

THE PUMP & POUND

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Welcome to the twentieth edition of The Pump & Pound. As you can see we've had some discussion about the network of footpaths which are a wonderful asset to the area. Having spoken to the farmer concerned about the gate on School Hill, which is never locked, I'd ask that people who use footpaths to follow the Countryside Code. In particular I'd ask them to ensure that gates are closed and secured as they are found to keep livestock in, especially if there's also a rope or chain loop.

Michael Johnson, Chairman

The Sun Shines on Chedington Street Fair

The unbroken sunshine for this year's street fair on Saturday 26th July was most welcome after a deluge curtailed last year's event and the wet summer of 2012 completely washed out the Fair that year! As well as many attractions and activities for all ages, a very excited Liesl O'Keefe from West Bay won a ride in a hot air balloon. The Street Fair raised £1,800 for each of the village halls.

The organisers are very grateful to all of the volunteers without whom the event could not take place and to the visitors and stall holders who attended.



South Perrott Village Open Day

Weather warnings on the after effects of Hurricane Bertha were sufficient to deter some stallholders and visitors from attending this year's Open Day; however apart from high winds in the morning the sun shone all day. Although less money was raised than in the previous year the event still made £2,550, which goes towards the upkeep of the church. Ann Studley thanks all who helped and invites everyone to attend the review meeting in South Perrott Village Hall on Wednesday 15th October at 7pm.

There were 11 scarecrows judged in this year's competition and the anonymous judges commended all the entries. The overall winner was "Jacques" by Angela Gillingham and the winner of the children's competition was "Commonwealth Caroline", the creation of Ben, Megan and Rosie.



Breakfast Consultation Feedback

We were delighted with the response to the drop-in breakfast consultation held in June. You are now invited to a presentation of the results, which will be held on Sunday 5th October in South Perrott Village Hall at 10:30 for 11:00. Beverages, soft drinks and pastries will be available.

Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club

September 10th saw the first indoor meeting after the glorious summer outside. The speaker was Clive Groves. The subject was a trek to the Himalayas including Everest base camp with his wife. What an intrepid pair! Not sure that many of the audience were very inspired to follow in their footsteps, very uncomfortable for the most part it seemed. However, to see the flowers that are available in any garden centre growing in their natural environment (and free) was very interesting. Gentians, in particular, grow at quite high altitudes and are extremely hardy, surprising for such a delicate looking bloom.

The next meeting is October 8th when Sue Applegate's talk will be From Plant to Plate.

November 12th is the AGM and supper

Short Mat Bowls

If you are looking for some gentle exercise for about two hours you couldn't do better than to play short mat bowls with us in the village hall. Actually, I reckon it's more of a social exercise than a physical one, but the jury's still out on that! We play every Monday evening from 7.30 to about 9.30 and every Tuesday afternoon from 2.00 to about 4.30 with a short break for refreshments. The cost is only £1.50 per session but, for newcomers, the first two sessions are free. And there's more; the club has a number of sets of bowls for you to choose from, so you won't be burdened with the additional expense of having to buy your own. If you are interested please call me, Bob Buckland, on 891404.

Church Bells - the leaflet enclosed explains the need for sound insulation in the ringing chamber of St Mary's Church. Please read it and if you feel that you can help, contact Peter Hinton or Peter Coles. The Peters' would love to hear from you and get the work underway. As part of the fundraising in aid of the appeal, you are invited to come and enjoy a **Big Bells Breakfast** cooked by the bell ringers on Sunday 30th November from 9.00 - 11.00am in South Perrott village hall.

Dorset Evening – Please Note!

The Dorset Evening with Chris Prideaux and friends in South Perrott Village Hall will take place on Friday 10th October and not on Saturday 11th October as reported in the last issue of The Pump and Pound. This is a very popular event and there is sure to be high demand for tickets. Anyone wanting tickets should contact Michael on 891890 as early as possible.

Parrett & Axe Parish Council

Below is a summary of some of the topics discussed at the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 11th September 2014. 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 District Cllrs. Janet Page and Caroline Payne. Apologies were received from PCSO Alex Bishop, County Councillor, Rebecca Knox, Footpaths Officer, Dominic de la Poer and Jo Morgan.

❖ **HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

- **A356 – Speed of traffic** - Residents are still concerned about the speed of traffic as it approaches the village downhill from Chedington. A suggestion of imposing a 20mph limit is unenforceable and therefore not viable. Subsequent to the meeting Dorset Police will be contacted to request a Speed watch.
- **Junction A3066/Lecher Lane** – it has been suggested that a sign is erected at the end of Lecher Lane to warn drivers of overtaking vehicles on the A3066. It was suggested that a register should be kept of all near-misses. The clerk to request a joint site meeting with Mosterton PC and Highways.
- **Crossing outside Bakers Arms** - the noise level from traffic driving over the crossing had increased since the remedial works were completed. Agricultural vehicles and trailers in particular were noisy, often late at night. *County Cllr Rebecca Knox has now met with Mr and Mrs Thackwell, the owners of Bakers Arms, to discuss the issue.*
- **White lines on A356** – A request has been made to reinstate the white lines on the sides of the road coming into South Perrott from the Chedington direction within the 30mph limit. The clerk will write to Highways again.
- The road from Winyards Gap to Halstock is to be closed for resurfacing in November. Petty Box Lane will be resurfaced at the same time.
- **Chedington Lane** – It was reported that the road surface towards Mosterton was deteriorating. The Clerk will liaise with Mosterton Parish Council.

- ❖ **Maintenance of Footpaths:** - DCC is inviting all parish councils to sign up to a Service Level Agreement (SLA) to share the cost of maintaining the footpaths and bridleways in their areas. A meeting has taken place with the Rights of Way team and overgrown footpaths in South Perrott have been identified. Under an SLA the cost to the parish council would be 20p per linear metre. Alternatively a local volunteer group could be set up and DCC would provide training and the loan of equipment for the group to undertake the maintenance. It was decided not to make a commitment at this stage.

Roger Legg advised that he had put forward a proposal to DCC that, if sufficient road planings are available, he would be willing to dedicate a strip of land across his fields to make a new bridleway joining Picket Lane with Langmoor Lane. This would allow Mr Legg to drive his farm machinery between his fields and would also benefit the community by creating a circular walk around the village.

It was reported that the field gate on the footpath opposite Old School House, Pipplepen Lane, is often locked.

- ❖ **Flood/River Warden** - Martyn Gillingham advised that the Environment Agency is recruiting Flood Wardens and that he was willing to undertake training for this role. His offer was accepted.
- ❖ **Community Sandbag Stores** – WDDC is offering to provide sandbags for use during flooding, if suitable storage is available. It was agreed that Martyn Gillingham would follow this up.

- ❖ **Sunday 5th October - Breakfast Consultation Feedback.** This will be held in **South Perrott Village Hall**. See details on the front page.
- ❖ **REPORTS FROM THE COUNCILS** – the theme from both the County and District Councils is cost savings:-

Dorset County Council by greater integration within departments. A key part of their strategy is to become 'digital by default' and to encourage flexible working. The benefits of the upgraded technology should be less travel, more on-site reporting of highways problems, and swifter engagement in social services with those they are helping.

West Dorset District Council (who already deliver a number of services and share 'back office' functions with Weymouth & Portland Borough Council), by adopting a similar arrangement with North Dorset district Council. Discussions are currently being held.
- ❖ **Review of Parish Council Representation** – The Chedington Councillors are still in discussion about the future representation on the Parish Council. There is nothing further to report at this stage.
- ❖ **Picket Lane Fencing** – Highways have been informed of damage and deterioration to the fencing alongside the river in Picket Lane. Highways have now inspected and taped. The repairs are imminent
- ❖ **Grit Spreaders** – They also make ideal fertilizer spreaders! These will now be sold on eBay as there was no local interest in purchasing.
- ❖ **Planning Applications** –
 - Applications pending: WD/D/14/001923 Court Farm, Chedington – external alterations to agricultural barn (part retrospective).
 - Applications pending and decisions notified can be viewed on www.dorsetforyou.com.

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Parish Council Meetings for 2014:

Thurs 13th November 2014 South Perrott Village Hall

What's On in South Perrott and Chedington?

October 2014		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	4 th	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891035
Sunday	5 th	10:30	Breakfast Consultation Feedback	SP Village Hall	Sue - 891019
		19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Monday	6 th	11:00	Coffee Club	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
		18:30	Chillies Curry Nite	" "	" "
Wednesday	8 th	19:30	Garden Club with Sue Applegate	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Friday	10 th	19:00	Dorset Evening with Chris Prideaux & friends	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
Sunday	12 th	19:30	Bingo	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Wednesday	15 th	19:00	South Perrott Open Day review meeting	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224

November 2014		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	1 st	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891035
Sunday	2 nd	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Monday	3 rd	11:00	Coffee Club	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Saturday	8 th	14:00	Xmas Bazaar	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Sunday	9 th	19:30	Bingo	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Wednesday	12 th	19:30	Garden Club AGM and Supper	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Thursday	13 th	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	SP Village Hall	Angela - 891931
Sunday	30 th	09:30	Big Bells Breakfast	SP Village Hall	

Regular Events – Autumn 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	10:30	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

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