

# 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 offer our best wishes for the New Year. *Kate Organ, Chairman*

## Christmas and the New Year

December's **Coffee Morning in Chedington Village Hall** will be held on Saturday 9th December (not the usual first Saturday in the month) when Chedington Village Craft Makers, from our open studios, will be displaying and selling their work. We hope that you can join us. For more information contact Sue Lucas on 891240 or Carole Williams on 891059.

There is a **Christmas Wreath Making Workshop** in Chedington Village Hall on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December from 10am – 3:30pm where you can learn how to create your own Christmas wreath from natural materials. The cost of the day includes all materials, drinks, and lunch and afternoon mince pies. For more information and to book a place, contact Carole Birtwhistle on 891437.

Also on 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Chedington Village Christmas Party** is on Friday 15th December at 7pm. Everyone welcome! Please bring desserts or starters and drink to share. If you have any spare time to set up or decorate the hall please come along at 3pm. Donations/loans of decorations, etc. gratefully received. Contact Susan 891925

The **Singalong Carol Night** with Mike and Nick in the Coach and Horses, South Perrott is on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December from 6:00pm with carols beginning at 6:30pm, including performances from "locals". If you would like to perform please let Mike know on 891034 by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at the latest. A Finger buffet will be available on the night at £4 a head (free for pub club members – see details below).

The **Children's Christmas Party** is on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm 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 10<sup>th</sup> December so the Elves can shop!

## Christmas with the South Perrott Steel Band

The Band has worked hard this term and prepared six Caribbean Carols including Mary's Boy Child, Silent Night and Calypso Carol. They will be making two appearances this Christmas and would like to perform them for you. They will be at the **Christmas Fayre & Coffee Morning** in St. Mary's Church **Beaminster** on Friday 8th December from 10:00 – 12:30 (the Band hope to play at approximately 11:45). They are also holding a **Caribbean Carol Night** in South Perrott Village Hall on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 6:00 – 7:00pm. The band will play for about 30 minutes but expect to be there longer for mulled wine and mince pies. Entrance is free!

A **New Year's Celebration Dinner** is on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December in South Perrott Village Hall starting at 20:30. Booking is essential so contact Michael on 891890. The bell ringers will break off from the celebrations to ring out the old year and ring in the new! Listen out for them.

## Recycling and Rubbish Collection – Christmas and New Year

The collections after Christmas are: -

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Recycling and food
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	General Rubbish and food (two extra sacks beside your bin will be collected)
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Recycling and food

There will be no garden waste collection on 25<sup>th</sup> December.

**Break-in at the Coach & Horses Inn.** In the early hours of Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November thieves broke into the pub and stole a television and 3 bottles of spirits. A few weeks earlier at approximately 4am a prowler shone a high-powered torch into the windows of a property in South Perrott. Villagers are reminded to be vigilant and keep their property secure.

## Mosterton Pre-School

The new building is on track to open in January 2018. There are still a few places available so please contact the Manager, Sarah Woods, on 07939 465915. We would like to thank the Parrett and Axe Parish Council and the local community for all of their continued support and a most fabulous big breakfast!

*Lisa Raison, Chairman*

## Big Breakfasts are back!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Big Breakfast on 12th November. We were joined by a big party from Mosterton, which helped us raise a total of £338.55 for Mosterton Pre-School funds. The next Big

Breakfast is on Sunday 14th January 2018 from 9am to 11am, so do come along and help us boost our fund-raising total, which will be used to purchase a piece of equipment for the Pre-School.

### **News from the Coach and Horses Inn**

The Coach & Horses Inn has launched a **free** membership scheme for all “locals”. Members will receive a regular newsletter detailing forthcoming events and offers. To join just leave your details the next time you visit us. *James & Yvonne Harris*

### **Chedington Street Fair**

The Street Fair meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> October was well attended and included representatives from both villages. It was agreed to suspend the Street Fair for 2018 as no chairman was forthcoming and a number of members, who have given a lot of time and effort over the past 15 to 20 years, felt they could not continue to contribute that level of commitment. Henry MacKenzie Green was thanked for having filled the role of chairman over the past 4 years.

### **Poppy Appeal**

This year's appeal raised £143.62 in Chedington and £236.26 in South Perrott for the Royal British Legion.

### **Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club**

The October meeting was addressed by Don Everitt whose topic was colour in the winter garden and very interesting it was too! Winter is not a time to be busy planting, weeding and pruning, watering, feeding and doing all of the other chores of spring, summer and autumn! It is a time to sit back and enjoy the beauty that the winter garden can provide.

The AGM and supper on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November provided a wide variety of delicious food. Sue Lucas was re-elected as chair and visits organiser, and Peter Coles as secretary and treasurer. They have fulfilled these roles for many years and this coming year will be their last. New people will be needed to take on these duties in order to retain a very useful, interesting and sociable club, enjoyed by both villages.

The next meetings are: - December 13<sup>th</sup> with a talk by Castle Gardens on “folk law”; and January 10<sup>th</sup> with Neil Lovesey telling us “why plants die”.

### **A plea from the River Warden**

We have been enjoying a magnificent display of autumn colours, but all those leaves will end up on the ground, and many will cover our roadside gullies. If you have a roadside gully near you, it would help if you could ensure that it is clear of leaves, so that our winter rainfall can drain into the river.

### **Parrett & Axe Parish Council**

Below is a summary of some of the topics discussed at the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017. 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 also in attendance were District Cllr. Peter Barrowcliff and River/Flood Warden Martyn Gillingham. Apologies were received from County Cllr. Rebecca Knox, District Cllr. Tony Alford and P & P Editor Dave McSkelly.

#### **❖ Reports from Councillors**

- **District Cllr. Peter Barrowcliff** - reported on the Local Government Reorganisation. He advised that the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government had announced that he was “minded to” support the proposal for two Unitary Authorities in Dorset – one covering rural Dorset and the other covering Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch. There will now be a final consultation period until 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The nine Dorset councils have started working together to achieve economies of scale.
- In a written report County Cllr Rebecca Knox reported that a Joint Committee for the Dorset area has been formed, which she chairs, and consists of councillors from across the county including each borough and district council proportionately.

❖ **Mosterton Pre-School** – As part of the budget discussion a donation towards the new pre-school building was considered and agreed as £100 for 2017/18 to be reviewed in 2018/19

#### **❖ Highways Issues:**

- **A356** – The owner of Sarum is concerned that the road outside his property floods repeatedly because of a blocked drain and that the “road narrows” sign has been knocked and is pointing in the wrong direction. He also referred to traffic jams outside his property and requested a site visit from a Highways Officer.
- **Kerb Stones on Footway on A356** – these have now been replaced.
- **Vegetation obscuring signs** – Members were concerned that Highways have taken no action and it was suggested that the parish council may need to consider paying for the hedges to be cut back.
- Cllr Braginton suggested that “**please drive slowly**” signs should be installed on the approaches to Chedington. Clerk to ask Highways.
- **Shire Cottage, South Perrott** - Following a site visit on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017, Simon Roberts, Highways, has confirmed that works orders have been raised for improvements to the white lines and signage

at this junction as discussed with councillors.

- ❖ **Pilot Scheme - Footway on A356 through South Perrott** – The footway is part of the Rural Roads Pilot Scheme completed in the village over 6 years ago. Following a request at the previous meeting, David Lines was invited to voice his concerns about the road scheme. In his opinion, the pilot scheme had not been a success, the road surface is now patched, the noise levels have increased, and an evaluation of the scheme is urgently needed. It was agreed that the Head of Highways should be contacted and invited to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council. (*Mike Westwood, Highways, has agreed to attend the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018*)
- ❖ **Precept and Budgets** – the 2018/19 budget and precept were discussed and the precept was provisionally agreed as £4,635 (a 3% increase on the current year). This will be ratified in January after the District Council has announced the Council Tax base for 2018/19.
- ❖ **Dog Fouling** - Following concerns raised at the previous meeting of an increase in dog fouling in both villages, a supply of “dog fouling” signs has been obtained from DCC. Cllr Anthony de la Poer has erected a number of these signs in South Perrott, some on wooden posts. A sign has also been put up in Chedington.
- ❖ **Mobile phone reception in South Perrott** - Following a request at the previous meeting, the clerk has contacted Oliver Letwin, MP, to ask him to make enquiries at the Home Office to ascertain when the masts that serve South Perrott will be upgraded to improve the signal. Mr Letwin has requested this information and will let us know when he receives a reply. (*The Home Office have advised that EE will be upgraded by end March 2018*)
- ❖ **River Warden** – see separate article
- ❖ **Langmoor Lane Footpath** – the gate is no longer locked and is now fastened with rope. Walkers are reminded to secure the gate at all times when entering and exiting the field to prevent cattle escaping.
- ❖ **Telephone Scam** - Peter Coles warned members about a telephone scam purporting to come from HMRC. He has reported the scam to Trading Standards
- ❖ **BT Cables** – Open Reach have replaced the pole reported by Peter Simmons’ at an earlier meeting.
- ❖ **St Mary’s Church** – The clock has been repaired and is now displaying the correct time.
- ❖ **Planning Matters** –
  - **New Applications considered:** - None
  - **Decisions notified by WDDC:** - WD/D/17/001649 Shepherds Farmhouse, South Perrott – alterations, extension, porch and new garage/storage buildings. Approved.

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 2018:

All meetings start with the Public Session at 19:30

Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	–	Chedington
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	–	South Perrott
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May (incl. AGM)	–	Chedington
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	–	South Perrott
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	–	Chedington
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	–	South Perrott

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

December 2017		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30	Kirsten Epps Tea/Coffee morning	SP Village Hall	
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Christmas Fayre & Coffee Morning	St Mary's Church, Beaminster	
		18:00	All-you-can-eat Curry night	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Wreath Making	Chedington Village Hall	Carole - 891437
		12:30	Village Xmas Lunch	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Gardening Club with Castle Gardens	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Caribbean Steel Drums	SP Village Hall	Mike 891034
		19:00	Village Xmas Party	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup>	19:00	Singalong Carols with Mike	Coach & Horses Inn	James/ Yvonne - 891270 Mike - 891034
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup>	14:00	Children's Xmas Party	Chedington Village Hall	Vicky - 891654 Teresa - 891678
Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup>	20:30	New Year Celebration	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890

January 2018		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Gardening Club with Neil Lovesey	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedington Village Hall	Angela - 891931
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	80's Theme Night	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup>	09:00	Big Breakfast	SP Village Hall	Martyn 891931
		19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Treacle Eater Clog	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup>	18:30	SP Club Fish 'n Chips	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890

### Regular Events – Winter 2017/2018

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
			SP Village Hall	Bob - 891404
		18:00	Line Dancing	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 Chedington	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/SouthPerrott">www.facebook.com/SouthPerrott</a> <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>

### Local Contacts:

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#### Millennium Green:

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