Poer (Footpaths Officer).

#### **❖ Reports from County Councillor and District Councillors**

➤ **Rebecca Knox** reported on the following issues: - **Health and Wellbeing** – the County Council is working to expand the volunteer countryside workforce and is trying to attract groups, such as the Ramblers Association, to provide access for wheelchair users and less able people. Also they are encouraging primary schools to get children more active.

“**Dorset Families Matter**” – is a new project reaching out to the community with more inclusive services to help families. Social workers will extend their work by going into schools.

**Properties and land** – DCC is reviewing Council owned properties and land which are not being utilised, but cost money to maintain.

➤ **Tony Alford** - explained that there is a high level of support for a Combined Authority, where all Dorset authorities work together to achieve economic growth. Central Government powers can then be devolved to the combined authority and, in due course, further powers will be devolved to town and parish councils. Dorset Councils will present their application to central government shortly. A consultation will start at the end of August about possible ways of setting up two unitary authorities in Dorset (including Bournemouth and Poole).

#### **❖ Highways Issues:**

➤ **Speed of vehicles through South Perrott** – It was suggested that a mobile Speed Indicator Device (SID) should be installed for a period. Rebecca Knox responded that there were new restrictions that had prevented the installation of the mobile SID within the 40 mph zone on the eastern approach to South Perrott. A private site (on the edge of a resident's drive) is now being sought for consideration on the eastern side of the village within the 30 mph zone.

➤ **Surface dressing** has been carried out on Lecher, Picket and Chedington Lanes and the roads have subsequently been swept. There are two deep depressions in the road surface in Chedington Lane caused by a heavy lorry during these works. The road surface in Pipplepen Lane has still not been repaired.

➤ **Hedges** are overgrown and are covering road signs in the area.

➤ **The finger post** on the corner of A356/Lecher Lane is in a state of disrepair. The clerk is reporting this and the other matters to DCC Highways.

❖ **Picket Lane railings** - Blair Turner, DCC Highways has confirmed that the council will provide the labour to remove and replace the broken wooden posts to the first section of railings from the corner of the A356 to Parrett Mead. The parish council is purchasing the four replacement posts which are required. There are a further nine posts on the other side of Parrett Mead which will be replaced in due course by the Parish Council.

- ❖ **Millennium Green** – At a previous meeting the Parish Council was asked to reconsider taking over responsibility for the Millennium Green. It was reported that the Millennium Green Trustees are currently awaiting the results of the annual safety inspection of the play equipment. It will be discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council.
- ❖ **Mobile Phone Signal** - Oliver Letwin MP has provided written confirmation from the Home Office that mobile phone reception will be improved in South Perrott within the next few months. The Home Office is responsible for the implementation of the new Emergency Services Network (ESN), operated by EE. Currently the two radio masts serving South Perrott and Chedington, one in Corscombe and one in Crewkerne, do not provide a strong enough signal for the ESN to work effectively in the villages. EE is planning to upgrade the Corscombe mast in the next 7 months and the Crewkerne mast 6 months later. This should provide an acceptable service in both villages by the time the ESN is due to go live at the end of 2017. Thanks were recorded to David Lines and Oliver Letwin for pursuing this on our behalf.
- ❖ **Superfast Broadband** – Properties along the A356 from Winterhayes up to Winyards Gap are unable to receive Superfast Broadband as they are linked directly into the Corscombe exchange.
- ❖ **Riparian Responsibilities** – the River Warden reported on this - see item on the front page.
- ❖ **Mobile Library Service** – Rebecca Knox advised that the mobile Library Service is under used and will cease to operate by March 2017. The WRVS are proposing to take over responsibility for ordering and delivering books to the few regular users of this service who are unable to access a main library.
- ❖ **Footpaths Officer** – Thanks were given to Anthony de la Poer who had spread chippings on the permissive path leading to the Millennium Green. He has also volunteered to trim Langmoor Lane alongside the river.
- ❖ **Annual Village Clean up Sunday 7 August** – see item on the front page.
- ❖ **Planning Matters** -
  - **Applications considered:** WD/D/16/000810 Highfield House, Chedington – replace existing conservatory with oak framed garden room.
  - **Decisions notified by WDDC:** WD/D/16/000588 (Listed Building Consent), Threshers Barn, South Perrott – replacement windows. Approved.
  - **Other planning issues:** A further site visit by the planning enforcement officer has been made to the Coach & Horses Inn since approval for the resubmitted plans was granted on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016. The Chairman raised a concern about staff shortages in the Planning Department, which were causing long delays in applications being dealt with. Cllr Alford admitted that there is a backlog of cases, but that the process has been changed to speed up the work.
  - Applications pending and decisions notified can be viewed on [www.dorsetforyou.com](http://www.dorsetforyou.com)

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## Parish Council Meetings for 2015:

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – Chedington  
 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – South Perrott

All meetings start with the Public Session at 19:30

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

August 2016		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	11:00	Coffee Club	Mohun House	Dominey - 891601
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup>	09:45	South Perrott Village clean up	The Pound, South Perrott	Sue - 891019
		16:00	Live Music (Mandy For Girls) and BBQ	Winyards Gap	Toby/ Michelle - 891244
Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup>	14:00	Flower Festival	St Mary's Church, SP	Ann - 891224
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	South Perrott Village Fayre	South Perrott	Jill - 891291
		16:00	Live Music (Freefall) and BBQ	Winyards Gap	Toby/ Michelle - 891244
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup>	16:00	Live Music (Ollie Days) and BBQ	Winyards Gap	Toby/ Michelle - 891244
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup>	16:00	Live Music (Microlight) and BBQ	Winyards Gap	Toby/ Michelle - 891244

September 2016		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Coffee Club	Pipplepen Cottage	Doreen - 891431
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedington Village Hall	Angela - 891931
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup>	14:30	Annual Flower Show (with auction at 15:15)	SP Village Hall	Bob - 891404
					Dominie - 891601
					Joyce - 891625
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	19:00	Garden Club	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240

### Regular Events – Summer/Autumn 2016

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
Every Tuesday	14:00	Short Mat Bowls	SP Village Hall	Bob - 891404
	18:00	Line Dancing (starts September 13 <sup>th</sup> )	SP Village Hall	Maggie - 892464
Every Thursday	09:30	Yoga	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
	18:00	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 Chedington	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/SouthPerrott">www.facebook.com/SouthPerrott</a> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/pages/Chedington/109270275757776?ref=ts&amp;fref=ts">www.facebook.com/pages/Chedington/109270275757776?ref=ts&amp;fref=ts</a>
Parish website	<a href="http://www.parrettandaxe.org.uk">www.parrettandaxe.org.uk</a>

#### Local Contacts:

##### Chedington Village Hall:

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Bookings Ivan Williams 01935 891059

**Winyards Gap** Toby/Michelle 01935 891244

##### St Mary's Church:

Church Warden Peter Coles 01935 891232  
Treasurer Wendy Stevenette 01935 891890

##### South Perrott Village Hall:

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