

THE PUMP & POUND

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Welcome to the fourteenth edition of the P&P. We have just enjoyed our best summer for some years, although the Chedington Street Fair was brought to an abrupt end by a torrential downpour! Luckily the weekend stayed fine for South Perrott's Village Open Day. Currently we are campaigning to save the 204 bus service, which stops in South Perrott and Chedington on its outward and return journeys between Thorncombe and Yeovil. We are also looking at the 'Parish Plan' which is coming up to ten years old; I would encourage as many parishioners as possible to take part in this process. As always we welcome your comments and input.

Michael Johnson, Chairman

Chedington Street Fair

After the disappointment of last year it was very pleasing to see the Street Fair go ahead as scheduled at the end of July. The weather was ok...for the first 2³/₄ hours. Then, the heavens opened to bring the day to an abrupt end (but not before spontaneous renditions of "Singing in the Rain" took place)! Although the number of stalls were down on previous years there was a good number of visitors (some of them pictured right) resulting in over £3,000 being raised. This money is shared between the two Village Halls for which the management committees are very grateful.



The Street Fair is vital for the funding of the village halls and needs coordinating. This year, David George and Michael Stevenette acted as coordinators and we are very grateful for their efforts and commitment. Unfortunately, they are not able to do so next year. We are therefore looking for someone from each village to take on the role. Anybody wishing to volunteer should contact Dave McSkelly on 891891 (email davemskelly@aol.com). Without coordinators the very existence of the Street Fair is jeopardised!

South Perrott Open Day

The weather was very kind for South Perrott's Open Day on August 11th and a steady flow of visitors enjoyed the village attractions. Unfortunately, like the Street Fair, the number of stalls was down on last year. Nevertheless, just over £2,700 was raised for St Mary's Church fund.

The scarecrow competition introduced last year was repeated this year. The independent and anonymous judges placed Angela and Martyn Gillingham's creation "Bill and Ben" (pictured) in first place. Second place went to Ann Studley's "Eliza" and in third place was Joyce Osborne's "Witch Way".



A message from the organiser:

Once again, we can all relax after a busy fund raising year. Thank you to all for helping with the Open Day in so many ways. There will be a review meeting of the event at the Village Hall on October 8th at 7pm, so I hope to see you there and perhaps with some new ideas for 2014's Open day!

Ann Studley

The Maggie Walk at Chedington

The Maggie Walk held on the 17th August was a great success. The biggest thanks go to Mike Lucas who lead the walk so admirably, and Toby and Michelle of Winyards Gap Inn for providing the most amazing coffee morning with scrumptious cakes, scones and biscuits and allowing us to park our cars. Thanks also to The Hive Beach Cafe for donating a Champagne Breakfast for two to everybody who gave us raffle prizes and to everyone that gave their time and money to help raise £409.00. This was divided as: £150.00 for Julia's House, £163.00 for the Motor Neuron Disease Society and £96.00 for The Macmillan Cancer Support.

Faith Waterhouse, Mary and Dave George

Bell Ringers Go Like the Clappers

South Perrott bell-ringers Martyn and Angela Gillingham and David Lines undertook a sponsored bike ride on Saturday 14th September to raise funds towards sound insulation modifications to the bell tower of St Mary's our Parish Church. The intrepid team covered 32 miles along hilly Dorset lanes and visited 13 churches between South Perrott and West Bay. The "support team", Jill Turner, provided a hearty breakfast to send them on their way, then essential vehicular and moral support! Over £200 was raised - just the start of the project. The sound insulation to the bell tower will enable the team to hear instructions which will further progress their ringing skills. Well done team!

News from the Village Pubs

Winyard's Gap cider festival was their best ever and everyone who went along had a really fantastic time. Michelle and Toby would like to thank everyone for making it such a great success. They will be hosting a "scary" beer festival on 1st and 2nd November with live music from 8pm each evening (Microlight on Friday and Vinyl Monkeys on Saturday). As it is Halloween weekend there will be prizes for the best fancy dress. More than a dozen local ales will be showcased.

Jane at the Coach and Horses will be organising more of the popular Indian Nights in association with Chillies. Look out for details on the sign boards. She will also be running the bar at the Barn Dance in South Perrott Village Hall on 12th October where beer, cider, wine and soft drinks will be available.

Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club

It's back to Chedington village hall for the winter now, after such a glorious summer. For the first talk of the autumn on 11th September, Martin Young showed slides, and spoke with great knowledge and enthusiasm, about Echinacea and Rudbeckia. Echinacea has been a medicinal plant for centuries and is still widely and effectively used today. We look forward to hearing Mary Pring from Lower Severalls next month, her area of expertise being herbs.

Gardening **tip of the month**; Echinacea do not like 'soggy bottoms' so provide free drainage please!

Parrett & Axe Parish Council

Below is a summary of some of the topics discussed at the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 12th September 2013. A full set of the agreed minutes will be available on the Parish website (www.parrettandaxe.org.uk) or from the clerk when accepted at the next meeting. In addition to the Parish Councillors and Clerk, also in attendance were County Cllr. Rebecca Knox District Cllr. Janet Page and PCSO Alex Bishop. Freda Hennessy, Parish Clerk Corscombe & Halstock and Sally Welford, Parish Clerk, Thorncombe, attended for part of the meeting.

- ❖ **Review of Bus Services 204 – Thorncombe to Yeovil** - Freda Hennessy and Sally Welford, joined the discussion on the DCC's proposed withdrawal of the 204 bus service.

Residents in both Chedington and South Perrott have been canvassed to seek their views on the proposed withdrawal of the 204 bus service. The following points came out from the surveys and discussion:

- Neither Chedington nor South Perrott have any shops or a post office and the bus is the only means of shopping for a number of residents who do not drive or have access to any other transport.
- It provides social contact for elderly people, who could otherwise become very isolated.

Recommendations include:

- Reducing the frequency to one day a week, e.g. Friday (market day in Yeovil).
- Providing an alternative bus service to Crewkerne, (which is a shorter route), on a Wednesday (market day).
- Passengers holding 'bus passes' could be asked to contribute towards the cost of the journeys (e.g. £2.00 per journey).

In summary, bus service 204 provides an essential service for some of the residents of Chedington and South Perrott, and the Parish Council is urging the County Council to reconsider its proposal to withdraw the service.

Cllr Knox advised that the solution for each parish might be different so it would be preferable for each parish council to write separately to the County Council. The Clerk has written a letter to DCC and included all the survey forms. The DCC Cabinet will be making a decision at their meeting on 6th November after which the outcomes will be implemented in January 2014.

- ❖ **Superfast BT Broadband** – DCC have now signed a contract with BT and it is estimated that 95 per cent of the County will have access to superfast speeds of at least 24 Mbps. A minority of fibre broadband users might experience less than 24 Mbps even though they will still see a significant increase in speeds. These figures include all commercial roll-outs of fibre broadband within Dorset by the private sector. County Cllr. Rebecca Knox has organised an event for local businesses, small and large, to meet the Superfast Broadband Team. It will be held in Beaminster Town Hall on Thursday 10th October at 08:00.

❖ **A356 Road Issues:** -

- **Resurfacing** - The section of the A356 past the former golf course is still scheduled to be resurfaced in October, when this section of the road will be closed.
- **Flood Sign** - There is frequent flooding with a "Flood Warning" sign on the A356 leaving South Perrott in the Crewkerne direction. The Clerk is writing to DCC Highways to request that the drain is kept clear or to make a hole in the wall to prevent flooding across the road at that point.

- ❖ **A3066/Lecher Lane Junction** - Dave McSkelly advised that the A3066/Lecher Lane junction is still very dangerous and he had witnessed three near misses recently. Clerk to write again to Highways.
- ❖ **Village & Parish Plans** – A workshop was held on 29th August with only four parish councillors in attendance. It has been agreed to review the 2004 Plan and draft a questionnaire to be hand delivered to every property in South Perrott. The next meeting of the working group is on Wednesday 6th November at 18:30 in SP Village Hall annexe. We now have two residents that have volunteered to join the working party. If you would also like to join us please contact one of the South Perrott Councillors. Contact details are given below.
- ❖ **Thefts of Ornaments – warning** - Anyone with ornaments close to the roadway should be extra vigilant as there have been recent thefts in other areas. PCSO Alex Bishop is willing to give advice on security and reminds every one of the need to report any suspicious vehicles to Dorset Police non-emergency centre by phoning 101.
- ❖ **BT Telephone Kiosks** – BT have recently repainted the Kiosk in South Perrott and a request will be made to repaint the one in Chedington.
- ❖ **Chedington Notice Board** – It was suggested that the Chedington notice board could be relocated to the Village Hall wall, where it would be more visible.
- ❖ **Chedington Potholes** – there are numerous potholes in Chedington with a particularly large one in Chedington Lane. The Clerk has reported these to DCC Highways.
- ❖ **Planning Applications** – Three applications were considered in August/September by the Parish Council: 1/D/13/001043 Chedington Lodge, Chedington, 1/D/13/001017 Rowan Tree Cottage, South Perrott and 1/D/13/001197 Bridge Farmhouse, South Perrott
One new application has been received and is still under consideration 1/D/13/001106 Picket Lane Nursery, South Perrott – proposed chalet bungalow.

Street Lighting – *(this was not discussed at the parish council meeting as this information arrived after 12/09/13)*. Part night street lighting is to be introduced in South Perrott in the next three to six months, taking approximately a month to complete. When implemented street lights will be turned off from midnight (24:00 GMT) until 05:30 GMT. In South Perrott this will affect **Parrett Mead** and **Manor Close** only. If you require any further details please contact Rod Mainstone on 01305 225355.

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Next Parish Council Meeting:

Thursday 14th November 2013 – venue: Chedington Village Hall

What's On in South Perrott and Chedington?

October 2013		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Sunday	6 th	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Monday	7 th	11:00	Coffee Club	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Tuesday	8 th	19:00	Open Day review	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Wednesday	9 th	19:30	Gardening Club with Mary Pring	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Saturday	12 th	19:30	Barn Dance	SP Village Hall	Sue - 891019
Sunday	13 th	19:30	Bingo	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Sunday	20 th	12:30	Harvest Lunch	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224

November 2013		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Friday and Saturday	1 st 2 nd		Scary beer festival with Live bands	Winyard's Gap	Michelle/Toby - 891244
Sunday	3 rd	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Monday	4 th	11:00	Coffee Club	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Wednesday	6 th	18:30	Local Plan Working Group	SP Village Hall	Angela - 891931
Saturday	9 th	14:30	Autumn Bazaar	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Sunday	10 th	19:30	Bingo	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Wednesday	13 th	19:30	Gardening Club AGM and Dinner	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Thursday	14 th	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedington Village Hall	Angela - 891931
Saturday	23 rd	18:00	Talent Show	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890

Regular Events – autumn 2013

Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Every Monday	19:30	Short Mat Bowls (not August)	SP Village Hall	Bob - 891404
Every Tuesday	10:00	Mosterton and District Over 50s Computer Club	Coach & Horses	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
	19:00	Pilates	SP Village Hall	Ali - 01460 74546/ 07753533727
Every Friday	10:00	Upholstery	SP Village Hall	Helen 01460 626211

Advance dates:

The Children's Christmas party is on 24th December; contact Vicky - 891654 or Teresa - 891678.

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