

THE PUMP & POUND

South Perrott and Chedington Newsletter

Issue 51

December 2019/January 2020

Season's greetings to one and all! As you will see the Festive Season in our two villages has now begun and is full of events and activities to enjoy and take part in. We do hope that you will come along and join in whenever possible. We know all the organisers will look forward to seeing you.

As many of you may know after an interlude of 6 months the Parrett and Axe Parish Council has now been dissolved and two new separate Parish Councils have been formed – one for South Perrott and one for Chedington. Each council has 5 seats.

South Perrott Parish Council has four councillors elected unopposed – Jonathan Baker, Yvonne Harris, Chris Kennett and David Lines. No one was co-opted at the inaugural meeting and therefore there is now a Casual Vacancy on the new council.

Chedington did not submit any candidates. A second opportunity to stand is in the pipeline with an election, if needed, in January. Anybody interested should keep an eye on the Chedington village notice board. We will report the outcome in the next issue.

We wish you a very merry Christmas and a very healthy and happy New Year.

The Editors

Christmas and the New Year in Chedington and South Perrott

Coffee and Christmas Crafts, with an opportunity to buy work from our open studios' artists and makers, is on Saturday 7th December at 11am in Chedington Village Hall.

The South Perrott Steel Band will be holding a **Caribbean Carol Night** on Thursday 12th December from 6.30 to 7.30pm in The Coach and Horses (as the Village Hall will be used as a Polling Station that day). Many thanks to James and Eve for making this possible.

The **Village Christmas Lunch** in South Perrott Village Hall is on Sunday 15th December at 12:30pm. This is a traditional Christmas dinner for £12.50 per head (with a special deal for children). Contact Chris on 892330 or Jill on 891291 as booking is essential.

South Perrott villagers are staging a performance of "**A Christmas Carol**" on Thursday 19th December. Beginning with refreshments outside South Perrott Village Hall from 5.30pm, with the performance continuing inside from 6.15pm. There will be no interval. We would love your support! Audience members in Victorian dress will be very welcome, but this is not compulsory! Entry will be free. Donations will be collected for Save the Children and the Beaminster Food Bank. We are looking for bakers willing to provide some mince pies. If you can help contact Michelle on 01935 891034 or at mgh62x@gmail.com

This year we will be joining the good folk of Chedington for our 5th **Singalong Carol Night** on Friday 20th December from 6.00pm to 7.00pm at Winyards Gap, featuring Stomping Normality and MAD (Music and Drama) contributions. If you would like to perform please let Mike Hayes know on 07762260582 or 891034 or singalong46@yahoo.co.uk by the day before at the latest.

The PCC are trying to make this Christmas one to remember tying together the ever-popular **carols around the Christmas tree** with the **Carol Service** on Sunday 22nd December at 4pm. We will start with Carols around the tree followed by the Carol Service and finish with mulled wine and mince pies. Please do attend if you can; we would love to see as many people as possible. All donations from the Carol Service will be to the Children's Society so please give generously.

And finally, there will be a **New Year's Eve Party** in South Perrott Village Hall from 7:30pm until next year. All are welcome. There will be a running buffet, a cash bar, fun and games and dancing to music from the 60s and 70s, all for a nominal £5 entry fee. There's no need to book, just turn up on the night!

Recycling and Rubbish Collection – Christmas and New Year

The collections after Christmas are: -

Monday 30 th December	Recycling and food
Monday 6 th January	General Rubbish and food (two extra sacks beside your bin will be collected)
Saturday 11 th January	Recycling and food

There will be no garden waste collection on 7th January.

Christmas Food Bank Collection

We are collecting donations again for the Beaminster Food Bank. Items requested include: Christmas goodies - sweets and chocolates, mince pies or similar festive cakes and biscuits, bread sauce and stuffing mix, crackers plus the usual basics such as shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste and toilet rolls. Collection

boxes will be just inside the door of the Coach and Horses, in the Village Hall entrance and in the porch of Riverside, Church Hill. Boxes will be out between Friday 29th November and Sunday 15th December.

Poppy Appeal 2019

This year's Poppy Collection in South Perrott raised £245.85. Anthony de la Poer and I would like to thank everyone that donated so generously, in commemoration of those members of the British Armed Forces who have lost their lives in battle. *Sue Coutanche*

News from the Pubs

At **Winyards Gap** their Christmas menu is now available.

There will be a carvery in the **Coach and Horses** on Christmas Day from 12 to 2.30pm. This is by booking only and tables must be reserved by 19th December. On Saturday 18th January, there is an 80s Fancy Dress Party and Karaoke party with a prize for best fancy dress.

Millennium Green Rejuvenation Project

Many of you may have noticed whilst out walking that way, that there have been some changes in the Millennium Green. As advertised in the last two Pump and Pound editions, the Trustees were organising several work parties through September and October to cut back and prune the trees and bushes that were taking over, blocking out light and reducing the desire for Villagers to stop and rest there. We got off to a bit of a rocky start though when the first work party had to be cancelled due to bad weather. However, the subsequent two saw 10 villagers volunteering on the second session (pictured) and 9 two weeks later. There have also been some smaller work parties helping out in between, helping us to stay on schedule. The groups have achieved some amazing feats and the first year of the rejuvenation plan is beginning to take shape. There is, however, still a pond to dig out, feeders to go up and plenty of mulching left to do so if anyone would like to get involved, please get in touch with Millennium Green Trustee Jo Caughlin (j.caughlin76@gmail.com). Thank you to everyone for their hard work - but it's not over yet!



Jo Caughlin

The Big Breakfasts

The unmistakable aromas emanating from the Village Hall kitchen signalled that the Big Breakfast was back. On 10th November our customers eagerly tucked into either a full English breakfast, the healthy porridge or light breakfast options. Although attendance was disappointing, there was a good atmosphere and keen interest in the raffle. This season we are planning to support three different good causes, and the net profits will be split equally at the end of the season. Do come and support us at the next event on Sunday 12th January 2020 from 09:00.

Coming soon to South Perrott!

SWEATY MAMA - fun exercises for mums and young children, pre- and post-natal fitness classes. Starting on Monday 6th January from 11:30 to 12:30 in South Perrott Village Hall. For more details see www.sweatymama.com or Facebook: Sweaty Mama South Somerset

Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club

On Wednesday 9th October Alison and Peter Lemmey, from Liberty Fields, gave an illustrated presentation about the creation of the orchard and their diversification into apple based products including vodka, Apple Syrup (Dorset's answer to maple syrup) and "dessert" cider. The tastings were well appreciated! We will be arranging a visit to Liberty Fields, Halstock in August or September 2020.

The AGM and supper were held on Wednesday 13th November and the members enjoyed excellent food and drink.

The next meetings are on Wednesday 11th December when Neil Lovesey will be making a welcome return and on Wednesday 8th January when Colin Varndell will be talking about a year in the country.

Attention all Riparian Owners

A reminder that all owners of land adjacent to the River Parrett and its tributaries in South Perrott have a responsibility for the bed and banks of the watercourse, and also the trees and shrubs growing on the banks. In practice this means carrying out at least an annual trim of any vegetation that could cause an obstruction to the natural flow of the river. If you have any queries or require further clarification, please contact me on 891931 or mcvgillingham@btinternet.com.

Martyn Gillingham, River Warden

Telephone Scams

You will see below that PCSO Alex Bishop has reported that scam telephone calls are reducing in number. As I write this, there is still a common scam prevalent in the area where a recorded message advises that

your internet access is about to be removed. Make no mistake, this is a scam; hang up and ignore it. Fortunately, there are things you can do to protect yourself:

- Never reveal personal details such as bank details and PINs
- Hang up if you are worried.
- Ring the organisation on a correct number making sure that the phone line has been cleared (e.g. wait 5 minutes)
- Don't be rushed

South Perrott Parish Council

Below is a summary of some of the topics discussed at the inaugural meeting of South Perrott Parish Council, which was held on Thursday 14th November 2019.

A full set of the minutes from this meeting will be available on the Parish Notice Board or from the Acting Clerk when accepted at the next meeting.

The new Council has five seats; four Councillors were elected unopposed and confirmed their acceptance of office - Jonathan Baker; Yvonne Harris; Chris Kennett and David Lines.

Election of Officers: David Lines was elected Chairman and Jonathan Baker as Vice-Chairman.

Casual Vacancy – No-one was co-opted at this meeting and therefore a Casual Vacancy now exists on the parish council until the fifth seat is filled.

❖ **Police Report** - Alex Bishop in a written report recommended ways to deal with scam phone calls. He stated that there had been a reduction in these calls; however this has not been the recent experience in South Perrott. *See separate item for further details.*

❖ Highways Issues

- **Pipplepen Lane** – the pothole at the entrance to the village hall is still awaiting a permanent repair.
- **Flooding Outside Sarum** – This continues to be a problem after heavy rainfall. Highways stated that it is on their work schedule for 2019, but no date has been given. In the meantime, the River Warden erects the flood signs when required.

The Acting Clerk will chase up both these items with Dorset Highways.

❖ **Grit Bin in Pipplepen Lane** – this was damaged by a tractor four months ago. The Parish Council has agreed to replace it.

❖ **Finger Post Lecher Lane/A356** – The finger post sign pointing towards Mosterton is still missing and awaiting repair. Apparently, there is a problem acquiring the lettering.

❖ **Footpaths – Langmoor Lane Riverbank.** The section between Riverside Orchard and Hunters Hatch was damaged a couple of months ago when cows escaped and were trying to scramble out of the river. The Acting Clerk will contact Dorset Council's Footpaths Officer with a request to reinstate the bank.

❖ Planning Matters –.

- **Applications considered:** - The removal of the BT Phone Box in South Perrott. This phone box has only been used twice in the last 12 months and BT has submitted an application for its removal. The meeting agreed that a case should be made for its retention, especially for emergencies, as the mobile signal in the village was frequently inadequate and not everyone has access to a land line.

Applications pending and decisions notified (including trees), can be viewed on www.dorsetforyou.com

The next meeting is on **Thursday 9th January** in South Perrott Village Hall at 7:30pm.

South Perrott Parish Councillors

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The next issue of The Pump & Pound, covering February and March will be published at the end of January. Contributions should be sent to Sue or Dave by **Wednesday 22nd January 2020.**

What's On in South Perrott and Chedington?

December 2019		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Sunday	1 st	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270
Monday	2 nd	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Saturday	7 th	11:00	Coffee & Christmas Crafts	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891224
Wednesday	11 th	19:30	Gardening Club with Neil Lovesey	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Thursday	12 th	18:30	Caribbean Carols	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270
Sunday	15 th	12:30	Village Xmas Lunch	SP Village Hall	Chris - 892330 Jill - 891291
Thursday	19 th	17:30	A Christmas Carol	SP Village Hall	Michelle - 891034
Friday	20 th	18:00	Singalong Carol Night	Winyard's Gap Inn	Mike - 891034
Sunday	22 nd	16:00	Carols	St. Mary's Church	
Wednesday	25 th	12:30	Christmas Day Carvery	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270
Tuesday	31 st	19:30	New Year's Eve Party	SP Village Hall	Chris - 892330

January 2020		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	4 th	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Sunday	5 th	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270
Monday	6 th	11:00	Coffee Club	TBA	Ann - 891224
		11:00	Sweaty Mama	SP Village Hall	
Wednesday	8 th	19:30	Garden Club with Colin Varndell	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Thursday	9 th	19:30	SP Parish Council	SP Village Hall	Vicky - 891654
Sunday	12 th	09:00	Big Breakfast	SP Village Hall	Martyn - 891931
Saturday	18 th	18:00	80's Fancy Dress Party	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270
Saturday	25 th	12:00	Village Hall Day	SP Village Hall	Dave - 891891

Regular Events – Winter 2019/2020

Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Every Monday	19:30	Short Mat Bowls	SP Village Hall	Doreen - 891431
Every Tuesday	09:45	Mosterton and District Over 50s Computer Club	The Admiral Hood, Mosterton	Ella - 01308 868834 Barbara - 01308 867891 Martyn - 891931
			SP Village Hall	Doreen - 891431
			SP Village Hall	Louise - 891600
Every Wednesday	14:00	Tai Chi	SP Village Hall	Monica - 01460 74193
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	www.facebook.com/SouthPerrott www.facebook.com/ChedingtonVillage
Parish website	www.parrettandaxe.org.uk

Local Contacts:

Chedington Village Hall:

Chairman Susan Aspinall 01935 891925
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Email chedingtonvh@gmail.com

Winyard's Gap Toby/Michelle 01935 891244

St Mary's Church:

Church Warden Vacant
Treasurer Jane Baker 01935 891049

South Perrott Village Hall:

Chairman Dave McSkelly 01935 891891
Secretary Angela Gillingham 01935 891931
Bookings SouthPerrottVillageHall@gmail.com
or Jill Turner 01935 891291

Coach & Horses James/Yvonne 01935 891270

Millennium Green:

Secretary Martyn Gillingham 01935 891931

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