

THE PUMP & POUND

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Welcome to 2019! Best wishes from the Parish Council for a very happy new year. This coming year is important in that local government is being reorganised. In May we will be electing a new Dorset Council and elections for your Parish Council will also be taking place. *Kate Organ, Chairman*

Big Breakfasts

The Big Breakfast Team was kept busy on Sunday 13th January serving 62 breakfasts in South Perrott Village Hall. Grateful thanks to Tim Gelfs of Westleaze Farm, Beaminster, who kindly donated 90 free range eggs! The morning raised a total of £386 towards the purchase of specialist equipment for Oliver. The next Big Breakfast, on Sunday 10th March from 9am to 11am, will also be raising funds for Oliver.

Millennium Green

The results of the South Perrott and Chedington survey on the future of the Millennium Green were discussed at the AGM of the Trust held on 21st November in South Perrott Village Hall. A total of 70 forms were returned, representing 41% of South Perrott households and 68% of households in Chedington. The combined villages' totals produced 51% in favour of retention and 39% against, with 10% undecided or expressing no opinion.

The Trustees had met to consider the results and were encouraged by the majority in favour of retention. A number of suggestions had been made on the survey forms for improving the attractiveness of the area to residents, including other uses, and these would be given careful consideration by the Trustees.

The existing Trustees are standing down and new Trustees are being appointed. A "Friends of the Millennium Green" group is also being formed. If you are interested in becoming a Trustee or a "Friend" please contact the Secretary, Martyn Gillingham, on 891931 or mvcgillingham@btinternet.com.

Tai Chi Classes in South Perrott - Free Taster Sessions

The sessions will be held on Wednesdays 6th, 13th and 20th February from 2pm - 3pm with time afterwards for a cuppa and a chat – just turn up. For more information contact Monica on 01460 74193 or blftcsomerset@icloud.com.

Charity Race Night

A race night is being held in South Perrott Village Hall on Saturday 16th March for which a flyer is included in this edition. For further details and/or to book your place, please contact Mike on: 891669 or mj.gardner@bopenworld.com.

Christmas 2018

A total of 35 villagers joined in **singing carols around the village Christmas tree** in St Marys' churchyard on Monday 17th December before enjoying mulled wine and mince pies. The tree was sponsored by South Perrott Flower Show and a collection in aid of National Children's Homes raised a total of £51.

The **South Perrott Steel Band** had two performances of Caribbean Carols before Christmas. The first, in Beaminster Church, was well supported. Many thanks to all who came to sing including members of Raucous Chorus. The second performance was in South Perrott Village Hall where £145 was collected towards Steel Band tuning! The highlight of the evening was the first performance of the South Perrott Junior Steel Band. New members are always welcome to either band as are groups who want a one-off Steel Band experience. Please contact me, Mike Hayes, on 07762 260582 or singalong46@yahoo.co.uk.

South Perrott's First "Live" Nativity, the brainchild of Michelle Hayes, was met with great enthusiasm from the entire village. The journey began from the Village Hall as Mary and Joseph, played by Ayre and Ed accompanied by their baby daughter Tarryn as Jesus, went in search of accommodation. After being turned away from a number of properties in the village they finally found refuge in Peter Hinton's stable, which doubled most authentically as a lowly cattle shed. This was magnificently decorated by Peter and Patsy with even the Star of Bethlehem overhead! Along the way the procession was joined by shepherds, angels, three kings, bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, and Wendy H cunningly disguised as an ox. Narrators told the story as it unfolded and carols were sung along the journey with musical accompaniment. The "holy" event was superbly produced and directed by Michelle and huge thanks go to her for her inspiration and implementation, as well as to everyone who took part. Not only did the Nativity give great enjoyment to all involved, it also raised £120 for the West Dorset Refuge which offers accommodation and support to women and families fleeing from domestic abuse – a most worthy cause. And finally, a precedent has now been set for future Christmases in South Perrott!



The **Stomping Normality** Christmas Carol Singalong was again a great success with village participants contributing to this variety evening. Many thanks to all who took part.

Children's Christmas Eve Party in Chedington Village Hall

Many thanks to Teresa and her team for organizing and running this lovely traditional party, complete with tea, entertainment and presents from Father Christmas. All children in Chedington and South Perrott aged 11 and under, are invited. This event is sponsored by both Village Halls.

Dogs in South Perrott

There are approximately 50 dogs living in South Perrott. We're very fortunate that most of them have done an excellent job of training their owners to clear up after them to keep our Village footpaths clean for us all to enjoy! But to the one or two who haven't yet made the grade, you are urged to bag it and take it home (or bin it in the Pound). Your extra effort will be appreciated by all. Unfortunately, if this continues the Dog Warden will need to be informed again.

SP Club

The SP Club is looking for volunteers to join its band of helpers. If anyone is interested please contact Mike Brueton on 891857 or email mikebrueton@outlook.com.

The Village Halls

Both village halls underwent significant maintenance in 2018. The work on **Chedington Village Hall** included replacing rotten timbers and reproofing the whole building, gutter repairs, replacement of safety barriers as well as re-pointing and repairing the path, to say nothing of the window and roof repairs and new handrail. An independent review of the condition of **South Perrott Village Hall** identified major work and the external walls and roof were resealed, painted and other remedial action taken.

News from the Pubs

The **Coach and Horses** quiz teams make collections for charity. At the December quiz donations were made to MacMillan Cancer Support and the RNLI. **SomerStep** will be making an appearance on 28th February from 8pm and Stomping Normality will be presenting a **MAD** (Music and Drama) evening on Friday 15th March. Note the March quiz will be on Sunday 10th, a week later than normal.

Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club

On December 12th, Colin Varndell gave a very illuminating talk on the plight of Dorset's hedgehogs. In 1950 there were estimated to be 30 million hedgehogs in the country. This number had fallen to 1 million by 2010 and 522,000 last year. There are many threats to the hedgehog (too numerous to mention here!) and more details are available from the Dorset Mammal Group.

On January 9th, Steve from Castle Gardens gave a most amusing talk on his "Seasonal Shopping Basket" going through all the bargains, which included plants, seeds and tools, he had picked up that day.

The next meetings are on February 13th when Christine Brain will be telling the story of Barrington Court and on March 13th when Sally Nex will be presenting a rogue's gallery of garden pests and diseases.

Parrett & Axe Parish Council

Below is a summary of some of the topics discussed at the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 10th January 2019. 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 Cllrs. Tony Alford and Peter Barrowcliff, River Warden Martyn Gillingham and P&P Editor Dave McSkelly. Apologies were received from County Cllr. Rebecca Knox and Cllr. Asha Braginton.

❖ Reports from Councillors

- **District Cllr. Tony Alford** – reported on the progress towards the new Dorset Council. Current discussions include the provision of services and the budget for 2019/20, which is due to be agreed on 20th February. At the moment, there is no real change for residents. Some new appointments have been made, and the majority of staff at WDDC will move to the new council on 1st April 2019. The transitional structure is looking at where there is duplication, with the aim of reducing the number of reporting lines. Following this year's elections, the responsibilities of Parish and Town Councils will be considered. Statutory services will not be moved to a Parish Council, for example, pot holes will remain the responsibility of Dorset Council. There may be opportunities for Parish Councils to take on more responsibility, if they wish to do so.

❖ Highways Issues –

- Pothole opposite **Book Tree Cottage, Chedington** is still awaiting repair, Highways to contact Cllr. Jane Cooper.
- **A356, Chedington Hill**, white lines still need replacing.
- **'No HGV' Sign** that has been requested at the **South Perrott end of Lecher Lane** is still awaiting installation. The Clerk is chasing up all outstanding items.
- **Waterfall Drain** in Pipplepen Lane has been repaired.

- **Picket Lane Bridge** – The damaged wooden railings on the bridge have now been repaired to a good standard.
- ❖ **Flooding Outside Sarum** – Following a site visit in November, Mike Westwood, Community Highways Manager, reported that in order to clear the blockage the pipe will need replacing. This will necessitate a road closure. It was therefore decided that this work should be carried out at the same time as the road is closed to remove the low kerbs and to resurface this section of A356. This is planned for 2019; a date is to be advised.
- ❖ **Picket Lane Riverbank Railings** - Ann Studley and family have kindly offered to pay for the reinstatement of the posts and rails in Picket Lane in memory of Ann's late husband Hugh. The posts will be oak and will mirror the old railings that were previously in place. A commemorative plaque will be attached to one of the posts. The Parish Council thanked the Studley family for their very generous gift to the village.
- ❖ **Millennium Green** - Following a survey of residents in both villages, the outcome was to retain the Millennium Green as a parish amenity. *Reference Martyn Gillingham's item in this issue.*
- ❖ **Picket Lane Pine Tree** – Having received and assessed four quotes, the Parish Council agreed to ask Rick Smith of Wildwoods to carry out this work. The cost to fell and remove the tree is £240.
- ❖ **Neighbourhood Matters:**
 - **Security Reminder** – Residents are reminded to secure their property and outbuildings where possible to deter petty theft.
 - **Be Considerate to Your Neighbours** – noise from barking dogs, DIY, drilling and sawing wood can cause a nuisance to others. Please carry out these activities at an appropriate time and place.
- ❖ **Approval of Budget and Precept for 2019-20** –The Precept of £4,775, as proposed at November's meeting, was ratified.
- ❖ **Planning Matters –**
 - **Applications considered:** - **WD/D/18/001069** Lower Chapel Marsh Farm, Beaminster - provision of barn, access track, etc. including proposal to divert public footpath. The Parish Council subsequently received a Proposed Footpath Diversion Order in relation to this application. The position of the footpath on this later proposal met with no objections.
 - **Decisions notified by WDDC:** - **WD/D/18/002480 and 481** Mount Pleasant, South Perrott – Removal of existing conservatory and erect single storey extension. Approved.
 - **WD/D/18/001800** Rowan Tree Cottage, South Perrott – demolition and erection of outbuilding. Rowan Tree Cottage was discussed at the WDDC Planning Committee Meeting held on 6th December 2018 and the Chairman attended to present the Parish Council's views. Planning has been granted with conditions that prevent occupation as a separate residence, as it must remain as one home.

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 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?

February 2019		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	2 nd	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Sunday	3 rd	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270
Monday	4 th	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Wednesday	6 th	14:00	Tai Chi Taster Session	SP Village Hall	Monica - 01460 74193
Wednesday	13 th	14:00	Tai Chi Taster Session	SP Village Hall	Monica - 01460 74193
		19:30	Garden Club with Christine Brain	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Saturday	16 th	12:30	SP Club Italian Night	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890 Barry - 891033
Wednesday	20 th	14:00	Tai Chi Taster Session	SP Village Hall	Monica - 01460 74193
Friday	22 nd	18:00	Family Bingo	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224

March 2019		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	2 nd	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Monday	4 th	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Sunday	10 th	09:00	Big Breakfast	SP Village Hall	Martyn - 891931
		19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270
Tuesday	12 th	10:30	Coffee morning	Pattens Cottage, SP	Patsy - 891292
Wednesday	13 th	19:30	Garden Club with Sally Nex	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Thursday	14 th	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedington Village Hall	Rebecca - 891264
Friday	15 th	18:30	MAD Evening	Coach & Horses Inn	Mike - 891034
Saturday	16 th	18:00	Charity Race Night	SP Village Hall	Mike - 891669
Tuesday	26 th	12:00	Lent Lunch	The Granary, SP	Ann - 891224
Saturday	30 th	18:30	SP Club Asian Experience	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890 Barry - 891033

Regular Events – Winter/Spring 2019

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	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
Every Friday	10:00	DVD Club	SP Village Hall	Mike - 891669

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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Millennium Green:

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