

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 Annual General & Ordinary Meetings in May. Let's hope for a wonderful summer for all of our activities, in particular our two big events (Chedington Street Fair and South Perrott Village Fayre).

Kate Organ, Chairman

Update on a Defibrillator for South Perrott

The cabinet has now been fitted outside the Village Hall and we await delivery of the Defibrillator before it can become operational. If you would like to attend free cardiac arrest training please contact Martyn Gillingham on 891931 or mcvgillingham@btinternet.com.

Chedington Street Fair - Saturday 29th July

The Street Fair takes place from noon until 5pm and as always there will be many attractions and activities for all ages, including a family dog show. Food and refreshments will be available with live music in or near the beer tent. For more information, visit www.chedingtonstreetfair.com, www.facebook.com/chedingtonstreetfair/ or call Henry on 891567.



South Perrott's Annual Village Litter Pick – Volunteers needed!

This year's litter pick will take place on Sunday 16 July at 10:00 hours. We will meet in the Pound where you will be supplied with a hi-viz tabard and rubbish sack. Please wear suitable clothing including thick (gardening type) gloves and comfortable footwear. In previous years, most volunteers have preferred to work in pairs so please bring a friend. "Many hands make light work", so the more volunteers there are the quicker the job is done! For further details please contact me on 891019. *Sue Coutanche*

South Perrott Village Fayre Sunday 13th August 11am to 4pm

This year we would like to extend the number and range of our own village stalls, locating most of them in the Old Rectory Courtyard. We plan to offer: garden produce, cakes, arty-crafty items, jams and chutneys, books and recycled items. Contributions are needed for all of these, plus people to help on the day. We are also planning a Children's Fancy Dress Parade and a return of the popular Scarecrow Competition. With the usual refreshments, the beer tent in the Paddock and of course fun and games for the kids, it's time to start preparing! *Jill Turner 891291 or southperrott@hotmail.co.uk*

Chedington Open Gardens & Studios

On Saturday 3rd June, from 11:00 to 18:00, 13 gardens in Chedington will be open to visit. They range from small cottage gardens to the extensive grounds of Chedington Court. As an added bonus, 10 of our own artisans are opening the doors of their studios and workshops featuring a wide variety of arts and crafts. To find out more have a look at www.facebook.com/ChedingtonVillage or contact Susan on 891925. Refreshments will be available in the Village Hall and Chedington Court Great Hall. Admission is £5 and all proceeds go to Village Hall funds.

Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club

In April, Christine Stone talked about Plant Hunters. That we have such a variety of beautiful plants is due, primarily, to an army of very special individuals, mostly in the Victorian era, who risked life and limb to seek them out in the far-flung corners of the world. The puzzle is how on earth they managed to get them back alive! A quote from E.H.Wilson:- *"There are no happier folk than plant lovers, and none more generous than those that garden. They mingle on a common plane, share freely their knowledge, and with advice help one another over the stepping stones that lead to success."*

See the "What's On" guide on the back for details of the June/July visits and the club supper.

Chedington Quiz Night

Thank you to all who supported this event. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely, especially the food! Almost £400 was raised for Village Hall funds.

Looking forward to the Strawberry Season?

Enjoy a Strawberries and Cream tea on Sunday 2nd July at Bridge Farmhouse, Picket Lane, South Perrott from 2.30pm - 5pm. The charge of £5 (children £2.50) is in aid of South Perrott and Chedington Millennium Green Trust.

Mosterton Pre-School

This year has been a busy year for the pre-school. In January, we were awarded a Capital Funding Grant towards building our own preschool on the site of Parrett & Axe Primary School. This will allow us to offer the Government's pledge of 30 hours of free childcare from September 2017. At the moment, we have a shortfall in funding. We have applied for grants and also a Public Works Board Loan, all of which are

currently pending with outcomes in the very near future. At a recent meeting of Mosterton Parish Council, the parishioners voted in favour of the Council applying for a loan on behalf of the Pre-school Committee, which we, the Pre-school, will repay in full as agreed. In the meantime, we are continuing to fundraise and thinking of new ideas to involve our local communities. We recently hosted our bi-annual Jumble Sale, our annual Oathill Tea Rooms Egg Hunt and also our first ever Village Easter Egg Hunt. All were well supported and the money raised will go towards much needed resources, including the new building. Thank you for your support; Hopefully, we will have some even more exciting news in the very near future! If you have children looking for pre-school places from September please contact us on 07939 465915.

Lisa Raison, Chair, Mosterton Preschool.

Please Be Considerate To Your Neighbours!

Bonfires – if lit now will they be a nuisance to your neighbour? Consider the wind and time of day before you light up! **Dog Fouling** – despite a number of requests there are still some dog owners who are not clearing up their dog's mess! It is unhealthy, unpleasant and ILLEGAL to leave your dog's mess on a public right of way. **Rubbish** – there have been recent incidents of rubbish being thrown over the church wall into a neighbouring field. Please dispose of your rubbish in the appropriate receptacle in the church grounds.

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 11th May 2017. 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 Cllr. Liz Fray, Cllr. Jane Cooper, Dave McSkelly and Bob Buckland (Tree Warden).

Annual General Meeting-

- ❖ **Election of Officers** – Kate Organ was re-elected as Chairman. The election of Vice Chairman was deferred to the next meeting.
- ❖ **The Chairman's Report 2016/17** highlighted the following: - **Planning** with the aim that all new building and alterations should enhance and not be detrimental to the environment; **Highways – Lecher Lane/A3066 junction** is still an issue; The welcome return of the **Coach & Horses Inn**, which has reopened after refurbishment; Broken **Fingerposts in South Perrott** are being repaired by Mike Charles; **Picket Lane Railings** – following the renewal of the first section attention is now focused on the second section from Parrett Mead to Court Barn Cottage. An application to the Lottery Heritage Fund is being considered. **Mobile Phone reception** is still erratic. It should improve in 2019 when EE takes over all the "not-spots".
- ❖ **Footpaths Officer's Report** - There are 10 footpaths and 3 bridleways in South Perrott. This year there have just been minor issues, such as overgrown vegetation, fallen branches and muddy patches. These have been dealt with by landowners and local residents. Following a suggestion from the Parish Council, a simplified map of rights of way in South Perrott and Chedington has been produced (*reported under the Ordinary Meeting*). **Many thanks to Dominie who, after 10 years as Footpaths Officer, is retiring. If interested in taking on this role please contact Angela, 891931.** Any problems or queries can be reported to DCC via the website www.dorsetforyou.com/rightsofway.
- ❖ **River Warden's Report** - Martyn Gillingham reported that the winter of 2016/17 had been comparatively mild and dry, and there had been no major issues with flooding in the village. On one occasion in November 2016, the A356 had flooded at New Bridge between South Perrott and the Misterton crossroads and became impassable to cars and light vehicles. Once notified Martyn cleared the gullies of autumn leaves on both sides of the road so that the flood water was able to drain into Lecher Water.
- ❖ **Finance** – the new financial year began with £5,782.73 in the Parish Council's account.

Ordinary Meeting – this immediately followed the AGM

❖ **Reports from District Councillors and Police Officer**

- **District Councillor Tony Alford** reported on the Local Government Review – the application has been made to the Secretary of State but the informal decision on the proposals for the new unitary authorities has been delayed by the local and general elections.
- **Police Report** – there was no formal report but all the parish councillors now receive regular Dorset Alert messages.
- ❖ **Matters Arising from South Perrott Annual Village Meeting held on 2nd May 2017**
 - **Village clean-up** – to be held this year on Sunday 16th July. *See separate item.*
 - **Broadband** – it was noted that fibre has been available in the village for a year. Some who have signed up were still receiving a variable service. Those who had not signed up were experiencing a worse signal than before.
 - **Millennium Green** – the play equipment is to be removed as it is beyond economic repair. The Trustees are still looking for an organisation to take on responsibility for the Green.

- **NORDCAT Bus Service** – This is providing an excellent service for those who use it. There are two buses, one on Wednesdays to Dorchester and one on Fridays to Yeovil. (*We have been informed by a regular user that the Dorchester service may be withdrawn unless they have a minimum of 6 regular users*). The ring and ride number is on the back page.
- **Local residents** have reported nuisances caused by daytime bonfires, dog fouling and litter from discarded flower wrappings in the churchyard. *See separate item.*

Please note Chedington's Annual Village meeting was held on 16th May and matters arising will be reported to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

- ❖ **DAPTC (Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils) Annual Conference** – This year's theme was "Self-reliance". In future Town and Parish Councils will need to recruit volunteers to get non-essential work done such as hedge cutting, repair of fingerposts and drain/gully clearance. Councils are being encouraged to share the costs or to establish a pool of volunteers. District Cllr Tony Alford commented that where Town and Parish Councils had already combined forces it had been successful.
- ❖ **Highways Issues:**
 - **Pipplepen Lane** - potholes have been reported for repair. It is on the Highways schedule for surface dressing in the next year.
 - **Junction A3066/Lecher Lane** – Vegetation on the verge is long and obscures oncoming traffic on A3066. (*This has now been cut but is a continuing problem during the growing season and needs to be regularly mown*). There is still an issue with overtaking along this stretch of the A3066, which is potentially hazardous to drivers entering and exiting Lecher Lane.
- ❖ **Footpath Map** – Desmond Thomas, a local artist, has produced an illustrative map of all the footpaths in and around South Perrott and Chedington. Anthony de la Poer has had them printed by Footprintz. These are available from the Clerk for £1 each A4 size and £4 for the larger one.
- ❖ **Mosterton Pre-school** – Mosterton preschool have requested financial help towards funding the new preschool building. They have been invited to speak at the next meeting. (*See separate article*).
- ❖ **Planning Matters –**
 - **New Applications considered: -**
WD/D/17/000717 Land adjacent Lecher Bridge, South Perrott – erect extension to existing agricultural building;
WD/D/17/001050 Holt Farm, South Perrott – erect extension to existing agricultural building.
 - **Decisions notified by WDDC:**
WD/D/17/000187 Holt Farm, South Perrott – single storey extension Approved;
WD/D/16/002537 Maple Cottage, South Perrott – Replacement of rotten wooden windows with double glazed wood effect UPVC windows. Application withdrawn;
WD/D/17/000002 Court Farm, Chedington - Proposed dormers. Approved;
WD/D/16/002856 Cornerways, South Perrott – partial compliance with conditions set out in planning approval WD/D/15/001181

Applications pending and decisions notified can be viewed on www.dorsetforyou.com

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Parish Council Meetings for 2017:

All meetings start with the Public Session at 19:30

- Thursday 13th July - Chedington
- Thursday 14th September - South Perrott
- Thursday 9th November - Chedington

What's On in South Perrott and Chedington

June 2017		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	3 rd	11:00	Open Gardens & Studios	Chedington	Susan - 891925
Sunday	4 th	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270
Monday	5 th	11:00	Coffee Club	Tumberlands, SP	Ella - 891065
Sunday	11 th	07:30	Bingo	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270
Tuesday	13 th	14:00	Garden Club Visit	Braddock's (Oxbribge)	Sue - 891240
Friday	16 th	18:00	All-you-can-eat Curry (£15)	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270
Sunday	25 th	12:30	SP Club BBQ	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
Wednesday	28 th	18:30	Garden Club supper	Sandy Knapp, Chedington	Peter - 891232

July 2017		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	1 st	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Sunday	2 nd	14:30	Strawberries & Cream Tea	Bridge Farm, SP	Martyn - 891931
		19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270
Monday	3 rd	11:00	Coffee Club	The Granary, Hill Farm, SP	Ann - 891224
Friday	7 th	14:00	Oliver Letwin	SP Village Hall	
Wednesday	12 th	14:30	Garden Club Visit	Old Rectory, Pulham	Sue - 891240
Thursday	13 th	19:30	Parish Council	Chedington Village Hall	Angela - 891931
Saturday	29 th	12:00	Street Fair	Chedington	Henry - 891567

Regular Events – Summer 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
			SP Village Hall	Bob - 891404
		18:00	Line Dancing	SP Village Hall
Every Wednesday	12:00	Steel Drums Session	SP Village Hall	Mike 07762 260582
Every Thursday	09:30	Yoga	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224

To keep up to date with village events view:

Facebook Pages ("like" and "share"): South Perrott Chedington	www.facebook.com/SouthPerrott www.facebook.com/ChedingtonVillage
Parish website	www.parrettandaxe.org.uk

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