

# THE PUMP & POUND

South Perrott and Chedington Newsletter

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Welcome to the latest edition of the Pump and Pound. You will notice that the format is different this time as the Parish Council AGM and meeting has been postponed and will now be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019. At their annual Village Meeting, Chedington residents decided that they no longer wished to have a Parish Council and would hold village meetings instead. South Perrott residents, at their Village Meeting, expressed a clear desire to have a Parish Council and the paragraphs below explain the way ahead. It is our intention to continue the Pump & Pound, our villages' newsletter, and to continue delivering it free of charge to all homes in South Perrott and Chedington.

*The Editors*

## Parrett and Axe Parish Council

Local Elections were held in May for Dorset and Parish Councils. Parrett and Axe Parish Council is a joint council comprised of two parishes, South Perrott which has three seats and Chedington which also has three seats. South Perrott has now filled all its three seats and as from 6<sup>th</sup> May the new councillors are Sue Coutanche, Jonathan Baker and Yvonne Harris. Chedington had no nominations and therefore their three seats remain vacant. The Parish Council now has a quorum and the AGM followed by an Ordinary meeting will be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June in South Perrott Village Hall.

At this meeting the current Chair, Kate Organ, will step down and a new Chair will be elected. To be fully operational, Parish Councils ideally require a minimum of five councillors. It is therefore our intention to fill these vacant places through co-option. The qualification criteria:

- i. They are a registered elector within the Chedington parish;
- ii. They have occupied land or premises within Chedington parish for the previous twelve months as owner or tenant;
- iii. Their main place of work has been within Chedington parish for the previous twelve months;
- iv. They have resided within Chedington parish or within 4.8 km (3 miles) of the boundary for the previous twelve months.

If you fulfil any one of the above criteria and are interested in being co-opted please contact Sue Coutanche ([sue.coutanche@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.coutanche@btinternet.com) or 891019) before the AGM on 13<sup>th</sup> June.

The Parish Council is currently liaising with Dorset Council's Legal and Democratic Services as this Parish Council was one of many that did not have sufficient nominations to fill all their available seats. We will keep both villages updated if necessary, should the situation change.

**Parish Clerk Vacancy** – We now have a vacancy for a Parish Clerk. This is a part-time position - average 3 to 4 hours per week. If you are interested please contact Sue Coutanche for an informal discussion.

## South Perrott's Annual Village Meeting

The meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April was attended by thirty South Perrott residents. In addition to the items already featured in this issue, including the future of the Parish Council, the following were raised:

- **A356 Surface Dressing** – subsequent to the meeting, lock-top surface dressing has been scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> June. The Parish Council has written to Dorset Council Highways stating that surface dressing will not resolve the problems we have highlighted, which are caused by the uneven road surfaces and kerbstones. The Highways Asset Management and Transport Planning Teams have responded stating that they are aware of these problems and are now in the process of reviewing South Perrott's "experimental" road scheme to find an appropriate solution. Updates will be provided as they become available.
- **Flooding outside Sarum** – Highways Community Management Team have advised that the road will no longer have to be closed as they now have an alternative method to clear the blocked drain.
- **Overhanging Vegetation** – It is that time of the year again when all vegetation is growing prolifically! If your trees and hedges overhang your boundary they can be a hazard to road users. This is particular the case for properties along the A356 as the road through the village is narrow and, when vehicles have to move into the centre of the road, there is a danger of a collision with an on-coming vehicle. In addition, it obscures the view on the main road when exiting from a side road. Please cut back regularly at this time of the year. The Parish Council will continue to inform Dorset Council where it is their responsibility to maintain the vegetation e.g. junction of Lecher Lane/A3066.
- **Consideration of Neighbours** – Although a small community, most of us live in close proximity to our neighbours. Please think of them when - **lighting bonfires, your dog/s are outside barking** and when you are **using noisy tools and equipment**. Please try and ensure they are at times when they will cause least nuisance and disturbance to others.

- **Village Clean-Up** – the annual village clean-up has been arranged for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July, meeting in The Pound at 10am. Please let me (Sue Coutanche) know if you are able to take part – “many hands make light work!” Once again thanks go to Jonathan Baker for obtaining the necessary equipment - rubbish grabbers, hi-viz jackets, and sacks. And the good news – Jonathan is able to retain this equipment so now we can have an organised Clean-up whenever we want! Please let us know who would like to organise a clean-up event and we can advertise as required.

### **The Village Halls**

The date of the AGM for **South Perrott Village Hall** has been changed and will now be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 19:00 and followed by complimentary refreshments.

### **Our Village – A Walk Through Time**

Join us on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June for a stroll through the history, myths and legends of South Perrott finishing with tea and a display of local memorabilia. Meet at the Village Hall at 14:00 for a gentle walk. It's £5 per head (with concessions). For more details ring Ann on 891224. Proceeds are for St Mary's Church.

### **The Millennium Green**

Three new trustees have now been appointed to the South Perrott and Chedington Millennium Green Trust, namely Jo Caughlin and David Lines from South Perrott and Peter Simmons from Chedington. The existing trustees have retired and, on behalf of both villages, I would like to thank Bob Buckland, Peter Hinton and Ian Legg for their stewardship of all matters relating to the Green over the past 20 years. All three were appointed when the Trust was initially set up in 1999. The new trustees are now considering carrying out some improvements to the Green, taking on board some of the suggestions put forward in the village survey undertaken last year. In the meantime, we continue to rely on voluntary donations to fund improvements and regular maintenance. We would be delighted if you are interested in supporting the Green financially by **gift-aided monthly direct debit payments**. If so, please contact our Treasurer, Richard Taylor, on 891264 who will be happy to supply the necessary form for your bank.

Also please come and support our main fundraising event of the year, **Strawberries & Cream Teas** in the garden at Bridge Farmhouse, Picket Lane, South Perrott, on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June, between 14:30-17:00. No need to book, just turn up. *Martyn Gillingham*

### **A good news story for the Village**

You will be aware that last winter's Big Breakfasts were raising funds to provide specialised equipment for Oliver, who lives in School Hill and suffers from cerebral palsy. I am very pleased to announce that Sophie, Oliver's mum, has taken delivery of an EyeGaze computerised tracking system that enables Oliver to communicate, play and learn by using the movement of his eyes. He is now using it every day to make simple requests and to communicate. The cost of the equipment was funded by donations to a “JustGiving” page, set up by Sophie's friends, profits from the Big Breakfasts, and a very generous donation from Peter Jones in memory of his late wife, Lorraine. *Martyn Gillingham*.

### **Hedgehogs in South Perrott**

There will be a talk and slideshow about hedgehogs in South Perrott and the work of the Dorset Mammal Group Hedgehog Project on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019, 19:30 for 19:45 in South Perrott Village Hall.

Hedgehogs are in serious decline, but we can help. By making small changes to our gardens and local area, and working together, we can help save our much-loved garden visitors. Come and find out how to make your garden and our village more wildlife-friendly. Admission is free and there will be refreshments. You can find out more about the Dorset Mammal Group at [www.dorsetmammalgroup.wordpress.com](http://www.dorsetmammalgroup.wordpress.com)

### **Chedington Open Gardens and Studios**

This year the gardens and studios will be open on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June from 10:30 to 17:00 in aid of Weldmar Hospice and Chedington Village Hall. This is a once-in-a-year chance to visit the many dazzling and varied gardens in this conservation village. Ranging from small cottage gardens to the splendid grounds of Chedington Court, with some new gardens open for the first time, there are 15 to visit in all! The work of resident artists and makers will be on display in their studios and workshops. Morning coffee and lunch will be served in the Village Hall from 11:00 until 14:00. Chedington Great Hall will be open for cream teas from 14:00 until 17:00. Plants from local gardens and nurseries will be for sale. There will also be an Activity Trail for children visiting the gardens. Admission is £5 (children under 16 free).

### **A bit further afield**

Here's a couple of events in which you may be interested:

St Mary's Church in Mosterton is holding its Midsummer Flower and Art Festival on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 10:00 to 18:00. Entry is free with refreshments available.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July - Bands on the Green, Mosterton from 12:30 onwards - bands are DT8 and Orange Street plus BBQ, bar and children's entertainment. Adults £7; Children (2-14) £2. Beneficiaries include Parrett & Axe CE VA Primary School.

### Steel Band

Once again, the South Perrott Steel Band will be playing at Corscombe Fest on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June from midday to 1pm.

### Short Mat Bowls

South Perrott Swallows won the Beaminster and District Short Mat Bowls League in a very closely fought end to the 2018-2019 season. A new cup in memory of the late Brian Evans of Netherbury was presented at a social evening in South Perrott Village Hall on 10th May by Brian's widow Hazel to the Swallows' captain Jane Allen. During the evening, after supper, a Raffle raised £70 for the Air Ambulance and we were entertained by the rustic musical charms of The Crooked Furrow.

### A Date for your Diary - South Perrott Fayre Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 11am - 4pm

The Fayre is in support of St Mary's Church. We shall be collecting bric-a-brac, tombola prizes, preserves, garden produce, handbags, jewellery and crafts, so please think of us when you're sorting, cooking, making and planting over the next couple of months! Please let me know how you can help either on the day or by supplying produce and goods for sale on [southperrott@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:southperrott@yahoo.co.uk) or 01935 891291.

Raffle tickets are already on sale – available from Sue Coutanche!

### News from the Pubs

The Coach & Horses will be closed all day Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June, re-opening at 12 noon on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June. For events see "What's On".

### Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club

On Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup>, Carole Birtwhistle talked about hornets and bees; in particular the threat posed by the Asian Yellow-legged Hornet to our honey bees. It is not a happy story! It is a highly aggressive predator on native insects. The Yellow-legged hornet is not easily confused with other species. It has a characteristically dark body with yellow tipped legs and is slightly smaller than our native hornet. Unlike our native insect, they are never active at night. Nests should not be disturbed. Members of the public who suspect they have found an Asian Yellow-legged Hornet should report it, with a photo, online at [www.nonnativespecies.org/alerts/asianhornet](http://www.nonnativespecies.org/alerts/asianhornet) or by email to [alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk](mailto:alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk). Android or iPhone owners can use the Asian Hornet Watch app.



On June 5<sup>th</sup>, there is a visit to Knightshayes with the Mosterton Ramblers (coach departs Orchard Way, Mosterton at 09:00).

The Garden Club Supper on 26<sup>th</sup> June (at 18:30) is being hosted by Sue and Mike Lucas.

A visit to Holworth Farmhouse, off the Wareham Road (A352) between Broadmayne and Wool, has been arranged for Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 14:00. Please let Dave McSkelly know ([davemskelly@gmail.com](mailto:davemskelly@gmail.com) or 891891) if you would like to attend.

### Parish Councillors

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### Clerk to the Parish Council

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### Parish Council Meetings for 2019:

All meetings are held in South Perrott Village Hall starting with the Public Session at 19:30

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June - AGM

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November

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

June 2019		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup>	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891224
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	14:00	A walk through time	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
		19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270
Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	09:00	Garden club visit to Knightshayes	Orchard Way, Mosterton (coach leaves at 09:00)	Sue - 891240
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Hedgehogs in SP	SP Village Hall	
Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup>	12:00	South Perrott Steel Band at Corscombe Fest 2018	Corscombe Court	Mike - 891034
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	19:00	Village Hall AGM	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	SP Parish Council AGM	SP Village Hall	Sue - 891019
Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Chedington Open Gardens and Studios	Chedington	Susan - 891925
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	12:30	Village Hall Carvery	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
					Barry - 891033
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	18:30	Gardening Club Supper	Sue & Mike Lucas	Sue - 891240
Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup>	14:30	Strawberries and Cream	Bridge Farmhouse, SP	Martyn - 891931

July 2019		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Village Clean Up	Meet in the Pound	
		19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	14:00	Garden Club visit to Holworth Farmhouse	Holworth	Dave - 891891
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup>	20:00	SommerStep	Coach & Horses	Yvonne/James - 891270
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup>	12:30	Bands on the Green	Mosterton Green	Ruth Fry - 01308 868904

### Regular Events – Summer 2019

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
		14:00	Short Mat Bowls	SP Village Hall
Summer Break	18:30	Line Dancing (Restarts 03/09/19)	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 Chedington	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/SouthPerrott">www.facebook.com/SouthPerrott</a> <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>

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

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