

THE PUMP & POUND

The Newsletter of Parrett & Axe Parish Council

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Welcome to the twenty first edition of The Pump & Pound. This might seem like I'm looking ahead a bit far but next May all the Parish Councillors will have to stand down; some may opt to stand again but I know some of them, including myself, are not doing so. If you're interested please start thinking about standing sooner rather than later.

Michael Johnson, Chairman

Breakfast Consultation - Let's Answer It!

Forty residents attended the feedback meeting (Let's Answer It!), on 5th October following the Parish breakfast consultation held in June. The key themes arising were:

Transport – availability and frequency of bus services to give access to shops, education and employment.

The Road – speeding, appearance and pinch point in South Perrott and surfaces in Chedington.

Communications – telephones (landline & mobile), broadband, website & social media.

Village Services and Amenities – Community Shop, Public Houses, Library, Village Halls, green spaces and footpaths, and new homes.

There were some suggestions made which the community can action. Many residents would like more informal breakfast events. The bell ringers have recently held a breakfast in South Perrott Village Hall to raise funds for the Bell Tower. Perhaps other groups could organise similar events either to raise funds or just to cover the cost of hosting.

The Parish Council will continue to lobby and work in conjunction with bodies such as the district and county councils on many of the issues raised. Some are ongoing and are reported under the Parish Council section of this Pump and Pound. Some can be dealt with immediately whilst others require a longer term solution.

Most importantly we need to keep the dialogue open with all residents so that everyone can agree with the sentiment expressed by one of our residents "I love our village. How lucky we are to be here!"

Christmas and the New Year

The **Parish Christmas party** is at Mohun House on Thursday 18th December starting at 7:30 pm. Tickets are £5 and include a finger buffet.

South Perrott Village Christmas Dinner - Come and join friends and neighbours for the annual Christmas Dinner in the Coach & Horses on Saturday 20th December from 7pm for 7.30pm. There will be two traditional courses with festive trimmings for £12.95 per head (reduced for children – check with Jane when booking). Booking is essential. Contact Jane on 891270.

Christingle making is from 4pm on 20th December in 2 Manor Close. All parents, children and the young at heart are very welcome. Contact Pat on 891546 for information. The **Christingle service** is on Sunday 21st December at 11:00 in St Mary's Church.

The **Children's Christmas Party** is on 24th December 2pm for 2.15pm start in Chedington Village Hall, with a special visitor at 3pm. Please RSVP by phone to Teresa on 01935 891678 for Chedington or Vicky on 01935 891654 for South Perrott by Monday 8th December so Santa can shop.

Winyards Gap is having a **gourmet menu for New Year's Eve**. The full details are not available at the time of going to print. Please contact Michelle on 891244 nearer the date.

Christmas and New Year Refuse Collection

Refuse and kerbside recycling collection arrangements for Christmas and New Year are:-

- Saturday 27th December 2014
- Saturday 3rd January 2015
- Friday 9th January 2015

No collection on 25th December. Normal collections resume on Thursday 15th January.

Winyards Gap Monthly Lunch Club

Winyards Gap are launching a monthly lunch club in January, the first is Friday 30th. It consists of a 2 course lunch with coffee and a speaker – January's is Oliver Letwin, MP. The Lunch is £12.95 per person and prior booking is essential (please contact Michelle or Toby on 891244). Subsequent lunches will be held on the last Friday of each month.

South Perrott Village Open Day 2015

Everyone is invited to a meeting on Tuesday 27th January 2015 at 7pm in South Perrott Village Hall to discuss the next Village Open day. Ann Studley and her band of volunteers have been successfully running this event for many years. However, Ann now feels it is time to introduce new ideas and new people to complement her existing team. Please try and attend. Ann also needs someone, with computer experience, to handle all the stall bookings - if you are interested please contact her on 891224.

Bell Tower - In the last edition of Pump and Pound there was an insert about the improvements that we plan to make in the Ringing Chamber of our Church. I have been delighted by the response so far and we are now much nearer our £9,000 target. Thanks to all those who have donate. However we still have a little way to go. If you would still like to make a donation please contact me, Peter Hinton, on 891292.

Mosterton Pre School, which serves South Perrott, is actively fund raising for a new hall to extend their hours and activities for 2-5 year olds. A number of events have been held with more planned. Please come and support their stall at the Christmas Fair in Mosterton Village Hall on Saturday 6th December at 5pm.

Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club

Just what happens to the fruit and vegetables we eat before they reach our supermarkets. This was the subject of the 10th October's illustrated talk "From Plant to Plate". The degree of up to the minute technology now employed by the food industry is quite astounding. Who would believe that strawberries are picked by lying prostrate on an elevated rig and reaching downwards! All this and much more was made clear by Sue Applegate whose relaxed and knowledgeable commentary complemented a series of slides that were as surprising as they were revealing.

At the AGM on 12th November the business of the evening was conducted with the minimum of disturbance to the excellent supper, the food as always, was the best. Sue Lucas and Peter Coles will continue to be Chairman and Treasurer, respectively, for the coming year and all are very pleased that Joy Coles is to continue providing refreshments at meetings.

Looking forward to December, Martin Young will be speaking about hosta, heuchera and hellebore. In January Jonathan Hoskyns will be speaking about a year in the life of a North Perrott fruit farm. The 2015 diary is looking very interesting!



Parrett & Axe Parish Council

Below is a summary of some of the topics discussed at the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 13th November 2014. A full set of the agreed minutes 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 County Councillor, Rebecca Knox and District Cllr. Caroline Payne. Apologies were received from Dist. Cllr. Janet Page and Dominie de la Poer.

❖ REPORTS FROM THE COUNCILS:

Dorset County Council:

Bakers Arms Crossing on A356 – Cllr Knox met the owners of the Bakers Arms to discuss the crossing outside their property. It will cost £3,500 to remove this crossing and if placed onto the Highways work schedule it could take years to action. Alternatively it might be possible sooner if private funds were raised.

A356 – Speeding see below.

Gully clearing – DCC has been granted Government funding to enable a programme of gully clearing along all the roads in Dorset. Cllr Knox encouraged people to report any blocked drains online, so that they are placed on the list for regular maintenance.

West Dorset District Council:

The new recycling scheme for West Dorset will come into effect w/c 13 July 2015. Further information will be issued, by Dorset Waste Partnership, to all affected households. West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland councils have voted in principle to join with North Dorset District Council. By March 2015 all three councils will be served by one Chief Executive Officer.

❖ Highways Issues

- **A356 – Speed of traffic through South Perrott** – two new residents of South Perrott have raised concerns about the speed of traffic coming down the hill from the Chedington direction. They suggested that either a 20mph speed limit or a priority system be implemented. The Chairman explained that the Parish Council has been actively working on this issue for many years. To date no practical solution has been found although the 20mph speed limit is currently being explored.

Broadwindsor is introducing a 20mph speed limit and the progress of that scheme will be monitored. Cllr Knox is buying a speed indicator device (SID) for her division to use in the villages in her area which will include South Perrott. Meanwhile Speedwatch will be followed up with PCSO Alex Bishop.

- **A356 White Lines and Cats Eyes** - concern was raised that the white lines and cats eyes have still not been reinstated on the A356 towards Chedington.
- **Junction A3066/Lecher Lane** - A site meeting had been held with DCC Highways to consider possible improvements to lessen the danger from overtaking traffic at this junction. A formal request has now been made to DCC Highways for a Traffic Regulation Order for a dedicated right turn lane on the A3066 to protect vehicles turning right into Lecher Lane.
- ❖ **Breakfast Consultation Feedback - Let's Answer It!** See item on the front page. Dave McSkelly and Jo Morgan were thanked for their excellent feedback presentation held on Sunday 5th October.
- ❖ **BT proposal to remove Phone Box in the Pound** - BT have begun a consultation on its proposal to remove public payphones from phone boxes that have had little usage. South Perrott's phone box is on BT's list because only six calls have been made from it in the last 12 months. Members considered that the biggest justification for retaining this phone box was for emergency use as there is no mobile phone signal in the village. The clerk is to respond to the consultation.
- ❖ **Superfast Broadband** – Chedington and South Perrott are still on schedule to receive this in 2015 although the exact date is still not known.
- ❖ **Approval of Budget and Precept for 2015-2016**
Members approved the proposed Budget for 2015-2016 and were minded to approve a Precept of £3,800. This decision will be ratified in January 2015.
- ❖ **Six cannabis plants** had been found growing in a field near the Millennium Green. These have been removed by the Police.
- ❖ **Planning Applications –**
 - Applications pending: WD/D/14/001923 Court Farm, Chedington – external alterations to agricultural barn (part retrospective). APP/F1230/C/142222403 Penny's Hill Coppice, Chedington – the installation of a container unit without planning permission.
 - Applications pending and decisions notified can be viewed on www.dorsetforyou.com.

Parish Councillors

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Public Session - Following a trial period, members agreed to keep the Public Session at the start of the meetings for the remainder of this Council's term of office.

Parish Council Meetings for 2015:

Thursday 8 th January	-	South Perrott
Thursday 12 th March	-	Chedington
Thursday 14 th May (incl. AGM)	-	South Perrott
Thursday 9 th July	-	Chedington
Thursday 10 th September	-	South Perrott
Thursday 12 th November	-	Chedington

What's On in South Perrott and Chedington?

December 2014		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Monday	1 st	11:00	Coffee Club	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Saturday	6 th	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891035
Sunday	7 th	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Wednesday	10 th	19:30	Gardening Club	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Thursday	18 th	19:30	Parish Xmas Party	Mohun House	Ann - 891224
Saturday	20 th	16:00	Christingle Making	2, Manor Close, SP	Pat - 891456
		19:00	Village Xmas Dinner	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Sunday	21 st	11:00	Christingle Service	St Marys Church, SP	
Wednesday	24 th	14:00	Children's Xmas Party	Chedington Village Hall	Vicky - 891654
					Teresa - 891678
Wednesday	31 st	20:00	Gourmet Dinner	Winyards Gap	Michelle/Toby - 891244

January 2015		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	3 rd	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891035
Sunday	4 th	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Monday	5 th	11:00	Coffee Club	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Thursday	8 th	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	SP Village Hall	Angela - 891931
Sunday	11 th	19:30	Bingo	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Wednesday	14 th	19:30	Gardening Club	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Thursday	22 nd	18:30	Burn's Night Supper	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
Tuesday	27 th	19:00	Village Open Day Meeting	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Friday	30 th	12:30	Lunch Club	Winyards Gap	Michelle/Toby - 891244

Regular Events – Winter 2014/2015

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
Every Thursday	09:30	Yoga	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
	17:15	Zumba (starts 8 th Jan) – note 1	SP Village Hall	Ali - 01460 74546/ 07753533727
	18:15	Pilates – note 1	SP Village Hall	
Every Friday	10:00	Upholstery	SP Village Hall	Helen 01460 626211

Note 1 – not being held on 22nd January

Local Contacts:

Chedington Village Hall:

Chairman Vacant
Bookings Ivan Williams 01935 891059

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Bookings Vicky Reed 01935 891654

Coach & Horses Jane 01935 891270

Millennium Green:

Secretary Martyn Gillingham 01935 891931