

THE PUMP & POUND

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I would like to thank all those who attended the Annual Village Meetings in both villages and also the Parish Council AGM & Ordinary Meeting in May. All topics raised at the Village Meetings were discussed and relevant actions have been taken. We only have 6 council meetings a year. Please come along as it helps to keep us pro-active with any of your concerns and suggestions for both villages.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer and we hope to see you at the meeting on 14th July.

Kate Organ, Chairman

Road Repairs are underway!

Dorset Highways surface dressing programme for rural roads is underway and this includes South Perrott and Chedington. Surface dressing treatment complements the patching of potholes and resurfacing programme. Work is scheduled to take place, sometime between 9am - 5pm from Monday to Friday, on the following roads:

- ♦ Lecher and Picket Lanes, 8th – 13th June 2016
- ♦ Chedington Lane, 9th-16th June and Chedington village road, 13th – 17th June 2016

Due to the amount and size of equipment being used and the narrowness of the roads being treated, these roads will be closed during the work. On average it takes half a day to one day to treat each site depending on the size of the road. Drivers will be able to use the treated road as soon as the team has passed and any loose chippings will be swept up one or two days after the work is finished. Look out for the "road closed" signs. Further information can be found on www.dorsetforyou.com/surface-dressing.

Queen's 90th Birthday Picnic Tea, Sunday 12th June

Please see the invitation attached to this issue of the Pump & Pound and RSVP by 4th June to Vicky Reed, 891654. Or email southperrott@yahoo.co.uk.

Chedington Street Fair

The Street Fair takes place on **Saturday 30th July** from noon until 5pm. As always, there will be many attractions and activities for all ages and includes an expanded family dog show. Food and refreshments will be available whilst there will be live music in or near the beer tent. Admission is £1 per adult 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.

See website (www.chedingtonstreetfair.com), Facebook page (www.facebook.com/chedingtonstreetfair/) or call Henry on 891567 for more information.



Calling all Gardeners!

When you're potting on your seedlings or splitting your perennials, please save a few for Patsy's plant stall at this year's South Perrott Village Fayre on Sunday 14th August. All contributions gratefully received - labelled please! Contact Jill for further details 891291.

Chedington Open Gardens

Many thanks to everyone who supported and helped at this year's events by opening their garden, selling plants, making cakes, serving teas, making donations...and for visiting! We raised an amazing £688!

Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club

At April's meeting, Mike Colbourne shared his enthusiasm for and dedication to primates. He showed the work that is being done by Monkey World (well worth a visit) to rescue and rehabilitate monkeys that have been abused, injured, treated cruelly or orphaned. Their breeding and research programmes are proving a great success. This was a very positive and uplifting talk.

The May visit to Brimsmore Garden Centre was very well attended. There were plenty of plants under cover so, despite the stormy weather, there was no need to get wet. The general consensus of opinion was that daytime viewing was an advantage.

The 2016 summer outdoor season starts with a visit to Kingston Lacy on 15th June followed by the Garden Club supper at Mohun House on 22nd June and continues with a visit to Wells on 6th July.

Citizen's Advice Centre Walk-in Surgeries

The CAB continues to run walk-in and appointment sessions each Thursday from 1pm to 3pm at Yarn Barton Community Centre in Beaminster.

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 12th May 2016. A full set of the minutes from both meetings are 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 Tony Alford and Peter Barrowcliff, Footpaths Officer Dominie de la Poer and River Warden Martyn Gillingham. Apologies were received from PCSO Alex Bishop.

Annual General Meeting-

- ❖ **Election of Officers** – Kate Organ was re-elected as Chairman and Liz Fray as Vice Chairman.
- ❖ **The Chairman's Report 2015/16** highlighted the following: - the 2015 Parish Council Election, roads, Superfast Broadband, mobile phone reception, planning issues and the rural bus service. Many of these are still "live" and are being dealt with by the Parish Council.
- ❖ **Footpaths Officer's Report** - There are 10 footpaths and 3 bridleways in South Perrott. In Langmoor Lane sections of the bank at the start of the bridleway are still badly eroded and awaiting repair by DCC. Any problems or queries about the rights of way can be reported to Dominie or DCC via the website www.dorsetforyou.com/rightsofway
- ❖ **River Warden's Report** - Martyn Gillingham reported that the flood alleviation measures for South Perrott has prevented flooding in the village from the River Parrett. There is the potential for surface water floods particularly in Picket and Pipplepen Lanes, where surface water run-off from adjacent fields and ditches has overloaded the highway drains. He stressed the need to keep roadside gullies clear and free from debris, to enable excess surface water to drain away. The Parish Council has taken over responsibility for erecting "road flooded" signs on the stretch of the A356 between Sarum and Swing Gate Cottage, where flooding often occurs due to a blocked road culvert.
- ❖ **Finance** – the new financial year began with £5,175.38 in the Parish Council account.

Ordinary Meeting – this immediately followed the AGM.

❖ Reports from County Councillor and Police Officer

- **District Councillor Tony Alford** reported on the following:-

As a result of the recent referendum, a new system of government based on a committee system will be implemented by WDDC in April 2017.

There are a number of consultations coming forward including one on economic growth, and another on a devolution proposal, shifting powers from Central to Local government with reforms. These will be available on www.dorsetforyou.com when released.

- **PCSO Alex Bishop** reported in writing, that crime had been generally low although there was a house burglary in Chedington in the early hours of Friday 6th May. Due to the type of items stolen it would appear that this was a pre-planned professional burglary. If anyone is concerned about their security they should telephone 101 and ask for the Beaminster team. Alex's next surgery is at Mosterton shop on Tuesday June 7th at 11.30am. Anyone can pop in for advice or to raise any issues.

❖ Matters Arising from the two Annual Village Meetings

- **SOUTH PERROTT** - the following matters were discussed: –

Junction of Lecher Lane and A3066 – Concerns were raised about the dangerous layout of this junction following another near-miss. The Parish Council will continue to lobby DCC Highways for new design safety measures to be made.

A356 – the white lines and cats eyes on the stretch of road between South Perrott and Winyards Gap have still not been reinstated. The road surface on Hill Farm bend is breaking up.

Millennium Green – it was reported that expenditure had exceeded income by £107. It was agreed that this subject should be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

- **CHEDINGTON** - the following matters were discussed: –

Millennium Green – (as above)

Mobile Library Service – it is important not to lose this service which is very well supported in Chedington.

Chedington representation on the Parish Council – it was felt that very few items on the Parish Council agenda affected Chedington and investigations were beginning into the process needed to come off the council.

- ❖ **Highways issues** - Surface Dressing is scheduled to be carried out in June 2016 on Lecher, Picket and Chedington Lanes, and Chedington Village Road. (*Further details are given on the front page*).
- ❖ **Picket Lane Railings** - DCC Highways have offered to supply the labour and materials needed to re-erect the damaged posts, if the Parish Council is prepared to fund the cost of the required number of hardwood posts. DCC Highways stressed that re-erecting the fence was not an admission of their responsibility or liability for its future maintenance. It was agreed to pursue this option and the Parish Council will obtain further costings.

- ❖ **Rural Bus Service** – The new Nordcat bus service has received excellent reviews from all its users.
- ❖ **HM The Queen's 90th Birthday** - commemorative medals have been ordered and a picnic tea has been arranged for Sunday 12th June. *(All residents are invited and Invitations are on the front of this issue.)*
- ❖ **Superfast Broadband** - Jill Turner tabled an analysis of broadband speeds in properties in South Perrott which showed that the existing copper signal had deteriorated since the new fibre cable had been connected. Chedington is similarly affected and there are still “not-spots” between the two villages. It was agreed to write to Oliver Letwin MP and Jesse Norman MP.

Concern was raised about the broadband fibre cabling strung along the telegraph poles from Winyards Gap to the old Golf Course, which could accidentally be pulled down by a farmer loading silage bales. It was agreed that a site meeting should be arranged by the parish council with BT Openreach.

- ❖ **South Perrott and Chedington Millennium Green** - David Lines requested that the subject of the Millennium Green is raised at a future meeting with a proposal that the Parish Council takes over responsibility for it. The Parish Council will collect further information for consideration.
- ❖ **Local Services** – Cllr. Kate Organ raised a concern that soon we will have no public services in either village except waste disposal. It was agreed that a letter airing our concerns should be sent to Oliver Letwin MP.
- ❖ **South Perrott Village Clean Up** – the annual clean-up will take place on Sunday 7th August – one week before South Perrott Village Fayre. Volunteers are required. Please contact Sue on 891019 to assist.
- ❖ **Planning**

- **Applications considered:** WD/D/15/001181 (Listed Building Consent) Cornerways, South Perrott – internal and external works to stabilise structural elements.
- **Decisions notified by WDDC:** WD/D/16/000100 (Listed Building Consent), Bridge Farmhouse, South Perrott – rebuild garden wall and steps, replacing paving in courtyard and constructing timber pergola on brick piers. Application amended to omit timber pergola. Approved.
- **New planning applications:** WD/D/16/000588 (Listed Building Consent), Threshers Barn, Hill Farm, South Perrott – replacement windows (wooden frames).
- **Other planning matters:**
 - Coach & Horses** – an amended planning application will be going to the District Council Planning Committee on 19th May 2016 with a recommendation to approve. *(Subsequent to this meeting approval with conditions has been granted.)*
 - Applications pending and decisions notified can be viewed on www.dorsetforyou.com

The Chairman expressed concern at the number of recent retrospective planning applications for building works on properties in South Perrott. A letter has been written to Oliver Letwin, MP, to request new legislation to discourage homeowners from beginning works before the proper approvals are in place.

Parrett & Axe Parish Council

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Parish Council Meetings for 2015:

- Thursday 14th July 2016 – South Perrott
- Thursday 8th September 2016 – Chedington
- Thursday 10th November 2016 – South Perrott

All meetings start with the Public Session at 19:30

What's On in South Perrott and Chedington?

June 2016		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Wednesday	1 st	19:00	Street Fair Meeting	Chedington Village Hall	Henry - 891567
Saturday	4 th	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Monday	6 th	11:00	Coffee Club	Tumberlands	Ella - 891065
Sunday	12 th	15:30	Queen's Birthday Picnic	The Hinton Paddock (SP Village Hall if bad weather)	Vicky - 891654
Wednesday	15 th	09:15	Garden Club visit to Kingston Lacy	Meet at Mosterton Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Sunday	19 th	12:00	SP Club Carvery	South Perrott Village Hall	Michael - 891890
Wednesday	22 nd	18:30	Garden Club supper	Mohun House	Dominey - 891601

July 2016		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	2 nd	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Monday	4 th	11:00	Coffee Club	The Granary	Ann - 891224
Wednesday	6 th	09:30	Garden Club visit to Wells	Pickup in Chedington then in The Pound, South Perrott, at 09:35	Sue - 891240
Thursday	14 th	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	South Perrott Village Hall	Angela - 891931
Saturday	30 th	12:00	Street Fair	Chedington	Henry - 891567

N.B. Line dancing is taking a break for the summer and will be resuming in the autumn, so watch this space!

Regular Events – Summer 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
	18:00	Pilates	SP Village Hall	Ali - 01460 74546/ 07753533727
Every Friday	10:00	Upholstery	SP Village Hall	Helen - 01460 626211

Future Events:

South Perrott Village Fayre – Sunday 14th August 2016; contact Jill Turner on 891291 for more information.
South Perrott and Chedington Annual Flower Show - Saturday 10th September.2016.

To keep up to date with village events view:

Facebook Pages ("like" and "share"):	
South Perrott	www.facebook.com/SouthPerrott
Chedington	www.facebook.com/pages/Chedington/109270275757776?ref=ts&fref=ts
Parish website	www.parrettandaxe.org.uk

Local Contacts:

Chedington Village Hall:

Chairman Susan Aspinall 01935 891925
Bookings Ivan Williams 01935 891059

Winyards Gap Toby/Michelle 01935 891244

St Mary's Church:

Church Warden Peter Coles 01935 891232
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South Perrott Village Hall:

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Coach & Horses John Harris 01935 891270

Millennium Green:

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