

THE PUMP & POUND

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I'm very sorry that, due to ill health, Liz Fray has had to resign as a parish councillor. My thanks go to Liz for all her work on behalf of Chedington residents and the support that she has given me in her role as vice-chairman.

As you read this, Chedington Street Fair will have taken place and we now look forward to South Perrott Village Fayre. I hope the weather will be good and that many of you will come and enjoy the day.

Kate Organ, Chairman

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Parish Council gives notice that a casual vacancy has arisen for a councillor to represent the parish of Chedington. Further information can be found on the Chedington village noticeboard.

South Perrott Defibrillator

The Defibrillator, situated outside SP Village Hall, is now operational and available for use. CPR training for South Perrott is to be arranged, and further details will be published in due course.

Hot, Hot, Hot; The Steel Band Entertains!

The South Perrott Steel Band directed by Mike Hayes made their first public appearance at the SP Club BBQ held on 25th June. The Band played a selection of well-known tunes and the weather matched the tropical mood of the music; a great time was had by all! If interested in playing - novices are most welcome – please contact Mike on 01935 891034.

And the sun continued to shine for **Strawberries and Cream** which sixty-three people enjoyed at Bridge Farmhouse on Sunday 2nd July, raising £342 towards the upkeep of the Millennium Green.



South Perrott Village Fayre & Flower Festival

Saturday 12 August FLOWER FESTIVAL in St Mary's Church, 11am - 5pm; cream teas 2 - 5pm

Sunday 13 August VILLAGE FAYRE 11am - 4pm - All the old favourites plus a few more! Refreshments all day, beer tent in the Paddock, fun for all the family - everyone welcome!

Watch out for the flyer with full details of the day. *Jill Turner 891291* or southperrott@yahoo.co.uk

South Perrott and Chedington Flower Show

The annual Flower Show takes place on Saturday 2nd September in South Perrott Village Hall and we look forward to another wonderful year of entries in a wide range of categories including arts & crafts, photography and vegetables as well as flowers. There is also a range of children's classes in which all entries will receive a small prize. The show opens at 2.30pm with an auction at 3.15pm followed by the presentation of prizes. Entries are required between 9am and 12noon on the day. Full details are contained in the leaflet which has been delivered to all households in both villages. Contacts for more details are shown in "What's On" on the back page.

Chedington Open Gardens and studios

What a wonderful day! The weather was kind with the rain managing to hold off until 4 o'clock. We had about 350 visitors, who all seemed to thoroughly enjoy their day out peering behind the scenes. There were so many different gardens to explore, each with its own character, including The Court where afternoon teas were served. It was great to see the work of so many talented artists, authors and makers on display. Many thanks to all who attended and of course to everyone who helped before and on the day! See our Facebook page for photographs.

Chedington Ramble with Joy - Saturday 26th August 3pm

Find out about the history of Chedington from someone who was born and bred here. Join Joy Coles for a wander through the village starting at Sandy Knapp and ending at the Village Hall for refreshments. £5 for adults, children are free. Contact Carole Birtwhistle 891437 or Joy Coles 891232 to pre-book a place as numbers are limited.

South Perrott Village Hall - From the middle of August Jill Turner will be taking over the Hall bookings and can be contacted by email on SouthPerrottVillageHall@gmail.com or by phone on 891291.

News from The Pubs

Winyard's Gap Inn is hosting its annual cider festival on Saturday August 19th from 4pm. Entertainment will be by Scoot from 8pm. At the **Coach and Horses Inn**, the monthly bingo sessions are moving to the

3rd Sunday of the month; the quiz evenings remain on the 1st Sunday of the month. There are also two special theme nights – a German Night on Friday 11th August and a Curry Night on Friday 8th September (pre-booking is essential for both).

Mosterton Pre-School are now Enrolling for the autumn term. If you have a child between 2 years and school age, please contact Sarah Woods on 07939 465915 for details.

Attention All Riparian Owners

It's that time of year when the bed and banks of the River Parrett need to be trimmed of vegetation to protect the natural flow of the river. If you have any queries or require further clarification, please contact the River Warden, Martyn Gillingham on 891931 or mvcvgillingham@btinternet.com

Chedington Village Hall AGM

Many thanks go to everyone who attended my first AGM. It was heartening to see such support and to celebrate together all that the new committee has achieved since September 2016. I would like to thank the committee (and others) for their efforts over the year helping with fundraising, garden making, repairing, sorting, accounting and sign writing. If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like a copy of the accounts or Chairman's report please let me know. *Susan Aspinall*

Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club

June's visit took us to a garden very close to home, Braddocks at Oxbridge. Only a 3 acre site but the profusion of roses was an absolute delight - being the height of the season helped of course! There was some extremely interesting planting which was very inspiring.

The Club Supper at Sandy Knapp on 28th June was not blessed with the best of weather, so wandering round the lovely garden was off the menu, but lots of delicious food certainly was not! A most enjoyable evening despite Mother Nature!

The weather was good for July's visit to Pulham. This was quite different from the other gardens. Deceptively casual and extremely attractive, it has a most original bog garden, with "rooms", shaded walkways, a wood to amble through and it is completely child safe!

Parrett & Axe Parish Council

Below is a summary of some of the topics discussed at the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 13th July 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 and River/Flood Warden Martyn Gillingham. Apologies were received from District Cllrs. Tony Alford and Peter Barrowcliff, and P & P Editor Dave McSkelly.

❖ **Cllr. Liz Fray** tendered her resignation due to continuing ill health. Liz was thanked for all her work on behalf of Chedington residents. See item "Public Notice". Cllr. Chris Birtwhistle was elected as Vice-Chairman following Cllr. Fray's resignation.

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

County Cllr. Rebecca Knox reported that they were still awaiting the Secretary of State's informal decision on the proposals for Local Government Reform. Cllr Knox was currently working to improve a closer liaison between the separate services in the County, District and Borough Councils. For example, social care and housing supply, and school admissions and transport teams will be linked together.

The Chairman and members congratulated Cllr. Knox on her recent election as Leader of Dorset County Council.

❖ **Highways Issues:**

- **Pothole** – in Chedington Lane has been reported.
- **Junction A3066/Lecher Lane** – The grass verge needs regular cutting at this time of the year as the vegetation creates a "blind spot" on the A3066. Vegetation is also blocking 30mph signs on A356 at both ends of the village. This has been reported to Highways.
- **Kerb Stones** between Swing Gate Cottage and Church Hill – two local residents have twisted their ankles on these and they continue to cause a noise disturbance to residents/guests at the Coach & Horses Inn. In some places, they have fractured. Suggestion is to ask Highways to remove and replace with a white line the same as the section between Parrett Mead to Swing Gate Cottage.
- **Broken Finger Post** – outside Bakers Arms, South Perrott. Reported.
- It was agreed that the "**New Road Layout**" signs should now be removed from both ends of South Perrott as the new layout has been in place since 2011. Highways are to be advised.

❖ **Picket Lane Railings (Second Section)** - The Clerk has discussed the repair work with a local builder, who had recommended using longer wooden posts, slightly repositioned, to avoid the need to build a wall along the riverbank. The Chairman suggested that pre-cast concrete slabs could be used to shore up the part of the bank which is eroding and so save the cost of realigning the posts. It was agreed that a third contractor should be contacted to obtain quotes.

- ❖ **Mosterton Pre - School** – deferred until a future meeting.
- ❖ **Superfast Broadband** - Jill Turner reported that a number of properties in the area between South Perrott and Chedington were in a “not spot” area and not able to benefit from the fibre network in either village. Jonathan Baker, in South Perrott, had produced a very comprehensive report on the options available to these properties under DCC’s Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme. The Chairman responded that the Parish Council support this initiative and proposed that a meeting should be arranged with the owners of all affected properties.
- ❖ **Footpath Maps** - The footpath maps designed by Desmond Thomas were proving popular. The A4 size is £1 and the larger A2 size is £5. The initial cost of production will soon be recouped.
- ❖ **Footpath Officer for South Perrott** – Peter Edwards has been elected as Footpaths Office taking over from Dominie de la Poer. Peter (and his black Labrador), is already well known to many dog walkers and we are delighted that he has taken on this role.
- ❖ **Annual Village Meeting Chedington 16th May 2017**. The following items were discussed: - the proposal that Chedington should cease to be represented on the Parish Council – no further action had been taken on this; Millennium Green – status of play equipment; Mobile library – service now ceased; Telephone Kiosk - service decommissioned; and Dog Fouling – need for a dog waste bin.
- ❖ **BT Cables** – Peter Simmons referred to the telephone and internet cables which are hung on poles cutting across the corner of one of his fields which were at risk from damage from his baling and hedge cutting machines. Clerk has alerted BT Openreach again.
- ❖ **Local Thefts** - Mr Simmons also reported the theft of two milk churns, taken from a shed. He failed to get through to the Police to report the theft and later saw the items for sale on Facebook. *See Facebook link to Police’s Safer Neighbourhood website.*
- ❖ **South Perrott’s Annual Village Clean Up** – This took place on Sunday 16 July. A big thank you to the 6 adults and 4 children who collected 7 bags of rubbish. Dorset Waste Partnership has been informed.
- ❖ **Parish Noticeboard** - Barry Chatfield was thanked for re-varnishing the noticeboard in The Pound.
- ❖ **Planning Matters** –
 - **New Applications considered:** - None.
 - **Decisions notified by WDDC:**
 - WD/D/17/000717 Land adjacent to Lecher Bridge, South Perrott – erect extension to existing agricultural building - Approved;
 - WD/D/17/000187 Holt Farm, South Perrott - single storey extension – Approved.

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

Parish Councillors

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Parish Council Meetings for 2017:

All meetings start with the Public Session at 19:30
 Thursday 14th September - South Perrott
 Thursday 9th November - Chedington

What's On in South Perrott and Chedington

August 2017		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	5 th	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington	Susan - 891925
Sunday	6 th	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270
Monday	7 th	11:00	Coffee Club	Mohun House	Dominie - 891601
Friday	11 th	18:30	German Night	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270
Saturday	12 th	14:00	Flower Festival	St Mary's Church, SP	Sylvia - 891234
Sunday	13 th	11:00	South Perrott Village Fayre	South Perrott	Jill - 891291
Saturday	19 th	16:00	Cider Festival (music by Scoot from 20:00)	Winyard's Gap Inn	Toby/Michelle - 891244
Sunday	20 th	19:30	Bingo	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270
Saturday	26 th	15:00	Joy's Ramble	Sandy Knapp	Joyce - 891232
Sunday	27 th	14:30	"Hats and Cravats"	Patsy & Peter Hinton's	Patsy/Peter - 891292 Ann - 891224

September 2017		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	2 nd	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
		14:30	Annual Flower Show (with auction at 15:15)	SP Village Hall	Bob - 891404 Dominie - 891601 Joyce - 891625
Sunday	3 rd	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270
Monday	4 th	11:00	Coffee Club	TBA	
Friday	8 th	18:30	Curry Night	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270
Wednesday	13 th	19:30	Garden Club with Marion Dale	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Thursday	14 th	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	SP Village Hall	Angela - 891931
Saturday	16 th	14:30	Jumble Sale	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Sunday	17 th	19:30	Bingo	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270
Sunday	24 th	12:30	Harvest Festival Lunch	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Saturday	30 th	18:30	SP Club Night	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890

Regular Events – Summer/Autumn 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		
Every Tuesday	14:00	Short Mat Bowls	SP Village Hall	Bob - 891404
		18:00	Line Dancing (resumes 5 th September)	SP Village Hall
Every Thursday	09:30	Yoga	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
	18:00	Steel Drums Session	SP Village Hall	Mike - 07762 260582

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

Local Contacts:

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Coach & Horses James/Yvonne 01935 891270

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Millennium Green:

Secretary Martyn Gillingham 01935 891931

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