

# THE PUMP & POUND

The Newsletter of Parrett & Axe Parish Council

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The programme looks very full for Christmas. On behalf of all the Parish Councillors and the Clerk, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year.

*Kate Organ, Chairman*

## Christmas and the New Year

A **carol service** will be held in St Mary's Church, South Perrott, on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December starting at 6:30pm.

The **Parish Christmas party** is at Mohun House on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December starting at 7:30pm. Tickets are £5 and a finger buffet is included.

The **carol singers** will be wandering around South Perrott on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December. To join in, meet outside 2, Manor Close by 6:30pm.

**Glühwein, Carols and more with Mike** on the piano. Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 7pm in the Coach & Horses. All are welcome. Contact Mike on 891034.

The **Children's Christmas Party** is on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm for a 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 7<sup>th</sup> December so Santa can shop.

## A356 Road Closure

The A356 will be closed on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016 from the County boundary with Somerset to Picket Lane for the removal of the "crossing" in front of The Bakers Arms.

## Mobile Phones

Following a study carried out by David Lines on behalf of the Parish Council, a report has been prepared and a letter sent to Ofcom detailing our concerns. Inserted in this edition of The Pump & Pound is a flyer summarising the findings and describing how it is possible to use Wi-Fi to access your mobile phone service.

## Recycling and Rubbish Collection – Christmas and New Year

There will be no collection on 25<sup>th</sup> December. The collections after Christmas are:-

28<sup>th</sup> December            General Rubbish and food (but see note below)

4<sup>th</sup> January                Recycling and food

9<sup>th</sup> January                General Rubbish and Food

Normal service resumes on 15<sup>th</sup> January.

Note: - For the collection on 28<sup>th</sup> December, up to 2 additional sacks of rubbish will be collected if left outside your bins

The last garden waste collection for 2015 will be on 11<sup>th</sup> December. Collections resume on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

## Big Breakfast

Many thanks to all who came to the Big Breakfast on 8<sup>th</sup> November and enjoyed a full English breakfast! £233.50 was raised towards the upkeep of the Millennium Green but, with insurance now costing nearly £500 a year, fund raising efforts need to continue. The next Big Breakfast will be held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2016 in South Perrott Village Hall from 9am - 11am. Hope to see you there!

## Autumn Leaves

It's that time of year when the autumn leaf-fall is likely to cover drains and gulleys on the roads and lanes in the villages. Can I please ask residents who live next to roadside gulleys to ensure that they are clear of leaves to enable excessive levels of rainfall to quickly drain into the river and avoid creating localised flooding. Blocked gulleys can be reported on [www.dorsetforyou.com](http://www.dorsetforyou.com), or you can ring me on 891931.

*Martyn Gillingham, River Warden.*

## News From the Pubs

Winyards Gap's Christmas menus start on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. For reservations, contact Michelle/Toby on 891244.

The Coach & Horses will be closed on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December. It will reopen on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December for the Glühwein evening.

## Dog Waste

There is concern that dog walkers are depositing dog waste bags in bushes and trees particularly, but not exclusively, around Chedington. It is unpleasant and presents a health hazard! Please take your bags home or deposit them in bins if they are available.

## Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club

**The October meeting** - Dorset is well known as a beautiful county, but just how lovely, you don't really know until you have seen Colin Varndell's photography; it is stunning! The time and trouble he takes to get just the right position at just the right time to take THAT photograph is time and effort very well spent and much appreciated.

**November's meeting** was the AGM with supper. Sue Lucas agreed to continue as secretary and Peter Coles as treasurer. A vote of thanks was given to them for their hard work and also to Joy Coles who makes every hall meeting that much better with her lovely and varied cakes. The food supplied by the members was, as usual, delicious and plentiful. No one went short of a drink of their choice either.

We look forward to hearing all about Abbotsbury Sub-tropical Gardens from Stephen Griffith in December and in January Rob Curtis will speak about some Dorset Curiosities. New members and visitors are always welcome.

## Pumpkin Carving

What a great turn out for the pumpkin carving at Chedington Village Hall. Lots of children, and adults too, had great fun! Many creative talents and abilities were shown with the aid of chocolate cake, squash and mulled wine. The excellent results could be seen throughout the village at Halloween. Although it was free it still managed to make £18 for hall funds. Make a note in your diaries for next year as this winner should be included amongst the hall regulars.



## Parrett & Axe Parish Council

Below is a summary of some of the topics discussed at the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015. 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 the Parish Councillors and Clerk, also in attendance were District Cllrs Tony Alford and Peter Barrowcliff. Apologies were received from: Cllr Sue Coutanche, County Cllr Rebecca Knox, PCSO Alex Bishop and Dominie de la Poer (footpaths officer).

### ❖ Reports From County And District Councillors And Police Officers

- District Cllr Tony Alford reported that the Local Plan had been formally adopted by the Council and there is now a six-week wait in case of a challenge before it is fully adopted. There were no results yet on the reviews being undertaken on the voluntary and community organisations. The roll-out of the new waste collection service across the district had gone very smoothly.
- In a written report, PCSO Alex Bishop advised that there had been a report of a man, claiming to be a charity collector, acting suspiciously in South Perrott. PCSO Bishop advised that residents should be wary of all charity collectors and to consider using door chains and asking to see ID. On the same date there was criminal damage to a gate in Parrett Mead, although nothing was stolen. Residents need to be vigilant, particularly for houses that are empty or are holiday/rental homes. Anything suspicious should be reported to Dorset Police on 101.
- ❖ **Highways issues** – Blair Turner, the new DCC Highways Officer, made a site visit on 22<sup>nd</sup> September and has reported as follows -
  - **Hill Farm Corner, South Perrott** - water tracking across road. It is hoped that the gully will be altered so that it picks up surface water from Lecher lane when the planned remedial works to the traffic calming is carried out early next year. In addition, a drain cover which is a hazard to cyclists has been reported to DCC Highways.
  - **Railings in Picket Lane, South Perrott** - DCC Highways say they are not the riparian owner of the bank that edges the highway and therefore are not responsible for the repair or maintenance of the wooden post and metal railings. The Clerk is to write again to Highways to express concern that they are not taking responsibility for the repairs.
  - **A356 White Lines and Cats Eyes** - Blair Turner will produce an order to have the centre line road markings re-sprayed. He agreed that the lack of consistency is not good for drivers and that the missing cats eyes should be replaced, although the policy is only to replace cats eyes as part of a resurfacing project

- **Chedington** - The roads around Sandy Knapp have been put forward for surface dressing but it is unlikely that they will be put onto a programme for a least another 2 years. The situation will be monitored and repairs undertaken once they reach intervention level.
- **Crossing outside Bakers Arms** – see front page.
- ❖ **Superfast Broadband** - South Perrott and Chedington have now had green cabinets installed. BT is in the process of arranging electricity supplies and fibre optic connections before they can become operational. The target date is early 2016.
- ❖ **Mobile Phone Coverage** - David Lines presented his report on mobile phone reception in South Perrott. It was noted that there is a consistently poor signal indoors throughout the village and that the centre of the village (postcodes DT8 3HA, DT8 3HZ and DT8 3PQ) is a 'not-spot' area with no indoor signal at all. It was agreed that the report should be sent to Ofcom with a copy to Oliver Letwin, MP. David has produced a flyer (*inserted in this Issue*), explaining ways to improve mobile reception via the internet.
- ❖ **River Warden's Report** – see article **Autumn Leaves** on the front page.
- ❖ **Planning Applications**
  - a. Applications handled since last meeting:  
WD/D/15/001704 Threshers Barn, South Perrott – replace existing wooden windows with uPVC.
  - b. Other Planning Issues:  
The District Council enforcement officer has visited Bellamy Farm and Maple Cottage and requested that retrospective planning applications are submitted.  
The enforcement officer has also requested that a retrospective planning application is submitted for the work in progress at the Coach and Horses Inn, which does not comply with the permission granted in 2001.
  - Applications pending and decisions notified can be viewed on [www.dorsetforyou.com](http://www.dorsetforyou.com)

### Parish Councillors

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### Parish Council Meetings for 2015:

Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	–	Chedington
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	–	South Perrott
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2016 (incl. AGM)	–	Chedington
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	–	South Perrott
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	–	Chedington
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	–	South Perrott

All meetings start at 19:30

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

December 2015		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Coffee Morning with crafts for sale (all are welcome)	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891035
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Gardening Club with Stephen Griffith	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup>	12:00	SP Village Xmas Dinner	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
		18:30	Carol Service	St Mary's Church	
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Parish Xmas Party	Mohun House	Ann - 891224
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	19:00	Glühwein, Carols & more with Mike	Coach & Horses	Mike - 891034
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup>	14:00	Children's Xmas Party	Chedington Village Hall	Vicky - 891654
					Teresa - 891678

January 2016		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891035
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Line Dancing	SP Village Hall	Maggie - 892464
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup>	09:00	Big Breakfast	SP Village Hall	Martyn - 891931
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Line Dancing	SP Village Hall	Maggie - 892464
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Gardening Club with Rob Curtis	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedington Village Hall	Angela - 891931
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	18:00	SP Club Fish 'n Chips evening	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Line Dancing	SP Village Hall	Maggie - 892464

### Regular Events – Winter 2015/16

Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Every Monday	14:00	Art Classes	Grey Abbey, SP	Rose - 891808
	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
	18:15	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:

Our Facebook Page ("like" and "share")	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/SouthPerrott">www.facebook.com/SouthPerrott</a>
Our website	<a href="http://www.parrettandaxe.org.uk">www.parrettandaxe.org.uk</a>

#### Local Contacts:

##### Chedington Village Hall:

Chairman Vacant  
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:

Chairman Dave McSkelly 01935 891891  
Secretary Michael Stevenette 01935 891890  
Bookings Vicky Reed 01935 891654

**Coach & Horses** John Harris 01935 891270

##### Millennium Green:

Secretary Martyn Gillingham 01935 891931