

THE PUMP & POUND

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Welcome to the eighteenth edition of The Pump & Pound. I'd like to encourage all residents to attend the 'Drop in Breakfast Consultation' event even if their views are neutral and they want no change or they're for change one way or another; I'd guess that most people came to live here because of what the community already is, but we need to hear that from you. If you can't attend please contact one of your councillors to express your views.

Michael Johnson, Chairman

Drop In Breakfast Consultation – Let's Talk About It!

Your parish councillors invite all residents for a croissant and chat on Sunday 8th June in South Perrott Village hall. Drop in any time between 09:30 and 12:30. We look forward to meeting you. You should have received a personal invitation inside this issue of the Pump & Pound. For details contact Cllrs. Sue Coutanche or Liz Fray.

A356 Road Closures

DCC Highways have confirmed that the road will be closed from 27th May to 6th June, from 9.00am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday, from the Mosterton junction above Winyards Gap to the Misterton crossroads. This is for essential remedial and resurfacing work to be carried out. The remedial work will include the footway kerb and the Pound. A map showing the diversion route is displayed in the Pound and can be accessed online at www.dorsetforyou.com. During these closure times there will still be access for residents and emergency vehicles.

South Perrott's Wombles make their Annual Appearance!!

This year 10 villagers including one child spent the morning of Sunday 4th May clearing the roads, river and lanes of litter. We collected 8 full sacks of assorted rubbish and now South Perrott is litter free ... but for how long? Some of the participants are shown in the picture.

We urge everyone to do their bit to keep the village clean and tidy. This also applies to dog excrement as recently there has been an increase in fouling on public rights of way.



Up, up and away with the Chedington Street Fair

The Street Fair takes place on **Saturday 26th July** from noon until 5pm. As always, there will be many attractions and activities for all ages and, this year, one lucky visitor will win a hot air balloon ride. Lunches, cream teas and refreshments will be available whilst there will be live music in or near the beer tent. Admission is £1 per adult which includes the draw for the hot air balloon ride. There is no charge for children to enter and there is ample free car parking.

The Street Fair is a registered charity and raises funds for the village halls in Chedington and South Perrott. For more information see the website (www.chedingtonstreetfair.co.uk) or call Henry on 891567.



Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club

In April there was a very entertaining talk from Carol Snook, an ex-resident of Chedington, about her life in Television.

Fresh Eyes on Spring

I have a granddaughter from Australia, on her gap year, who 'touches base' in Chedington every couple of months. On her spring visit she was delighted, and amazed, at the change in our flora since December. All those 'dead trees' were mostly green and those that weren't became so during her stay. The blossom absolutely astonished her, as did the wild flowers in the lanes, both in its abundance and variety. The Bluebells in the wood bowled her over. A lovely reminder of the quiet beauty that surrounds us in a land that changes with each season.



The icing on the cake though was hearing a cuckoo, in excellent voice, on the 4th of May, a sure sign that summer is coming.

Liz Fray

Annual Village Meetings – 2014

South Perrott - The following matters were discussed:

- ❖ **A356** - The dip in the road on the Crewkerne side, which floods, needs to have the drain enlarged. White lines are needed, from the old golf course down to the village, to delineate the edge of the road and improve visibility in fog. The Clerk will write to DCC Highways to address the above. It was reported that drivers still accelerate too fast out of the village towards Winyards Gap.
- ❖ **Junction of Lecher Lane and A3066** – There is still concern about this dangerous junction.
- ❖ **Refurbishment of The Pound** - Highways have agreed to assist with laying the tarmac and slabs when the remedial work to the kerbstones is undertaken.
- ❖ **Land behind the Village Hall** - The land behind the Old Rectory/Village Hall has severe drainage problems and concern was expressed about the volume of water which flows out into Pipplepen Lane during heavy rain. Cllr. Kate Organ is in contact with the Environment Agency and Dorset Highways about this.

Chedington – The following matters were discussed:

- ❖ **Penny's Hill site** – no change but the enforcement officer was aware of the situation.
- ❖ **Phone Box** – the clerk confirmed that it is scheduled for painting this year.
- ❖ **Footpath** – a gate is wired up and a stile is collapsing on the path running from above Sandy Knapp across Broadleaze Farm to Beaminster. The Clerk will write to Jill Exton, DCC's Footpaths Officer.
- ❖ Chedington councillors are considering a proposal that Chedington comes out of the Parrett & Axe Parish Council and in future just holds annual village meetings. There will be a further report at the July Parish Council meeting.

Parrett & Axe Parish Council

Below is a summary of some of the topics discussed at the Annual General and Ordinary meetings of the Parish Council held on Thursday 8th May 2014. A full set of the agreed minutes from both meetings will be available on the Parish website (www.parrettandaxe.org.uk) or from the clerk when accepted at the next meeting/s. In addition to the Parish Councillors and Clerk, also in attendance were District Cllrs. Janet Page and Caroline Payne. Apologies were received from Cllr. Anita Legg, County Cllr. Rebecca Knox, PCSO Alex Bishop and Footpaths Officer Dominic de la Poer.

The Annual General meeting – ongoing issues from Chairman's, Footpaths Officer's and River Warden's reports included:

- ❖ Mobile Phones – efforts continue to improve reception.
- ❖ The Dorset Country Cars Scheme will become the Neighbour Car Community Transport Scheme and discussions are underway.
- ❖ Langmoor Lane still has work outstanding from last year. The sandbag revetment has been undermined by a land drain and washed into the stream. This has not impeded the flow of water but sandbags continue to be dislodged. Contractors are due to start work in the next couple of weeks.
- ❖ FP5 runs across the field near Manor Farm, towards Chedington. Where it enters the wood and meets FP7 from Chedington the stile has completely collapsed. DCC are aware of this and it is on the schedule of works for their maintenance team.

There are 10 footpaths and 3 bridleways in and around South Perrott. Landowners were thanked for clearing these Rights of Way quickly and efficiently.

- ❖ The River Warden emphasised the need to keep culverts and road gullies clear of debris to assist with the run-off of surface water into the river. The Environment Agency is keen to ensure that any incidents at the flood storage area or the river Parrett are reported to them as soon as possible.

Ordinary Meeting: -

- ❖ **Annual Village Meetings- 2014** – matters arising were discussed. See separate reports.
- ❖ **A356** – Closure details are shown on the front page.
- ❖ **Minor Roads in Chedington** – The condition of the road surface in Chedington, particularly outside Sandy Knapp and up the hill to Chedington Lane, was discussed. This has been raised repeatedly with Dorset Highways but the road has not yet been scheduled for repair. Cllr Peter Simmons advised that he had reported the pot holes and eroding road edges in Pretty Box Lane, which were causing HGVs to get stuck. The clerk is writing to DCC Highways to request that these works are carried out while the repair teams are working on the A356.
- ❖ **Drop-in Breakfast Consultation, 8th June – Let's Talk About It** – details given on the front page and your personal invitation from the Parish Council is enclosed.
- ❖ **Proposed Bench Seat in Manor Close** -The Clerk reported that a request had been made for a bench seat to be placed on the grassed area at the entrance to Manor Close in memory of Ian Wylie. The grass is owned by DCC Highways. They have been consulted and have no objection to the proposal. Residents in Manor Close will be consulted.

- ❖ **Manor Close Shrubs and Trees** - Residents in Manor Close were concerned about overgrown foliage at the entrance to the road and adjacent to the grassed area. There is confusion about who is responsible for this. *Subsequent to the meeting a resident has been in contact with the council who will now be cutting/pruning these trees/shrubs in August when the nesting season has finished.*
- ❖ **Planning Applications –**
 - WDDC notified the following decision: WD/D/14/000190 Mount Pleasant, South Perrott – replace concrete floor in lounge with second-hand Blue Lias natural stone flagstones, and the provision of 900mm high red roll-top chimney pot to top of brick chimney. Approved.
 - Applications pending: WD/D/14/000805 8 West Side, Chedington – rebuild chimney over party wall of nos. 7 & 8 West Side; and WD/D/14/000410 Pickett Farm, South Perrott – construct 1000 tonne open silage clamp.
 - Applications pending and decisions notified can be viewed on www.dorsetforyou.com.

Message from County Councillor Rebecca Knox

Dorset County Council is facing more central government cuts, so there is going to be more change on the way but I hope it will not adversely affect too many residents. What is important is that your money is spent fairly and on those services the residents of west Dorset need. This includes services for our children and young people; funding to stimulate local business and to create employment in our area; and to provide for adults who need care especially to help them remain in their homes, wherever possible

DCC has received £5.8m from central government to help with the roads, which were extensively damaged during the floods. However, it is not enough so more is being applied for. We need at least another £8m because in my opinion and Oliver Letwin's we must also address the problem of drains, gullies and culverts, not just pot holes. As a result there may be short notice road closures over the next few months as highways fix what they can. I urge you to inform your parish council of drains you know about that have not worked for years. We must get them up and working! You can also report them online at www.dorsetforyou.com/reportahighwaydefect. Getting the water drained and off the roads and lanes is key to a long term solution, along with landowners clearing ditches. Potholes can be fixed, but water often washes out the fix. I need your help to try and make highways teams work best for us all.

I am very committed to fire safety in the home and recently the royal family visited the Community Safety Centre in Weymouth. You can read the full account on my website at www.rebeccaknoxwestdorset.com.

Ask Dorset – Dorset County Council are holding a series of roadshows inviting you to tell them what services, that are provided through your council tax, are most important to you. The roadshows in this area are on Friday 11th July 2014 09:30 – 12:00 in The Square, Beaminster and 13:30 – 16:00 School Pick Up St Mary's Primary School, Beaminster (tbc). For further details go to www.dorsetforyou.com.

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Parish Council Meetings for 2014:

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| Thurs 10 th July 2014 | South Perrott Village Hall |
| Thurs 11 th September 2014 | Chedington Village Hall |
| Thurs 13 th November 2014 | South Perrott Village Hall |

What's On in South Perrott and Chedington?

| June 2014 | | Time | Event | Venue | Contact |
|-----------|------------------|-------|---|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Sunday | 1 st | 19:30 | Quiz | Coach & Horses | Jane - 891270 |
| Monday | 2 nd | 11:00 | Coffee Club | Coach & Horses | Jane - 891270 |
| Tuesday | 3 rd | 19:00 | Chedington Street Fair meeting | Chedington Village Hall | Henry - 891567 |
| Wednesday | 4 th | 09:00 | Gardening Club visit to Breamore House (note 1) | Mosterton | Pat - 891546 |
| Friday | 6 th | 20:30 | Live Music with AC/BeeBees | Coach & Horses | Jane - 891270 |
| Saturday | 7 th | 11:00 | Coffee Morning | Chedington Village Hall | Susan - 891035 |
| Sunday | 8 th | 09:30 | Drop in breakfast | SP Village Hall | Sue - 891019 Liz - 891941 |
| | | 19:30 | Bingo | Coach & Horses | Jane - 891270 |
| Sunday | 15 th | 12:00 | Midsummer gardens open day | Chedington | Faith - 891260 |
| | | 12:00 | Father's Day Carvery | Winyards Gap | Toby/ Michelle - 891244 |

| July 2014 | | Time | Event | Venue | Contact |
|-----------|------------------|-------|---|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Wednesday | 2 nd | 14:30 | Gardening Club visit to Bennetts Water Gardens (note 2) | Bennetts Water Garden | Sue - 891240 |
| Saturday | 5 th | 11:00 | Coffee Morning | Chedington Village Hall | Susan - 891035 |
| Sunday | 6 th | 19:30 | Quiz | Coach & Horses | Jane - 891270 |
| Monday | 7 th | 11:00 | Coffee Club | Coach & Horses | Jane - 891270 |
| Thursday | 10 th | 19:30 | Parish Council Meeting | SP Village Hall | Angela - 891931 |
| Sunday | 13 th | 19:30 | Bingo | Coach & Horses | Jane - 891270 |
| Saturday | 26 th | 12:00 | Chedington Street Fair | Chedington | Henry - 891567 |

Regular Events – Summer 2014

| 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 |
| Every Tuesday | 14:00 | Short Mat Bowls | SP Village Hall | Bob - 891404 |
| Every Wednesday | 10:45 | Zumba | SP Village Hall | Ali - 01460 74546/ 07753533727 |
| Every Thursday | 09:30 | Yoga | SP Village Hall | Ann - 891224 |
| | 18:30 | Pilates | SP Village Hall | Ali - 01460 74546/ 07753533727 |
| Every Friday | 10:00 | Upholstery | SP Village Hall | Helen 01460 626211 |

Note 1 - this is in conjunction with Mosterton Rambling Club.

Note 2 - Please use own transport, combining cars where possible, to arrive by 2.30.

Future Events:

- South Perrott Village Open Day - Sunday 10th August 2014.
- The annual Flower Show is on Saturday 6th September 2014. For more details contact Bob on 891404 or Dominic on 891601.

Local Contacts:

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Treasurer Wendy Stevenette 01935 891890

South Perrott Village Hall:

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