

THE PUMP & POUND

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It has been a very busy couple of months for both villages. Once again the commitment and support of our community has resulted in record fund raising for both villages' amenities. A number of autumn events are now being organised for everyone to enjoy. Details of most of these are in this issue.

At our September meeting, we welcomed Asha Braginton as a co-opted Parish Councillor to represent Chedington. We look forward to her working with us.

Kate Organ, Chairman

Once Again, over £7,500 was raised by our two villages in just two weeks!!

Sadly, the weather for the **Chedington Street Fair** on 29th July was not very kind with rain throughout. Nevertheless, the Fair went ahead as planned, a good number of intrepid souls turned up and the Dog Show proved as popular as ever! A more detailed report and photographs of the event can be viewed on the web site (www.chedingtonstreetfair.com). After the monies had been counted, the organisers were able to divide £3,000 between the two village halls.

By contrast, the weather for the **South Perrott Village Fayre** on 13th August couldn't have been better and the Fayre was a huge success. Everyone enjoyed themselves. A record £4,672, (including £863 from the Grand Raffle), was made for St Mary's Church. Visitors followed a lively route through the village, enjoying stalls, sideshows and refreshments along the way. The marquee in the Paddock once again satisfied thirsty adults while children played in the fun Zone; model planes and Punch & Judy entertained all. The delighted winner of the Grand Raffle first prize was Di Coote from South Perrott.



The chairmen of the two village halls and the P.C.C. would like to thank the organisers, helpers, stallholders and, most importantly, all the visitors for their support – we hope you'll be back!

Thoughts are already turning to next year. Meetings have been arranged to review this year's events. The meeting for the Street Fair is on 12th October at 7pm in Chedington Village Hall and the one for South Perrott Village Fayre is on Wednesday 4th October at 7:30 pm in South Perrott Village Hall. Please come along, your feedback will be most welcome.

The annual **South Perrott Jumble Sale** which took place on 16 September, enjoyed an excellent turnout. Bargain hunters queued up outside the village hall waiting for the doors to open. £330 was made to be split between St Mary's Church and Cancer Research. Ann & Sylvia thank everyone for their contributions.

Big Breakfasts are back for Winter

The first Big Breakfast of the winter takes place on Sunday 12 November in South Perrott Village Hall, from 8.45am to 10.45am. Come and enjoy a full English Breakfast or, new for this season, a Healthy Option! All profits will be donated to the Mosterton Pre-School Building Project. Further dates are 14 January and 11 March 2018.

Defibrillator and CPR Seminar

The providers of the village defibrillator, The Community Heartbeat Trust, have arranged a seminar in South Perrott Village Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 1st November. This will explain how to recognise Sudden Cardiac Arrest, instruct on how to do CPR and use the defibrillator. To book a place, please contact Martyn Gillingham on 891931 or mvcgillingham@btinternet.com

Dog Fouling

Most dog owners are responsible and considerate to others; however recently in South Perrott there have been a number of complaints of dog mess on footpaths, pavements, the pub car park and even private gardens! This is also a problem in Chedington. It is an offence if you don't clear up your dog's mess and if caught you can be prosecuted! More importantly it is also a serious health hazard!

South Perrott and Chedington Flower Show

Once again September's Flower Show presented the village with a wonderful range of exhibits. Although not as numerous as previously the standard of entries was high. Category winners in the Children's Section were Seb and Amelie Bailey, Amber Buchan and Brandon Harris with Brandon winning best overall entry. Challenge trophy winners were Carole and Ivan Williams (Chedington) and Karen, Richard and Charlotte Caile (South Perrott). The organising committee thank everyone involved in this year's show and look forward to seeing you (plus new faces) in 2018. *Richard Caile*

South Perrott Village Hall

South Perrott Village Hall Management Committee is looking for somebody to take over as Treasurer. If you are interested please contact Michael on 891890.

News from the Coach and Horses Inn - The popular Quiz Nights are continuing to be held on the first Sunday of each month. Unfortunately Sunday Bingo, which to date has raised £120 for the Church, has been cancelled due to lack of support. The next Curry Night is being held on Friday 27th October. There is a wide choice of curries and accompaniments for £15 per head. Please note we are open every evening and lunchtime with the exception of Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday lunchtimes.

Chedington Ramble with Joy

On a sunny Saturday August Bank Holiday afternoon, 18 people joined Joy Coles for her "ramblings" through Chedington. They were treated to a fascinating account of past life in the Village, including tales of smugglers tunnels and wartime Christmas cracker stockpiling! Over £100 was raised for the Hall and it is hoped Joy can be persuaded to do another "ramble" in the Spring.

Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club

After the summer break, the indoor season resumed in September with a talk by Marion Dale who made a welcome return. Her subject was the making of a Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Show Garden, and most illuminating it was too! Don't underestimate the amount of time, effort and money needed in the 7 months from initial design to the 3 weeks allowed for the build. Make sure your garden meets the brief - RHS judges are not very forgiving and will mark you down, but it's worth it if you get a medal!

The October meeting will be addressed by Don Everitt whose topic is colour in the winter garden. The AGM, with supper, is on 8th November. New members are always welcome.

Picket Lane Nursery – Garden Open to Locals

Neil Lovesay and his family welcome all residents of South Perrott and Chedington to come and wander around the gardens that they have already created and see those in progress too. The Nursery is open from 10am to 5pm Wednesdays to Saturdays (times may vary during the winter months). Come and enjoy the gardens for free and see the flowers and plants in this beautiful setting!



Parrett & Axe Parish Council

Below is a summary of some of the topics discussed at the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 14th September 2017. A full set of the agreed minutes from this meeting 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 also in attendance were District Cllr. Peter Barrowcliff, P & P Editor Dave McSkelly River/Flood Warden Martyn Gillingham, and Sarah Woods & Lisa Raison, Mosterton Pre-School. Apologies were received from County Cllr. Rebecca Knox, District Cllr. Tony Alford and Cllr. Anthony de la Poer.

❖ **Casual Vacancy on the Parish Council.** Asha Braginton was co-opted onto the Parish Council as a Chedington Councillor following the resignation of Liz Fray due to ill health.

❖ Report from District Councillors

➢ **District Cllr. Peter Barrowcliff** - Local Government Reorganisation is still in progress and the councils are waiting for a response from the Secretary of State. As part of the reorganisation, there are plans to devolve powers down to town and parish councils. Local councils will be given a grant to run the additional services once they have been decided. Cllr. Barrowcliff also reported that from 6th December 2018 there is to be a roll-out of the Universal Credit Scheme and housing benefit will be absorbed into this scheme.

❖ **Mosterton Pre-School** - Sarah Woods (Manager) and Lisa Raison (Chairman), gave a presentation about the new pre-school currently being built in the grounds of Parrett & Axe Primary School in Mosterton. Money raised over the past eight years plus a £70,000 grant from the Department of Education has been put towards the total cost of £180,000. Mosterton Parish Council has facilitated a loan of £40,000 to cover the shortfall. The pre-school takes children from 2 to rising five years and currently runs morning-only sessions in the village hall. The new purpose-built building will give much-needed extra space and will enable the pre-school to offer afternoon and holiday sessions and take advantage of the Government-funded 30 hours of childcare a week. Children from South Perrott and Chedington, attend the pre-school and will benefit from the additional hours available. They are appealing to our Parish Council to pay a contribution towards the costs. Members agreed to consider a contribution at the next meeting when the 2018/19 budget is discussed.

❖ Highways Issues:

- **Shire Cottage** – the roof was damaged by an HGV turning into Lecher Lane. A site visit was held with Simon Roberts, DCC Highways on 8th August. He is arranging for more hazard poles to be erected on the side of Shire Cottage and white lines to be extended alongside the property. He will also provide an additional “Unsuitable for HGVs” sign to be erected at the Lecher Lane turning.
- **White Lines & Kerbstones** – Simon Roberts has also requested resurfacing and re-whitening of the line from Hunters Hatch to Lecher Lane and the renewal of the white lines on Chedington Hill. He has also raised an order to repair the **Kerb Stones** outside the Coach House. In addition Dave Mc Skelly has reported a broken kerb stone on the drive to his property.
- **Vegetation obscuring signs** – This is a problem on the A356 approaches to South Perrott. It has been reported and will be chased up.
- The “**New Road Layout**” signs have now been removed from both ends of South Perrott.
- David Lines raised the subject of the **footway installed on the A356 through South Perrott** six years ago. The road surface is now looking very worn in places. He said that this had been a pilot traffic-calming project and should now be reviewed. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- **Speeding on A356** - this is an ongoing problem on the eastern approach to South Perrott.
- ❖ **Picket Lane Railings (part Second Section)** – Two quotations have been received from local builders and a third has been requested. Both builders have advised that building a retaining wall to support the river bank will be a very costly exercise and have recommended that the line of the railings is brought back slightly further away from the edge of the bank and new posts fixed securely into the ground.
- ❖ **Superfast Broadband** -. Jill Turner has visited the seven properties in the “not-spot” and tested the line speeds at different times of the day. All but one of the properties registered a line speed of just over 2 mbps which means that they cannot receive a Government subsidy. Jill was thanked for all her work in trying to resolve the problem.
- ❖ **Langmoor Lane Footpath** – a locked gate has been reported and Rights of Way alerted.
- ❖ **Millennium Green** - *Subsequent to the meeting the overgrown grass and blackthorn have been mown.*
- ❖ **BT Cables** – At the last meeting Peter Simmons reported that the telephone and internet cables, crossing his fields in Chedington were hanging dangerously low. This has been reported to Openreach on their Damage Reporting number and an engineer has made a site visit.
- ❖ **St Mary’s Church** – Concern was raised that the clock has not been working for over a year and why the repair is taking so long. The PCC is having problems contacting the repairer. It is hoped to be resolved soon.
- ❖ **Planning Matters –**
 - **New Applications considered:** - WD/D/17/00266 Shepherds Farmhouse, South Perrott – alterations, extension, porch & new garage/storage buildings.
 - **Decisions notified by WDDC:** - None.

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

Next meeting Thursday 9th November in Chedington Village Hall

'What's On' in South Perrott and Chedington

October 2017		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Sunday	1 st	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270
Monday	2 nd	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Wednesday	4 th	19:30	SP Fayre Meeting	SP Village Hall	Jill - 891291
Saturday	7 th	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Wednesday	11 th	19:30	Gardening Club with Don Everitt	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Thursday	12 th	19:00	Street Fair Meeting	Chedington Village Hall	Peter - 891232
Saturday	14 th	18:30	SP Club Curry Night	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
Friday	27 th	18:30	Curry Night	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270
Saturday	28 th	18:30	SP Club 1970s Night	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890

November 2017		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Wednesday	1 st	19:00	Defibrillator Seminar	SP Village Hall	Martyn - 891930
Saturday	4 th	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Sunday	5 th	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses Inn	James/Yvonne - 891270
Monday	6 th	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Wednesday	8 th	19:30	Garden Club AGM & supper	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Thursday	9 th	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedington Village Hall	Angela - 891931
Saturday	11 th	14:30	Autumn Bazaar	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224 Sylvia - 891234
Sunday	12 th	08:45	Big Breakfast	SP Village Hall	Martyn - 891931
Saturday	18 th	18:30	SP Club Western Night	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890

Regular Events – Autumn 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			
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	www.facebook.com/SouthPerrott www.facebook.com/ChedingtonVillage
Parish website	www.parrettandaxe.org.uk

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