

# THE PUMP & POUND

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2017 has started with no dramas in our villages and, hopefully, we will enjoy a happy, healthy and good year ahead.

The Parish Councillors will all continue to work hard to maintain and protect the individual character and natural environment of the two villages which are both Conservation Areas within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. At the same time, we are endeavouring to retain public services which are increasingly under threat in rural areas as the County and District Councils reduce their funding. We all now need to work together to enhance and protect our lovely villages.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or issues with which we can assist. Our contact details are inside.

*Kate Organ, Chairman*

## The Big Breakfast

The Big Breakfast held on 8th January raised £247 including donations for the village defibrillator fund, which now stands at £739. There was a good atmosphere, with one customer declaring that they thought it was the best regular village event! For those of you who have not yet attended a Big Breakfast, come and see for yourselves at the next event on Sunday 12th March from 9am - 11am. This will be the last opportunity before we take a break for the summer.



## Millennium Green Play Equipment

The play equipment on the Millennium Green has been assessed by ROSPA in their 2016 inspection and declared unsafe. It has been taped off pending its removal. In the meantime, IT MUST NOT BE USED.

## South Perrott's 2016 Poppy Appeal

I'm delighted to report that due to the generosity of South Perrott's residents a total of £237.47 was raised from our door to door collections for the Royal British Legion's 2016 Poppy Appeal. This exceeded the previous year's total by nearly £50. Anthony de la Poer and I thank you all for your donations.

*Sue Coutanche*

## Also for Charity...

On Saturday 18th February from 12 - 2pm in South Perrott Village Hall come and enjoy delicious homemade soup and bread roll followed by scrumptious puddings (including fresh waffles!) and tea or coffee. Light and healthy options will be available. The cost of £6 (children £3) is in support of Amnesty International and my challenge trek to Machu Picchu.

*Jill Turner 01935 891291*

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March, there will be a Jumble Sale in South Perrott Village Hall to raise funds for Help the Heroes and for St Mary's Church. Doors open at 2:30pm. Contact Ann on 891224 for more information.

## Shakespeare in South Perrott

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January the Bridport Shakespeare Company staged their interpretation of MacBeth in the Village Hall. The play, directed by Valerie Goodwin, was performed by a small group of young people aged between 12 and 22, all current or former students at Beaminster School including South Perrott's own Ben Reed. A packed hall enjoyed the gory denouement of the Scottish King, with excellent performances all round. We hope to see them here again!

## News from the Pubs

James and Yvonne at **The Coach & Horses Inn** will be resuming their Quiz Nights starting on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 19:00 (for a 19:30 start) and thereafter on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month. Entry will be £2 per person of which £1 will go to local charity. The remaining £1 will be distributed as before. Furthermore, Bingo will restart on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 19:30. Entry is £5 per book of 10 cards and there will be prizes for line and house in each game. The Bingo raises money towards Church funds.

A special Valentine's Dinner menu will be available on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February and a special Mother's Day Carvery on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Contact James and Yvonne for more information.

## A taste of the Caribbean!

Mike Hayes will be running steel band lessons in South Perrott Village Hall from February. All equipment will be provided. Most sessions will be on Wednesday mornings and afternoons up to 5pm with a class at 4pm reserved for youngsters. It is hoped that an evening class will be held at a future date. The classes will last an hour and cost £6 each. If interested contact Mike on 07762 260582.

## Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club

On 14<sup>th</sup> December Colin Varndell gave an illustrated presentation on Dorset gardens he had photographed. He spoke about 30 gardens, some of which have been featured in the Dorset Life Magazine and many of which are open for the National Garden Scheme. He also provided some welcome tips for photographing gardens. Surprisingly, the worst condition is bright sunshine as the details tend to be washed out; it is far better to photograph in dull, even wet or foggy, conditions when the detail is so much better. If it is sunny, however, shoot into the sun rather than with the sun behind you (just provide shade for the lens).

On January 11<sup>th</sup>, Neil Lovesey gave a very interesting visual presentation on herbs. The dictionary definition of "herb" is very restrictive. Many plants and shrubs we treat as herbs would be excluded. HM Revenue and Customs class many as "plants" for VAT. But food is exempt. Thus, a plant with a culinary name as well as a plant name attracts VAT when the plant name is used! By the way, Neil is celebrating 10 years at Picket Lane Nursery.

The next talks are: -

- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, Dorset Owls by the Dorset Wildlife Trust.
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, Michael Stevenette on Tea Tasting.

Meetings start at 7:30pm in Chedington Village Hall and visitors are always welcome.

## Parrett & Axe Parish Council

Below is a summary of some of the topics discussed at the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 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 Cllrs. Tony Alford and Peter Barrowcliff, and River/Flood Warden Martyn Gillingham. Apologies were received from Cllr. Liz Fray, County Cllr. Rebecca Knox and Footpaths Officer Dominie de la Poer.

### ❖ Reports from County Councillor and District Councillors

- **District Cllr. Tony Alford** provided an update on the Local Government re-organisation. West Dorset District Council's preferred option is for two unitary authorities - a Medium Rural, covering West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland, Purbeck, East and North Dorset and a Medium Conurbation covering Poole, Bournemouth and Christchurch. By the end of January all nine Councils will have voted on their preferred option. If all councils support the same option, then Parliamentary orders will be laid in Parliament and an interim executive will be set up to implement the change.

### ❖ Highways Issues -

- **Lecher Lane** - a pothole has appeared half way along on the south side of the road and highways will be informed.
- **Coach & Horses Inn** - following a complaint of a noise nuisance caused by heavy vehicles travelling over the edge of the raised kerb, Blair Turner of Highways has responded saying that he is not able to do anything because there is no defect in the kerb.

- ❖ **Picket Lane Railings** - The first section (A356 to Parrett Mead) of the railings have now been repaired and thanks were recorded to Highways and to the residents who had contributed to the cost. The section from Parrett Mead to the river bridge opposite Bailey's Lane is also in need of repair. One quotation has been received with approximate costs for further repairs to some more of the posts and rails between Parrett Mead and Court Farm cottage footbridge. We are awaiting two further quotations. The subject will be discussed again at the next PC meeting and also at the South Perrott Annual Village Meeting in May 2017.

- ❖ **Fingerposts** - Mike Charles in Chedington has agreed to look at the Fingerposts in both South Perrott and Chedington with a view to refurbishing them.

- ❖ **Planter in the Pound** - the Flower Show Committee has agreed to take over responsibility for stocking and maintaining the planter. Members asked for the Committee to be thanked.

- ❖ **South Perrott & Chedington Millennium Green** - *front page article also refers.* Martyn Gillingham reported that RoSPA had inspected the play equipment on the Millennium Green and had condemned it as unsafe. As it is not economical to repair, the Trustees, at their recent AGM, took the decision to remove the play equipment. The Trustees are proposing to arrange a meeting with Natural England to discuss the future of the Millennium Green and have invited a representative of the Parish Council to join the discussion. Cllrs Sue Coutanche and Anthony de la Poer offered to attend and report back to the Parish Council.

- ❖ **Environment Agency's (EA) Rain Gauge** - the equipment near the flood defence scheme at the top of the Engineer's Path has been damaged by an air rifle or similar instrument. Please report any unauthorised activity to the EA or via the River/Flood Warden.

- ❖ **Removal of Public Payphones** - BT is proposing to remove the public payphones in both South Perrott and Chedington.
  - **South Perrott** - the Clerk has submitted the PC's objections to the removal of this payphone on the basis that there is minimal mobile reception in the village, the kiosk is on a busy main road and it has been used 22 times in the last 12 months.
  - **Chedington** - has a reasonable mobile reception and no calls have been made from this payphone in the last 12 months. It is therefore difficult to put forward an argument for retaining it. Residents have been consulted and the majority are in favour of "adopting" the kiosk, although the telephone equipment will be removed. It has been suggested that the telephone line could be re-routed into the village hall subject to practical/financial viability.
- ❖ **Approval of Budget and Precept for 2017-2018** - Members approved the Budget and the Precept for 2017-2018 of £4,500. The increase in the Precept was considered necessary to help fund some of the non-essential highway maintenance works which, due to cut-backs, Highways will no longer be undertaking.
- ❖ **Community Fund** - Chris Kennett suggested setting up a Community Fund with voluntary contributions from residents to cover any emergency work needed in the parish.
- ❖ **Flood/River Warden's Report** - Martyn Gillingham reported that he had cleared the gullies when the road had flooded in the dip on the A356. He had also attended a Flood Wardens seminar. Martyn was thanked for this work.
- ❖ **Planning Matters** -
  - **New Applications considered:** - WD/D/16/002173 **Rowan Tree Cottage, South Perrott**, Replacement of outbuilding to form garage/carport (amended plans). *Approved 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017.* WD/D/16/002625 **Winterhayes, South Perrott** – Proposed extension, detached garage, carport and vehicle access (resubmission of previously withdrawn application).
  - **Decisions notified by WDDC:** D/D/16/002231 **Chedington Court** - Re-site existing entrance gate piers and wall. Approved.  
WD/D/15/001181 **Cornerways, South Perrott** – Internal and external works to stabilise structural elements. Approval of Listed Building Consent.  
WD/D/16/002543 **Threshers Barn, South Perrott** – Discharge of conditions 1, 2 & 3 (WD/D/16/000588). Condition 3 - Not Complied.
  - **Other planning issues:** - Following complaints from some local residents about the blue neon strip lighting on the building, the Planning Enforcement Officer had visited the site but did not consider that planning approval for the lighting was required.

Applications pending and decisions notified can be viewed on [www.dorsetforyou.com](http://www.dorsetforyou.com)

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## Parish Council Meetings for 2017:

All meetings start with the Public Session at 19:30

Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Chedington
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May (incl. AGM)	-	South Perrott
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Chedington
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	-	South Perrott
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Chedington

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

February 2017		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup>	19:00	Quiz	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Garden Club with DWT	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup>	18:30	SP Club – St Valentine Supper	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Family Bingo (eyes down 18:30)	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup>	12:00	Soup & Pudding	SP Village Hall	Jill - 891291
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup>	18:30	Quiz Night	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	18:30	SP Club – Pot Luck	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890

March 2017		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	18:30	SP Club – Italian Night	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup>	19:00	Quiz	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Garden Club with Michael Stevenette	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedington Village Hall	Angela - 891931
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup>	09:00	Big Breakfast	SP Village Hall	Martyn - 891931
		19:00	Bingo	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>	18:30	SP Club – St Patrick's Evening	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup>	14:30	Jumble Sale	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224

### Regular Events – Winter/Spring 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 - 01308 868834 Barbara - 01308 867891 Martyn - 891931
		Short Mat Bowls	SP Village Hall	Bob - 891404
		Line Dancing (not 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb)	SP Village Hall	Maggie - 892464
Every Wednesday	18:00	Circuit Training	SP Village Hall	Neil - 07710163563
Every Thursday	09:30	Yoga	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
		Pilates	SP Village Hall	Ali - 01460 74546/ 07753533727
		Pound	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:

Facebook Pages ("like" and "share"):	
South Perrott	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/SouthPerrott">www.facebook.com/SouthPerrott</a>
Chedington	<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:

##### Chedington Village Hall:

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##### South Perrott Village Hall:

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**Coach & Horses** James/Yvonne 01935 891270

##### Millennium Green:

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