

# THE PUMP & POUND

The Newsletter of Parrett & Axe Parish Council

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After years of negotiation, the road surface in front of the Baker's Arms has finally been removed although the Parish Council have continuing issues with Highways in South Perrott and Chedington.

The events diary for the next two months looks very busy with a wide range of activities to choose from and enjoy. If you haven't done so already why not come along.

*Kate Organ, Chairman*

## South Perrott's 2015 Poppy Appeal

Once again as result of the generosity of South Perrott's residents a total of £189.21 was raised for the Royal British Legion's 2015 Poppy Appeal. Thank you to all who donated during our door to door collections. *Sue Coutanche & Anthony de la Poer*

## The Big Breakfast – another success!

Forty-two people including three children sat down and enjoyed a big breakfast on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January - expertly cooked by "the Master of the Yolk", David Lines, and Angela Gillingham, ably assisted in the kitchen by Jill Turner. The breakfast raised £137.40 which will go towards the up-keep of South Perrott and Chedington Millennium Green.

The next Big Breakfast is on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016 from 9am - 11am, in South Perrott Village Hall. As usual there will be a "Full English" accompanied with as much coffee/tea and toast as you can eat! Also available is a lighter continental version, for smaller appetites. Jill Knights will be running her popular raffle and prizes are always gratefully received. Please come along. For further details contact Martyn on 891931.

## South Perrott Christmas Lunch

The SP Club, in association with South Perrott Village Hall, provided a five course Christmas Lunch for the two villages, the brain and the brawn behind the event supplied by Barry and Paulette Chatfield with a gang of willing recruits. With menu choices, wine or other drinks all included, this was astonishing value at a price of £15. Somehow, this managed to leave a profit for Village Hall funds and left us all feeling replete. Well done Barry. And well done his team. Everyone finished with wide smiles, full of Christmas cheer and ready for the Carol Service a little later in the afternoon. *Peter Hinton*

## Chedington and South Perrott Children's Christmas party

The beautifully decorated hall, with cosy fire and lots of goodies to eat, resounded with the laughter of 36 children from the two villages. Alex the magician entertained them at the traditional Christmas party, where many lasting good memories were being made. A big thank you goes to all the helper elves who worked very hard to make it so enjoyable, particularly to Teresa and Vicky, who organised the whole thing. Father Christmas visited again, on his tractor with trailer, to the delight of all, and gave each child a present.

## News from the Pubs...

**The Coach & Horses Inn** - is now closed for major refurbishments and the planned re-opening will be on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016. *John and James Harris*

**Winyards Gap** is taking part in the World's Biggest Pub Quiz on Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 7pm. Thousands of quizzers in the UK will simultaneously answer the first in a series of questions. Funds raised at Winyards Gap will go to the children's hospice, Julia's House. To enter a team, contact Toby or Michelle on 891244.

## Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club

If you have not been to the Abbotsbury tropical gardens for years and have crossed it off your "to do" list then think again and pay it another visit. On the December 12<sup>th</sup> we had a very illuminating talk and slide show from the curator of the gardens, Stephen Griffin. After a short and interesting history of the area, he showed us the exciting changes that have been made. With its micro climate, this time of year is not a bad time for a visit, with afternoon tea in the colonial cafe.

On January 13<sup>th</sup> Rob Curtis, a blue badge guide, spoke about "Dorset Curiosities". The number and variety of odd things that are all around us is fascinating. The one closest to home is the red sign post near Halstock. Why red? There doesn't seem to be a definitive explanation. It couldn't be as simple as originally they had run out of every other colour paint, could it?



Looking forward to February 10<sup>th</sup>, Neil Lovesey will be speaking on "The Nursery Year" and, on March 9<sup>th</sup>, Christine Stones will be talking about Harold Peto and the Gardens and Gossip of his time.

## **Chedington Village Hall - an appeal**

Chedington is looking for a resident who would be interested in being the team leader for the village hall. If you are that person, please contact Ivan Williams on 891059.

## **Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)**

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) outreach services are available again in Beaminster. These sessions are free and no appointment is necessary. They are held each Thursday from 12:30 to 3pm at Yarn Barton Community Centre, Fleet Street, Beaminster. If you need advice and information dealing with benefits, debt, energy costs or other issues, the CAB will be able to help. For further details contact 01308 862715.

## **Save Money and Keep Warm this winter with FREE Energy-Savings Workshops!**

Dorset Community Action (DCA) is offering free energy-savings workshops to consumers and organisations in the Beaminster and Villages area. The workshops help you understand the Priority Services Register, Warm Home Discounts, and how to save up to £200 by switching energy suppliers (it's EASY!!). If you'd like someone to come and speak to you or your group, please contact Simon Thompson at DCA on 01305 216412 or email [simon.thompson@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk](mailto:simon.thompson@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk).

## **Parrett & Axe Parish Council**

Below is a summary of some of the topics discussed at the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016. 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 and River/Flood Warden, Martyn Gillingham. Apologies were received from: Cllr Kate Organ, 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 advised that currently it is more cost effective for mixed material for recycling to be collected and taken to North Wales for sorting by technology into the different types than doing this locally. He also reported that no Syrian refugee settlements were planned for the immediate area although 20 families may be settled in Bournemouth.
- In a written report, PCSO Alex Bishop advised that following reports of **fly-tipping**, that the local authority will only deal with offences, and the collection/disposal of the rubbish, if it is on public land. On private land, it is the responsibility of the landowner. Cllr. Sue Coutanche reported that again there was extensive fly-tipping, including household items, in Lecher Lane, which she and that Mosterton Parish Clerk have reported. *These have now been removed.* Cllr. Jane Cooper said that the fly-tipping in Chedington Lane had been removed quickly. If anyone is seen fly-tipping please report this to the Police on 101.

### **❖ Highways issues**

- Dip in A356 west of South Perrott – the flooding has been reported. Martyn Gillingham and Jane Cooper were thanked for attempting to unblock the gullies.
  - Land drain behind village hall, South Perrott – Blair Turner, Highways, has inspected this drain and reported that the highways drainage system is not designed to cope with the volume of water flowing from the ditch in times of high rain fall, and it would be necessary to install a minor head wall and spillway to direct the flow of water into the gully.
  - **Chedington** - The road surface in Chedington Lane is continuing to deteriorate.
  - **Crossing outside Bakers Arms** – There was due to be a road closure on 18/19<sup>th</sup> January to enable this crossing point to be removed. *This work was carried out and completed on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Lisa & Jeremy Thackwell are pleased to report that as a result there has been an immediate improvement in the noise level.*
- ### **❖ Railings in Picket Lane, South Perrott** - DCC Highways have confirmed that whilst highway rights extend over Picket Lane and the grass bank they are not responsible for the maintenance of the railings. Enquiries at the Land Registry have revealed that the grass bank is in unknown ownership and it is also beyond the riparian ownership of the adjoining properties. Cllr Coutanche referred to a meeting with Highways in 2006 about riparian ownership [but a subsequent look at the minutes of this meeting has not revealed ownership of the railings]. Their repair is continuing to be pursued with the County and Rebecca Knox has also been made aware of the issue.
- ### **❖ Superfast Broadband** - South Perrott's green cabinet is waiting for connection to the electricity supply after which it should become operational. An electricity supply has already been provided for the Chedington green cabinet although an operational date has not been notified.
- ### **❖ Mobile Phone Coverage** - The report by Dr David Lines has been sent to Ofcom but, despite chasing by the Parish Council, no response to date has been received. Oliver Letwin, MP is scheduled to meet the Parish Council and Dr Lines on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2016 to discuss this issue. The outcome of this meeting will be reported in the next issue of the Pump & Pound.
- ### **❖ Rural Bus Services Review** – DCC are conducting a review of rural bus services which is open for consultation until 8<sup>th</sup> February and is on [www.dorsetforyou.com](http://www.dorsetforyou.com). Disappointment was expressed at the

proposed cutting of the weekly 213 bus service to Dorchester, which is viewed as a valuable social as well as transport amenity. It was agreed that the Clerk would respond to the consultation, on similar lines to the response used in 2013 when the 204 weekly service to Yeovil was under threat and has been retained.

- ❖ **Dog Waste in Chedington** – The Parish Council are in communication with Dorset Waste Partnership about suitable bins for the disposal of dog waste. Residents in both villages are reminded to dispose of their dog’s waste considerately. It is a health hazard!
- ❖ **Neighbourhood Plans** – Following a meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015 it was decided that it was not necessary for South Perrott and Chedington to produce a Neighbourhood Plan as they had no defined development boundaries.
- ❖ **River Warden’s Report – Flood Warning Signs Agreement** - Martyn Gillingham reported that the flood warning signs have now been delivered and he had been instructed on their use. DCC requires Flood volunteers to be formally appointed by the Parish Council and covered under the PC’s insurance policy. Martyn Gillingham and Donald Hargreaves were duly authorised to undertake this work.
- ❖ **Planning Applications**
  - Applications handled since last meeting:
    - WD/D/15/001751 Broadleaze Farm, Chedington – erect bird hide and store (retrospective). PC comments – no concerns.
    - WD/D/15/002365 - Bellamy Farm, South Perrott – the conversion of the Coach House and its single storey garage into a granny annexe (retrospective). If approval is granted, PC request that limitations are attached to the “Granny annexe” to prevent the building being sold off separately from the farmhouse.
    - WD/D/15/002767 - Riverside, South Perrott – insertion of roof light on rear roof slope. PC comments – no objection in principle.
  - New Applications to be considered
    - WD/D/15/002440 (Listed Building Consent) Maple Cottage, South Perrott – return of double garage to living accommodation, infill of garage door (retrospective). Main concerns were the current parking arrangements now that the conversion has been made, which compromises access to the neighbouring property and the farmer’s field.
  - Other Planning Issues
    - Coach & Horses Inn – a retrospective planning application has been received by the Planning Department but further information has been requested.
    - Cornerways Cottage – this application has stalled.
  - 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 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?

February 2016		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 - 891035
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup>	19:00	The Big Quiz	Winyards Gap	Toby/ Michelle - 891244
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup>	19:00	Street Fair Meeting	Chedington Village Hall	Henry - 891567 Peter - 891232
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Gardening Club with Neil Lovesey	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup>	18:30	Quiz Night	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Line Dancing	SP Village Hall	Maggie - 892464
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Family Bingo	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	18:00	Line Dancing	SP Village Hall	Maggie - 892464
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	SP Club Night	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890

March 2016		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	18:00	Line Dancing	SP Village Hall	Maggie - 892464
Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891035
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Line Dancing	SP Village Hall	Maggie - 892464
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Gardening Club with Christine Stones	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	SP Village Hall	Angela - 891931
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup>	09:00	Big Breakfast	SP Village Hall	Martyn - 891931
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	12:00	Lent Lunch	Shire Cottage	Wendy - 891890
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	SP Club Irish Night	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890

### Regular Events – Winter/Spring 2016

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:

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Chairman Vacant  
Bookings Ivan Williams 01935 891059

**Winyards Gap** Toby/Michelle 01935 891244

##### St Mary's Church:

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##### South Perrott Village Hall:

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**Coach & Horses** John Harris 01935 891270

##### Millennium Green:

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