

# THE PUMP & POUND

South Perrott and Chedington Newsletter

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What a busy couple of months we have had in our local communities! The festive season is always a time that engenders a community spirit and we have enjoyed this in "spades" in both our villages. The excellent interpretation of Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol", the MAD Night with Mike & friends at Winyards Gap and New Year's Eve parties just to mention a few of the events. By the time you read this SP Village hall will have celebrated its 40th Anniversary. There is a lot more to look forward to in the coming months as Spring approaches and our gardens and hedgerows start to blossom again. The local social scene as you'll see in "What's On" also continues to flourish with entertainment and activities for all.

*The Editors*

## Vacancy for Parish Clerk

Applications are invited for the part-time post of Clerk to South Perrott Parish Council. The contract is for 12 hours a month. If you are interested you need to hurry because **the closing date for applications is Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020**. For further information, please contact the Chairman, Dr David Lines, telephone 01935 891291 or email: [dlines7@icloud.com](mailto:dlines7@icloud.com).

## Come and meet CHRIS LODER – your new MP

Chris will be in the Coach & Horses Inn, South Perrott on Friday 6 March from 8pm - 10pm.

Chris is the newly elected Member of Parliament for West Dorset so please take this opportunity to come along and meet him informally.

## A Christmas Carol on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

I'm sure that many of you will have heard reviews of our grand production. I think everybody enjoyed themselves and found it to be great fun! Well done and thank you to each and every one of you. It was a real village community effort. The donations and proceeds from the sale of mince pies, programmes, chestnuts and mulled wine amounted to £167.42, which was split between the Beaminster Food Bank and Save the Children. Thank you to all the 'invisible' helpers who contributed too, including the Village Hall, who generously gave use of the hall for the rehearsals and the performance itself. *Michelle Hayes*



## Carols around the Village Christmas Tree 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Due to inclement weather (it was raining!), we gathered in the church to sing our carols, which had been specially chosen for the younger generation, both from the village and visiting grandchildren. We were rewarded with some loud and enthusiastic singing from the youngsters and a packed congregation! Grateful thanks to South Perrott Flower Show who again sponsored the Christmas Tree. Let's hope for better weather next Christmas!

## The Big Breakfasts

It was a full house for the Big Breakfast in the village hall on Sunday 12 January, in aid of Mosterton Pre-School! We received a lot of support from our friends in Mosterton, in addition to our regulars from the village, and the "Old School House" party, and served 68 breakfasts. Profits from the first two Big Breakfasts amount to £454 so come and join us for the last Big Breakfast of the winter on Sunday 8th March, between 9 and 11am to increase this total. We can then distribute a bumper amount to our chosen charities at the end of the season

## A Film about the River Parrett - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February

This film will be shown in South Perrott Village Hall at 7pm. The River Parrett rises in the grounds of Chedington Court, flows through South Perrott and West Chinnock on its way to Bridgwater and Burnham – on – Sea where it enters the Bristol Channel. Clive Gunnell takes you on an interesting tour visiting places of interest along its course. Entry is £5 and includes refreshments. There is also a raffle in aid of St Mary's Church Roof Fund. Enquiries: 01935 891224.or 891234.

## News from the Pubs

St. Valentine's Day Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February, **Winyards Gap** will have their special 'Loved Up' menu to treat those nearest and dearest. For Mother's Day on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March they will be running their lunchtime carvery from 12 - 3pm. These tend to get really busy so book early to avoid disappointment.

At **The Coach and Horses** on 9<sup>th</sup> February from 10am -1pm there will be a Charity Breakfast and Cake Sale. This is in aid of Woman V Cancer. Eve would like to thank Chris and Tony Kennett for the Donation of

£57.50 to Woman V Cancer from the Village Hall's New Year's Eve Party. As well as the usual events, on 21<sup>st</sup> March there will be a St Patrick's Day Party (Fancy Dress optional).

## Thank You

We have received a thank you card from the organisers of the food bank in Beaminster for our generous donations. These were used to make up Christmas hampers for their clients.

## Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, Neil Lovesey made a welcome return when he gave a thought-provoking talk about wild flowers and the garden. A wild flower in the right situation will thrive (and probably become invasive), while a wild flower in the wrong situation will struggle. It is better to use cultivated plants in the garden and enjoy our native wild plants in the countryside where they belong.

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January, Colin Varndell talked about a year in the country, which was, as usual, accompanied by Colin's stunning photographs. It illustrated just how lucky we are to live in Dorset.

The next meetings are on February 12<sup>th</sup>, when Clive Groves will be telling us about the secret world of violets, and on March 11<sup>th</sup> when Sally Nex will be talking about heritage vegetables.

## Digital Champions

The Superfast Dorset team at Dorset Council operate a Digital Champions scheme, a team of volunteers who can help people all around Dorset. To get help from a Digital Champion simply call 01305 221048 and you will be matched with a friendly volunteer in your own area who will help you feel right at home in the digital world.

A guide co-written by one of the volunteers includes some advice regarding information security. Paying by debit card on a reputable website carries a risk, but it is very small so we take it. The risks increase significantly though when connecting to an insecure Wi-Fi where the credentials are unclear. Steps you can take to protect yourself against cyber and information crime include:

- Consider using PayPal, it is very secure -<https://www.paypal.com/uk/home>
- Never put any financial information including banking or credit card details in an email, it is not secure.
- Be quick to install the latest versions (patches) of software. Criminals look for the weaknesses in the old versions to exploit.
- Always use websites with https:\\ (the 's' actually stands for security and will generate a padlock, make sure it is not crossed out). If the website does not have the 's', do not shop there.
- Protect your documents. Always shred all discarded documents that contain personal information (including name and addresses) and recycle using a trustworthy document destruction company. An advantage that identity and cyber criminals have on their side is the time to sift through and pull together information from everywhere.

## Chedington Parish Council

A second election is planned for 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

## South Perrott Parish Council

Below is a summary of some of the topics discussed at the meeting of South Perrott Parish Council, held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020. A full set of the draft minutes will be available within a month of this meeting on the Parish Notice Board, Website or from the Clerk. In addition to the Parish Councillors, also in attendance were River Warden Martyn Gillingham and P & P Editors Dave McSkelly and Sue Coutanche. Apologies were received from Dorset Councillor Rebecca Knox.

- ❖ **Report from Dorset Councillor for Beaminster Ward, Rebecca Knox:** In a written report Cllr. Knox stated that Dorset Council was setting its budget for 2020/21. Despite Central Government promises of extra funding this had not filtered down to Dorset. This will have implications for all our public services. The focus for the Council is on Social care for all ages but in particular the young. Also in development are local clusters for service delivery to isolated and vulnerable rural communities.
- ❖ **Police Report:** PCSO Alex Bishop reported in writing that power tools had recently been stolen from a property in Chedington and warned locals to be vigilant.
- ❖ **Website Development:** Cllr. Jonathan Baker is leading on SP Parish Council's website development which should be going live within the next month or two.
- ❖ **Co-Option of Parish Councillor to fill the Casual Vacancy:** - Two candidates, Barry Chatfield and Balavant (Bee) Barber, stood for the vacancy. After making short presentations, the Council co-opted Balavant Barber who joined the Council for the remainder of the meeting.
- ❖ **Grit Bins:** The PC has purchased two new grit bins – one for Pipplepen Lane and the other for Picket Lane near the Nursery, which had been irreparably damaged. The new bins have now been filled.
- ❖ **Lecher Lane:** There has been a recent change in the type of farming activity carried out on the fields either side of Lecher Lane. As a result, and also due to the increase in rainfall, there has been excessive mud and debris left on the road, which at times makes it hazardous for other road users. In

places there is now a differential between the tarmac road and the verges as a result of heavy vehicles and machinery driving up onto them. The farming contractor has been made aware and will be widening the gates into the fields which hopefully will help to alleviate the problem.

❖ **Highways Issues: -**

- Blair Turner, Dorset Highways, accompanied by Cllrs. Lines and Kennett, made a recent inspection visit. The meeting was updated as follows:
  - **Pipplepen Lane** – the pothole at the entrance to the village hall. It was suggested that a white line is drawn down the ramp to alert the attention of drivers as there is a differential in the road surface between the Lane and Village Hall car park.
  - **Lecher Lane** – the vegetation is to be cut back to widen the footpath and the HGV sign is to be re positioned to make it more visible.
- **Footpaths – Langmoor Lane Riverbank.** Dorset Council’s Footpath Warden, is scheduled to make a site visit to inspect local footpaths including Langmoor Lane where a section was damaged last year when cows escaped from a nearby field.

❖ **Finger Post Lecher Lane/A356** – A supplier for the lettering on the post has now been sourced and contact is being made with the craftsman doing the work.

❖ **River Warden’s Report:** - It would appear that the problem of flooding outside of **Sarum** may have been resolved as despite recent periods of very heavy rain flooding hasn’t occurred. Recently only two areas in the parish have been affected – at the bottom of Pipplepen Lane where it joins the A356 and Picket Lane where surface water flows down from Symes Hill creating a temporary water course.



❖ **Pipplepen Lane, Flooding under the railway bridge:** This is an ongoing problem which renders the Lane unusable for through traffic as shown in the picture taken on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January this year. There are 3 parties involved who need to negotiate a solution. North Perrott Council will be contacted again as this part of the Lane is in their parish.

❖ **Vacancy for Parish Clerk** – see separate heading on previous page

❖ **Budget Setting for 2020-2021** – The precept for 2020/21 was discussed at length. It was pointed out that following Chedington’s decision to leave the Parrett & Axe Parish Council, South Perrott was left with costs only slightly lower than previous years, but with 25% fewer households making a contribution. A budget of £3,963 was agreed, and while this represents a bigger percentage increase than last year, each household’s Council Tax commitment will only increase by a couple of pounds per year.

❖ **Environmental Tree Planting for the parish:** This item was suggested for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting in March.

❖ **Planning Matters –**

- **Applications considered:** - No new applications have been received or considered since the Parish Council last met on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

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

The next Parish Council meeting is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 19:30 in South Perrott Village Hall

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Issue 53 of The Pump & Pound, covering April and May, will be published at the end of March. Contributions should be sent to Sue or Dave by **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.**

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

February 2020		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup>	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270
Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup>	19:00	River Parrett Film	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224 Sylvia - 891234
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Charity Breakfast	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Gardening Club with Clive Groves	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Valentine's Day	Wynyard's Gap Inn	Toby/Michelle - 891244
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup>	18:00	Family Bingo (eyes down 18:30)	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224

March 2020		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup>	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	20:00	Meet Chris Loder MP	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Big Breakfast	SP Village Hall	Martyn - 891931
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Garden Club with Sally Nex	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	SP Parish Council	SP Village Hall	Vicky - 891654
Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup>	18:00	St Patrick's Evening	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup>	14:30	Jumble Sale	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224

### Regular Events – Winter/Spring 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	<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:

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**Wynyard's Gap** Toby/Michelle 01935 891244

#### St Mary's Church:

Church Warden Vacant  
 Treasurer Jane Baker 01935 891049

#### South Perrott Village Hall:

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

#### Millennium Green:

Secretary Martyn Gillingham 01935 891931

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