

THE PUMP & POUND

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The programme for this Christmas looks very full with something for everyone! On behalf of all the Parish Councillors, the Clerk and the editors, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and my best wishes for the New Year.

Kate Organ, Chairman

Christmas and the New Year

There is a **Christmas Wreath Making Workshop** in Chedington Village Hall on Sunday 11th December from 10am-4pm where you can have a break from Christmas preparations and spend a day creating your own Christmas wreath from natural materials. The cost of the day includes all materials, drinks, lunch and afternoon mince pies. For more information and to book a place, contact Carole Birtwhistle on 891437.

Also on 11th is the **Village Christmas Lunch** in South Perrott Village Hall at 12:30pm. This is a traditional Christmas dinner with wine included. Contact Michael on 891890 as booking is essential.

The **Parish Christmas party** is at Mohun House on Thursday 15th December starting at 7:30pm. Tickets are £5 and a finger buffet is included.

A **carol service** will be held in St Mary's Church, South Perrott, on Sunday 18th December starting at 6:30pm.

The **carol singers** will be wandering around South Perrott on Monday 19th December. To join in meet outside 2 Manor Close by 6:30pm.

Mike Hayes will be repeating his **Singalong Carol Night at the Coach & Horses Inn** on Wednesday 21st December starting at 7.00pm. James and Yvonne look forward to welcoming you with mulled wine and a buffet as well as the usual range of drinks and food. Please come and join them for this festive evening. Prior to the carols at 5pm there will be a screening of a **Children's Christmas film** in the conference room at the pub. Children are welcome to stay for the Singalong.

The **Children's Christmas Party** is on Saturday 24th December 2 for 2.15pm in Chedington Village Hall with a "special visitor" at 3pm. Please ring Teresa on 891678 for Chedington residents and Vicky on 891654 for South Perrott residents, by 7th December so the Elves can shop.

And finally, the **Holy Communion** this year will be at **09:15 on Christmas morning** in St Mary's Church, South Perrott.

The Big Breakfast

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Big Breakfast on 13th November when a record number of 61 breakfasts were served! The profit from these plus the raffle and additional donations of £191.50, raised a total of £492.50 for the village defibrillator fund. A defibrillator is a device that gives a high energy electric shock to the heart through the chest wall to someone who is in cardiac arrest. Whilst it is vital to call 999 to ensure that the emergency services arrive as soon as possible, the availability of a defibrillator can help save lives.

The next Big Breakfast will be held on Sunday 8th January 2017. Hope to see you there!

News from the Pubs

For the winter, **Winyards Gap** will be closed on Sunday evenings after the carvery and all day on Mondays. Being a family pub it will also be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. A Christmas menu is available from the 29th November. Toby and Michelle thank you all for your support, and wish you a very merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Following its major refurbishment, the **Coach & Horses Inn** is now fully open. Their Christmas menu is also available from 29th November.

Recycling and Rubbish Collection – Christmas and New Year

The only change to this year's collection is that recycling and food will be collected on **Saturday 31st December** instead of Friday 30th. All other collections are as normal.

Note - For the collection on 6th January 2017, up to 2 additional sacks of rubbish will be collected if left outside your bins.

The last garden waste collection for 2016 will be on 23rd December. Collections do not resume until 20th January 2017.



Shakespeare in South Perrott

Great Birnam Wood will be coming to South Perrott on Friday 13th January when the Bridport Shakespeare Company will be putting on their production of Macbeth in the Village Hall. Doors open at 7pm for a 7:30 start. Entrance is free although donations are welcome.

Music in South Perrott

Mike Hayes is still looking for a venue to teach steel drums. A few people have shown an interest in having piano lessons also and there may be an opportunity to form a local choir. If you know of a suitable venue for the workshops or are interested in taking lessons, please contact Mike on 891034.

Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club

October's Club talk on "Plants that Changed the World" was given by Malcom Gill of Castle Gardens and very interesting it was. It covered plants as diverse as edgeworthia, saffron crocus and bamboo. Uses of the plants included paper making, medicine, building and, in the case of yew, weaponry. Regarding yew, why do so many trees grow in churchyards? Is it to ward off evil spirits? Apparently not! In the days of yore, only churchyards were enclosed and the yew tree could then be protected from browsing animals and other pests. This meant that the trees grew straight and true. Thus, the yew provided perfect wood for making the long bow, a weapon that definitely changed the world.

The AGM on the 9th November went very well; a very amicable meeting with Sue Lucas and Peter Coles agreeing to continue in their roles of Chairperson and Treasurer respectively. But they do so much more! Many thanks were given to Joy Coles for her provision of refreshments throughout the year. The food provided by the members for supper was, as usual, delicious and plentiful.

The treat we have before Christmas is a visit from Colin Varndell on the 14th of December. Then, on January 11th, Neil Lovesey will speak about herbs.

South Perrott Village Hall

The contractors have advised that the roof repairs will have been completed, the props removed and the ceiling reinstated in early December (before the Christmas lunch on the 11th). I would like to thank everyone for their understanding and patience.

Dave McSkelly, Chairman, South Perrott Village Hall Management Committee

Parrett & Axe Parish Council

Below is a summary of some of the topics discussed at the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 10th November 2016. 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 District Cllr. Tony Alford and River/Flood Warden Martyn Gillingham. Apologies were received from County Cllr. Rebecca Knox, District Cllr. Peter Barrowcliff, PCSO Alex Bishop and Footpaths Officer, Dominie de la Poer.

❖ Reports from County Councillor and District Councillors

- **District Cllr. Tony Alford** advised that a report summarising the previous "Reshaping your Councils" consultation will be published on 5th December and the recommendations published by 15th December. The report and recommendations will be considered by the nine councils in the New Year.
- **PCSO Alex Bishop** in an email reported that the majority of local issues related to scam communications and he asked residents to be very careful with any correspondence that seems "too good to be true" or is phishing for personal/financial details. If you think it's a scam, call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or report online at www.actionfraud.police.uk. Alex and his colleague have now been moved to the Bridport Police team and will be replaced by PCSOs Luke White and Pete Smith. Alex thanked everyone in the Parrett and Axe area for "making this an incredible place to work and live".

❖ Highways Issues –

- **Pipplepen Lane** - the potholes are still on schedule to be patch repaired within the next few months and it is also listed for surface dressing within the next 1-3 years.
- **Kerbs outside Coach & Horses Inn** - James Harris, landlord of the Coach & Horses Inn, raised the issue of a noise nuisance caused by heavy vehicles travelling over the edge of the raised kerb outside his property, particularly at night. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Highways.
- ❖ **The Pound – Parking** – it has now been confirmed that DCC Highways have rights over the carriageway up to the kerb in the Pound. The **Planteris** now overgrown and untidy. The Flower Show Committee are going to be approached to see if they will take on the responsibility for its maintenance. If not, this will be discussed at the Annual Village meeting in May 2017.
- ❖ **Picket Lane Railings** - all nine of the new wooden posts have been made and the railings are scheduled to be repaired by Highways in the next few weeks.

- ❖ **Fingerposts** - the Parish Council has insufficient funds for the complete renewal of the two fingerposts although it can afford to repair/replace an arm on each post. A local resident will be approached to undertake the work.
- ❖ **South Perrott Village Hall** – see paragraph above.
- ❖ **Mobile Phone Masts** - in response to a question raised at the last meeting, it is confirmed that South Perrott is served by two radio masts, one near Corscombe and one at Huish near Crewkerne. However, due to the terrain, the mobile signal is very poor in the centre of the village.
- ❖ **Approval of Budget and Precept for 2017-2018** – It is likely that the parish council will need to fund more highway repair work in the future as the County Council will only be dealing with their listed priorities. It was agreed that more information on potential costs is needed before the budget can be approved. This item was therefore deferred to the next meeting.
- ❖ **Development Management and Local Councils: Electronic Consultation.** This report is proposing, amongst other things that all planning applications are now to be dealt with online. WDDC Planning Department will no longer send printed copies of planning applications to Parish Councils as from 1st April 2017. Members expressed their concerns which will be fed back to the planning authority.
- ❖ **Planning Matters** – District Cllr Peter Barrowcliff has confirmed by email that retrospective applications were treated no differently to applications submitted prior to building work starting. It is not an offence to apply retrospectively except where a building is listed when unauthorised work is a criminal offence.
 - **Applications considered:** - WD/D/16/002173 Rowan Tree Cottage, South Perrott, Replacement outbuilding.
WD/D/16/002231 Chedington Court - Re-site existing entrance gate piers and wall.
 - **Decisions notified by WDDC:** WD/D/16/001631 Chedington Court, Chedington – Internal and external alterations to include repositioning the entrance drive wall and piers. Approved.
 - An update has been requested on the retrospective application for Cornerways, South Perrott, which is a grade II listed building.

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

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Parish Council Meetings for 2017:

All meetings start with the Public Session at 19:30

Thursday 12 th January	-	South Perrott
Thursday 9 th March	-	Chedington
Thursday 11 th May (incl AGM)	-	South Perrott
Thursday 13 th July	-	Chedington
Thursday 14 th September	-	South Perrott
Thursday 9 th November	-	Chedington

What's On in South Perrott and Chedington?

December 2016		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	3 rd	11:00	Coffee and crafts morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Monday	5 th	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Sunday	11 th	10:00	Christmas Wreath Making Workshop	Chedington Village Hall	Carole - 891437
		12:30	Village Xmas Lunch	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
Wednesday	14 th	19:30	Garden Club with Colin Vardell	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Thursday	15 th	19:30	Parish Xmas Party	Mohun House	Ann - 891224
Sunday	18 th	18:30	Carol Service	St Mary's Church	
Wednesday	21 st	17:00 19:00	Children's Christmas Film Singalong Carols with Mike	Coach & Horses Inn	James/ Yvonne - 891270
Saturday	24 th	14:00	Children's Xmas Party	Chedington Village Hall	Vicky - 891654
					Teresa - 891678

January 2017		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Monday	2 nd	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Saturday	7 th	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Sunday	8 th	07:30	Big Breakfast	SP Village Hall	Martyn - 891931
Wednesday	11 th	19:30	Garden Club with Neil Lovesey	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Thursday	12 th	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	SP Village Hall	Angela - 891931
Friday	13 th	19:30	Shakespeare's Macbeth	SP Village Hall	
Friday	20 th	18:30	SP Club – Fish 'n Chips	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
Saturday	28 th	18:30	Wine Tasting Evening	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890

Regular Events –Winter 2016/2017

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 - 01308868834 Barbara - 01308867891 Martyn - 891931	
		14:00	Short Mat Bowls	SP Village Hall	Bob - 891404
		18:00	Line Dancing (not 3 rd /17 th Jan)	SP Village Hall	Maggie - 892464
Every Wednesday	18:00	Circuit Training (starts 11 th January)	SP Village Hall	Neil - 07710163563	
Every Thursday	09:30	Yoga	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224	
	18:00	Pilates	SP Village Hall	Ali - 01460 74546/ 07753533727	
	19:15	Pound	SP Village Hall	Ali - 01460 74546/ 07753533727	
Every Friday	10:00	Upholstery (not December)	SP Village Hall	Helen - 01460 626211	

To keep up to date with village events view:

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

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Millennium Green:

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