

# THE PUMP & POUND

South Perrott and Chedington Newsletter

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Is it nearly Autumn already? Still, the Summer hasn't been too bad so far! Let's hope that it stays fine for the school holidays and South Perrott's Village Fayre in August. We would like to reiterate that we intend to continue producing the Pump & Pound in its current format and for it to be delivered free of charge to all properties in South Perrott and Chedington. *The Editors*

## Parrett and Axe Parish Council

The Annual General Meeting scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019 was the shortest meeting ever! A Chairman was not elected by the three newly appointed South Perrott Councillors. Chedington had not filled any of their three seats and the meeting was adjourned. Following the meeting the three South Perrott Councillors tendered their resignations and as a consequence there are currently no Parish Councillors representing the two parishes. Vicky Reed has been the Acting Clerk on a temporary basis and the vacancy is now on hold until the situation is resolved. Dorset Council's Legal and Democratic Services have explained that there are two options available:

1) Parrett and Axe is a group Parish Council comprised of the parishes of Chedington and South Perrott. In order to achieve a relatively quick dissolution of the group, the Dorset Council's Monitoring Officer has suggested that, as a statutory requirement, Chedington hold another parish meeting in order to pass a resolution to dissolve the group and create a separate Parish Council which can then convert to a Parish Meeting. **This meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August in Chedington Village Hall.** If the resolution is agreed, an order can be made to achieve this quickly and allow Chedington and South Perrott to go their separate ways.

2) If Chedington will not agree this course of action, Dorset Council will have to undertake a community governance review which will take longer. It will require Dorset Council's approval and periods of consultation with the community before the desired outcome can be agreed.

## Highways Matters

**A356** - The section through South Perrott was resurfaced in June with Lockchip applied and the white lines reinstated. Just one or two days after the work had finished the new surface had signs of wear and tear. The Lockchip has not addressed the issue of the uneven surface levels partly caused by earlier remedial work to remove "crossing points". As a result, the problem of road noise still exists and there were concerns that the new surface might not be sufficiently robust to withstand constant use by heavy vehicles such as tractors, tankers and trailers. In an email from Mike Hansford, Asset and Performance Manager, Dorset Highways, dated 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019, he states: *"We are confident that the surface treatment with 'Lockchip' is robust enough to withstand the vehicles using this road. This is a tried and tested treatment used for many years within highways authorities around the country. The 'Lockchip' is an additional application which can only enhance the treatment. There are a couple of issues relating to the surface that have been raised by residents. Our Agent for this work is investigating those, and I will make sure we come back to you with a response. We have also yet to agree a solution to the remaining kerbs. This is now with our Highways Planning Team who instigated the original traffic management scheme"*.

**Flooding outside Sarum** - Mike Hansford stated in an email dated 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019, *"With regards to the flooding issue near the property called Sarum, there are plans to try and drill out the pipe but we have yet to identify a date for this work. I've asked the team dealing with this to let you know once this has been confirmed."* Further to this email, Simon Roberts, Dorset Highways Community Liaison Officer, said that Highways have now applied to the Environment Agency for a licence to work in the River Parrett. The licence will take about three months to obtain and Simon advised that work will be completed before winter.

**Overgrown Vegetation** – This continues to be a problem at this time of year. It is particularly hazardous at the junction of Lecher Lane with A3066. Following complaints to Dorset Council it has now been cut twice in the last two months. Simon Roberts, Dorset Highways, is aware of the problem and residents are encouraged to report any issues online at [www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk](http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk). Residents are also reminded to cut back their hedges, trees and verges where the overgrowth is causing a hazard to road users including pedestrians.

Simon Roberts is responsible for this area of West Dorset. He is aware that we don't have a Parish Council at the moment and has promised to keep us updated. We have agreed to publish this information in the Pump and Pound. Highways Matters will feature as a regular item.

## South Perrott Fayre Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 11am - 4pm

The Fayre is in support of St Mary's Church. This year, the Fayre will be concentrated around the Village Hall, the Old Rectory courtyard, the Coach & Horses car park, Church Hill and the church. There will still be the usual attractions with hot and cold refreshments, live music around the village and fun activities for all ages. The Somerset Red Arrows Majorettes are making a welcome return. And don't forget the grand raffle

for which Sue Coutanche is selling tickets. We are still looking for donations of bric-a-brac, tombola prizes, preserves, garden produce, handbags, jewellery and crafts, so please think of us when you're sorting, cooking, making and planting! Please let Jill Turner (on [southperrott@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:southperrott@yahoo.co.uk) or 01935 891291) know if you can help either on the day or by supplying produce and goods for sale.

St Mary's Church will once again host the Flower Festival, "My Favourite Hymn" being the topic. There is also an Art Exhibition on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and on Sunday. Whilst here you can also indulge yourselves in a delicious cream tea served from 2pm at Mohun House.

### **Our Village – A Walk through Time**

The history walk on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June was a great success despite the torrential rain. It raised over £300 for church funds and we learnt a lot about the history, myths and legends of South Perrott. It was complemented by tea and a buffet in the village hall where there was a display of local memorabilia.



### **Strawberries and Cream Teas**

The weather didn't disappoint for the Strawberries and Cream Teas held at Bridge Farmhouse in South Perrott on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Sixty-four customers enjoyed fresh locally picked strawberries and Cornish clotted cream loaded onto delicious homemade scones, served with Clipper Gold Fairtrade Tea, kindly donated by Caroline. Jo Caughlin, one of the new Trustees, outlined ambitious plans for rejuvenating the Millennium Green over the next three years. The event raised £351 for Millennium Green funds.

### **The Millennium Green**

Can you snip with your secateurs; lop with your loppers; pare with your pruners? If so, your Millennium Green needs you! As part of a three year plan to revitalise the Green and turn it into a thriving wildlife habitat, the Trustees are seeking help later in the year to clear some of the undergrowth and rejuvenate the soil, thereby encouraging back the invertebrates, birds and mammals that feed on them. Two days have been set aside for this work: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October. We will meet at 10am and work for a couple of hours, or as long as you can manage. It should not be too arduous as there will be no digging, but come prepared with basic garden equipment and appropriate protection, such as gardening gloves. If you are available on either of those dates and willing to help, please email Jo Caughlin at [j.caughlin76@gmail.com](mailto:j.caughlin76@gmail.com)

### **Hedgehogs in South Perrott**

Thank you to everyone who came along to the first South Perrott Hedgehog Friendly meeting. 31 people attended and donations on the night totalled £75, which was a positive start. We had 6 confirmed sightings to add to the village map. More have been reported since and will be added at the next meeting. For everyone who gave their email address to Jo on the night, they should have received a newsletter by now - it contains information on how to create a hedgehog food station, links to various websites that support the hedgehog cause and an update on the hedgehogs that visit gardens around School Hill.

At this time of the year the ground can get dry and make it difficult for hedgehogs to get to grubs. To help them stay hydrated, put out a small bowl of water as the sun starts to go down. It would also be really helpful if everyone could keep their dogs in around this time - dog bites are the biggest killer of hedgehogs, and nobody wants their own four-legged friend to have an unnecessary trip to the vet after their encounter with a hedgehog.

The next meeting will be held in South Perrott village hall on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August at 6:30pm for 7pm. Susy Varndell will be there. South Perrott will then be confirmed as a committed Hedgehog Friendly Village.

If you would like to get involved with Dorset Mammal Group or, more specifically, the coordination of events and collation of hedgehog information please email Jo Caughlin on [j.caughlin76@gmail.com](mailto:j.caughlin76@gmail.com).

### **Caribbean Picnic**

With nearly, but not quite, tropical conditions, a Caribbean picnic organized by Chris (thank you Chris) took place at South Perrott village hall on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July. With excellent food and drink being shared and accompanied by the Steel Band playing, a good time was had by all. The net profit from the event was £75 which was donated to the "Steel Drum Fund". This goes towards the tuning and/or replacement of the drums (referred to as "pans").



### **Chedington Open Gardens and Studios**

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's event. After a rather damp start, the day rapidly improved as did the number of visitors! They were from all over the region, including Bournemouth, Taunton and Frome. The gardens and studios were buzzing with chat, enthusiasm and well-deserved compliments which hopefully made the garden owners feel it was all worthwhile. The Village Hall and Great Court were both full to capacity, with visitors enjoying their refreshments. Compliments are due to the bakers, food

makers and servers; who delivered a high-quality lunch and tea. We do not have final figures yet but anticipate donating about £500 to Weldmar Hospice and about £2000 to the Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you next year.

### Short Mat Bowls

In issue 48 of the Pump & Pound, we reported that South Perrott Swallows won the Beaminster and District Short Mat Bowls League in a very closely fought end to the 2018-2019 season. The team, with the trophy, are pictured here. New players are more than welcome. Why not go along and give short mat bowls a try. The bowlers meet on Monday nights.



### South Perrott Flower and Produce Show 7<sup>th</sup> September 2019

This year's show is on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 2:30pm in South Perrott Village Hall. In addition to the exhibits there will be teas, a raffle, plant stall and an auction. Schedules have been delivered to all households in South Perrott and Chedington (if you have not received one, contact one of the numbers below). Remember, entries must be staged between 9am and 12 noon. You can follow us on Facebook. For enquiries, contact 891404, 891625 or 891601.

### Ring and Ride (NORDCAT) is under threat again!

The ring and ride service operated by NORDCAT picks up at locations in both South Perrott and Chedington at the customers' convenience. On Wednesdays, it goes to Dorchester leaving at around 10am and returning approximately 4 hours later. On Fridays it goes to Yeovil (Tesco) and returns approximately 3 hours later. This is a useful and convenient service. Bus passes are accepted although donations are appreciated. There is a charge for those who do not hold a bus pass. However, recently some of the "regulars" for various reasons are no longer able to use this service and unless there are more customers it will soon cease to operate here. If you are interested in using the bus please contact NORDCAT Dial the Bus Service – 01258 473154 (details are also on back page). Use it or lose it!

### Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club

On June 5<sup>th</sup>, there was a visit to Knightshayes with Mosterton Ramblers. The weather was kind and an easy ramble led to the house and formal gardens, which included a tranquil pond, and then on to the beauty, variety and coolness of the woodland garden. Finally, a short ride on a people carrier took us to the walled kitchen garden – this was well worth seeing! With 200 acres of variety and interest and a magnificent long-distance view over the estate, it was a very good day out!

Thanks are due to Sue and Mike Lucas for hosting the Garden Club supper on 26<sup>th</sup> June which was well attended with lots of delicious food!

On 17<sup>th</sup> July, the club visited Holworth Farmhouse. Not a large garden, it was, nevertheless, packed with many interesting features and unusual plants. On a beautiful summer's day, with excellent company, a bottomless teapot and scrumptious homemade cakes, who could ask for more! Holworth Farmhouse opens for the National Gardens Scheme (NGS) and is well worth visiting.

The next meeting is on Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup> when Clive Farrell will be talking about gardening for butterflies and other animals.

### South Perrott's Annual Village Clean Up

This went ahead as planned on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July when ten villagers donned hi-viz jackets, protective gloves and "grabber" sticks to collect the litter strewn around the village. Fewer rubbish bags were left in the Pound for collection, than in previous years. This was mainly due to Dorset Council agreeing to collect, in situ, larger items that had been fly tipped. Thanks go to Jonathan who supplied the equipment. This equipment is available at any time so no need to wait for next year to organize a "Litter Pick". Contact [jonathan@southperrott.com](mailto:jonathan@southperrott.com)

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The next edition of The Pump & Pound will be published at the end of September. Contributions should be sent to Sue by **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

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

August 2019		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891224
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup>	16:00	Live Music 'til 6pm	Winyard's Gap Inn	Toby/Michelle - 891244
		19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Coffee Club	Mohun House	Dominie - 891601
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Flower Festival (cream teas from 14:00)	St Mary's Church, SP	Sylvia - 891244
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	South Perrott Village Fayre	South Perrott	Jill - 891291
		16:00	Live Music 'til 6pm	Winyard's Gap Inn	Toby/Michelle - 891244
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Chedington Village Meeting	Chedington Village Hall	Chris - 891437
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup>	16:00	Live Music 'til 6pm	Winyard's Gap Inn	Toby/Michelle - 891244
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup>	16:00	Live Music 'til 6pm	Winyard's Gap Inn	Toby/Michelle - 891244
Thursday	29 <sup>th</sup>	18:30	Hedgehogs Friendly SP	SP Village Hall	Jo

September 2019		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup>	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	11:00	Coffee Club	Tba	Ann - 891224
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup>	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
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Gardening Club with Clive Farrell	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	14:30	Jumble Sale	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Millennium Green Work Party	Millennium Green	Jo

### Regular Events – Summer/Autumn 2019

Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Every Monday	19:30	Short Mat Bowls	SP Village Hall	Doreen - 891431
Every Tuesday	09:45	Mosterton and District Over 50s Computer Club	The Admiral Hood, Mosterton	Ella - 01308 868834 Barbara - 01308 867891 Martyn - 891931
		Short Mat Bowls	SP Village Hall	Doreen - 891431
		Line Dancing (Restarts 03/09/19)	SP Village Hall	Louise - 891600
Every Wednesday	14:00	Tai Chi	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

To keep up to date with village events view:

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

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**Winyard's Gap** Toby/Michelle 01935 891244

**Coach & Horses** James/Yvonne 01935 891270

#### St Mary's Church:

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#### Millennium Green:

Secretary Martyn Gillingham 01935 891931

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