

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 in Chedington and South Perrott

A **Christmassy coffee morning**, with an opportunity to buy work from our open studios' artists and makers, is on Saturday 8th December at 11am in Chedington Village Hall.

The **Village Christmas Lunch** in South Perrott Village Hall is on Sunday 16th at 12:30pm. This is a traditional Christmas dinner with wine included (there is reduced price if you do not want wine). Contact Michael on 891890 as booking is essential.

The **carol singers** will be around the Christmas Tree in St Mary's Churchyard at 6pm on Monday 17th December. Feel free to join them (and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies afterwards!). Donations are to National Children's Homes.

A **Live Nativity** is planned to start outside South Perrott Village hall at 4:30pm on Thursday 20th December. This is a way of bringing the Christmas story to life as the journey and struggles of Mary and Joseph are followed. Animals are still being sought (contact Michelle on 891034). The less mobile can join at one of the points on the route or at the stable itself. The **Singalong Carol Night** follows in the Coach and Horses, South Perrott from 6pm. Music will be provided by Stomping Normality and, as always, we welcome contributions of any 'Variety Acts', poems, ditties, musical soloists/duos, impersonators etc. If you would like to perform please let Mike know on 891034 by Wednesday 19th December at the latest.

The **Children's Christmas Party** is on Monday 24th December at 2pm for 2:15pm in Chedington Village Hall with a "special visitor" at 3pm. Please ring Teresa on 891678 by 10th December so the Elves can shop! In St Mary's Church there is a **Carol Service** on Christmas Eve at 6:30pm.

Christmas with the South Perrott Steel Band

The Band have a collection of new and old Carols for you to hear and, if you want, sing. They will be at the Christmas Fayre & Coffee Morning in St. Mary's Church Beaminster on Friday 7th December from 10am – 12:30pm. They will then be in South Perrott Village Hall on Thursday 13th December from 6pm – 7pm where the band will play for about 30 minutes; but expect to be there longer for mulled wine for the grown-ups (soft drinks for children) and mince pies. Entry is free!

Recycling and Rubbish Collection – Christmas and New Year

The collections after Christmas are: -

Monday 31st December Recycling and food

Monday 7th January General Rubbish and food (two extra sacks beside your bin will be collected)

Saturday 12th January Recycling and food

There will be no garden waste collection on 25th December.

Big Breakfasts

50 breakfasts were served at the Big Breakfast held on 18th November in South Perrott Village Hall and it was nice to see some new faces. The event raised £250 towards the purchase of specialist equipment for Oliver, a little boy in South Perrott who has cerebral palsy. The next Big Breakfast will be held on Sunday 13th January 2019 from 9am - 11am.

Christmas Food Bank Collection

Once again, we are collecting for our local Food Bank to help struggling families in the Beaminster area. If you would like to donate, the following items would be much appreciated:

- Any basic bits of non-perishable foods - rice, pasta and pasta sauces
- Tea and coffee in smaller packs
- Christmassy bits including smellies, chocolates, little Xmas puddings etc.

The collection point is in the Coach and Horses, just inside the main door, between Friday 30th November and Thursday 13th December.

Poppy Appeal

This year's Poppy Collection raised £273.23 in South Perrott and £86.20 in Chedington. Thank you to everyone that donated so generously, especially as this year was also commemorating 100 years since the armistice that led to the end of World War 1.

For this special celebration, it was so fitting to hear the mellow sound of the muffled bells of St Mary's Church ring until the 2 minutes silence that was so perfectly observed. If you were elsewhere and did not

hear the bells there is another chance to do so on New Year's Eve when the muffled bells will ring out the old year before the lively joyous unmuffled bells ring in the new.

News from the Pubs

Winyards Gap now have their Christmas menu available.

The **Coach and Horses** will be open from 12noon until 2pm on Christmas day for drinks only. They will also be holding a New Year's Eve party from 7pm until late. Please note that the pub will be closed from 18th January until 6pm on 21st. Their next curry night is on Friday 25th January (please let James and Eve know by 23rd if you wish to book a table).

Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club

At the club meeting on Wednesday October 10th, Christine Stones gave a talk on the Trench Gardens of World War 1. It was so poignant to discover that some soldiers found a way to transcend the chaotic, senseless environment of the fighting front by making gardens, stocking them with flowers and vegetables transplanted from nearby farms and chateaux and sometimes with seeds sent from home.

At the AGM was on Wednesday 14th November, Sue Lucas was reappointed as Chair and Peter Coles as secretary/treasurer. Dave McSkelly was given responsibility for organising garden visits.

The next meetings are Wednesday December 12th when Colin Varndell will talk about the predicament of Dorset's hedgehogs, and Wednesday January 9th with Castle Gardens on "My Seasonal Shopping Basket".

Dial the Bus Service (NORDCAT)

Did you know the NORDCAT Bus goes to Dorchester every Wednesday - Market Day, and Yeovil every Friday? There are already a few regular users from this village and more are always welcome. Just phone 01258 473154 the day before and it will pick you up from and return you to your door. Bus passes are accepted although donations are appreciated. (The number for NORDCAT is also on the back page).

Parrett & Axe Parish Council

Below is a summary of some of the topics discussed at the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 8th November 2018. A full set of the 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 and Clerk, also in attendance were District Cllr. Peter Barrowcliff and River Warden Martyn Gillingham. Apologies were received from Bob Buckland Tree Warden.

❖ Reports from Councillors

- **District Cllr Peter Barrowcliff** gave the latest update on the preparations for the new **Dorset Council**, which comes into effect on 1st April 2019. There is currently a lot of work taking place on the new budget and discussions on how the money will be allocated. The new budget will be signed off in February 2019.
- **Beaminster Square.** Good progress is being made on the damaged building, and two-way traffic is now flowing through Beaminster again. There continue to be some issues with parking, but the situation is much improved.

❖ Highways Issues

- A356 Chedington Hill. Work is scheduled to repaint the white lines which have worn away.
- The Clerk has reported the following to Highways: - **Book Tree Cottage, Chedington** where a more permanent solution is needed to repair the damaged road surface; the **Waterfall Drain in Pipplepen Lane** which is still blocked; **A356, South Perrott large 30mph sign** has been repaired; a '**No HGV Sign**' has been requested at the South Perrott end of Lecher Lane. There are concerns about potential damage to the roof of Shire Cottage, especially when the missing 'Mosterton' finger post is replaced.
- ❖ **Picket Lane Bridge** – The scheduled work to repair the bridge has not yet been actioned. The design of the bridge was also questioned as the current bridge had replaced an earlier version. Clerk has raised concerns about this to Highways Bridge team.
- ❖ **Picket Lane Riverbank Railings** - There was a discussion about the options which are: whether or not the railings should be replaced with a replica of what was there previously; if an alternative barrier would be suitable; or if any barrier were needed at all. It was agreed that when further quotes have been received all households will be surveyed with the costed options and subsequently a meeting will be held to present the findings.
- ❖ **Damaged (South Perrott) Village Sign on A356** – It was agreed that this sign is surplus to requirements. The Chairman will speak to Highways about removing it.
- ❖ **Flooding Outside Sarum** – Simon Roberts and Mike Westwood from Highways visited the site and discussed digging up the road (involving a partial closure), in order to clear the blockage, which is causing the problem. *Subsequent to the meeting, the work that was scheduled for November 19th has now been deferred to 2019 (date tba), as one of the two pipes from the gully needs replacing. This will require a permanent road closure. At the same time Simon Roberts, Highways, has advised that all kerbstones along the A356 in South Perrott will be removed and replaced with tarmac and a white line.*

Patching will also be done, at this time, where the carriageway is eroding.

- ❖ **Finger Post Sign Lecher Lane Junction with A356** – The Chairman has spoken to Mike Charles who is currently fixing the finger post sign for Chedington, and will then work on South Perrott's one. The South Perrott sign should be completed by early spring 2019.
- ❖ **Millennium Green** - A survey was sent to all residents at the end of September, with a closing date of 31st October 2018. 44 responses were received from South Perrott, and 26 from Chedington. The Millennium Green trustees are currently evaluating these responses, which will be presented at the MG AGM on Wednesday 21st November at 7pm in South Perrott Village Hall.
- ❖ **Christmas tree** - Martyn Gillingham suggested erecting a Christmas tree in the churchyard in South Perrott to act as a focal point for festive activities such as carolling (proposed for Monday 17th December). Lights will be supplied by Martyn Gillingham, electricity will be supplied by the church and the Flower Show Committee will pay for a cut tree in a pot.
- ❖ **Picket Lane Pine Tree** - Quotes were obtained for felling this tree. It was suggested the tree could perhaps be topped instead. Clerk to obtain quotes for this, and to speak to Bob Buckland (Tree Warden) for advice.
- ❖ **Approval of Budget and Precept for 2019/20** – The members discussed this although the Clerk advised that the Parish Council could not formally approve next year's Precept until the Shadow Dorset Council has announced the Council Tax Base. Following the discussion, members approved the proposed Budget for 2019/20 and were minded to approve a Precept of £4,775.00. This decision will be ratified in January.
- ❖ **Planning Matters –**
 - **Applications considered: -**
 - WD/D/18/002480 and 481** Mount Pleasant, South Perrott – Removal of existing conservatory and erect single storey extension.
 - WD/D/18/001800** Rowan Tree Cottage, South Perrott – demolition and erection of outbuilding. Rowan Tree Cottage is to be discussed at the next WDDC Planning Committee Meeting.
 - WD/D/18/001069** Lower Chapel Marsh Farm, Beaminster - provision of barn, access track, etc. including proposal to divert public footpath. The Parish Council had subsequently received a Proposed Footpath Diversion Order in relation to this application.
 - **Decisions notified by WDDC: - None**

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

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Parish Council Meetings for 2019:

All meetings start with the Public Session at 19:30

Thursday 10 th January	South Perrott Village Hall
Thursday 14 th March	Chedington Village Hall
Thursday 9 th May (incl. AGM)	South Perrott Village Hall
Thursday 11 th July 2019	Chedington Village Hall
Thursday 12 th September	South Perrott Village Hall
Thursday 14 th November	Chedington Village Hall

What's On in South Perrott and Chedington?

December 2018		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Sunday	2 nd	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270
Monday	3 rd	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Friday	7 th	10:00	Steel Band plays carols	St Mary's, Beaminster	
Saturday	8 th	11:00	Christmassy Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Wednesday	12 th	19:30	Garden Club with Colin Varndell	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Thursday	13 th	18:00	Steel Band plays carols	SP Village Hall	Mike - 891034
Sunday	16 th	12:30	Village Xmas Lunch	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890 Barry - 891033
Monday	17 th	18:00	Carol Singing	St Mary's Church	
Thursday	20 th	16:30	Live Nativity	SP Village Hall	Michelle - 891034
		18:00	Singalong Carol Night	Coach & Horses	Mike - 891034
Monday	24 th	14:00	Children's Xmas Party	Chedington Village Hall	Teresa - 891678
		18:30	Carol Service	St Mary's Church, SP	
Monday	31 st	19:00	New Year's Party	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270

January 2019		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	5 th	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Sunday	6 th	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270
Monday	7 th	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Wednesday	9 th	19:30	Garden Club with Castle Gardens	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Thursday	10 th	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	SP Village Hall	Rebecca - 891264
Sunday	13 th	09:00	Big Breakfast	SP Village Hall	Martyn - 891931
Saturday	19 th	18:30	SP Club	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890 Barry - 891033
Friday	25 th	18:00	Curry Night	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270

Regular Events – Winter 2018/19

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
			SP Village Hall	Louise - 891600
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	www.facebook.com/SouthPerrott
Chedington	www.facebook.com/ChedingtonVillage
Parish website	www.parrettandaxe.org.uk

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Coach & Horses James/Yvonne 01935 891270

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Millennium Green:

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NORDCAT Dial the Bus Service 01258 473154