

# THE PUMP & POUND

The Newsletter of Parrett & Axe Parish Council

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The change in the weather last weekend heralded the onset of autumn. Please remain mindful of the welfare of all our elderly and vulnerable residents as it becomes colder. This month we welcome Rebecca Taylor as our new Parish Clerk and record our thanks to Angela Gillingham who is retiring after 8 years of hard work on behalf of the PC and all villagers.

*Kate Organ, Chairman*

## South Perrott Village Fayre Sunday 12th August 11am-4pm

Sadly, the weather was not playing ball for the Village Fayre on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August but were we disheartened? Well, yes! Nevertheless, the Fayre went ahead in a much reduced form and a few hardy stall holders and visitors did arrive. The Somerset Red Arrows Majorettes were determined to come and they put on a brilliant display outside the beer tent (they didn't do badly with the cheesy chips inside the beer tent either!). Who but the Brits would put a beer tent in the middle of an empty field? Live music in the paddock could not be played but the Steel Band did play in the Coach and Horses in the evening where a BBQ was provided.



Despite the weather, the Fayre still managed to make a profit of over £3,800, partly due to earlier sales of plants and tickets for the Grand Raffle which was drawn at the Fayre.

Proceeds go to St Mary's Church with a donation to the village hall. The chairmen of the village hall 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!

## Appointment of Parish Clerk

We are pleased to announce that Rebecca Taylor has been appointed as our new Parish Clerk. Rebecca will start on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 and Angela Gillingham, our out-going Clerk, will work alongside her during October to ensure a smooth handover. Rebecca can be contacted on her home telephone number: 891264. The email address will remain the same [clerk@parrettandaxe.org.uk](mailto:clerk@parrettandaxe.org.uk)

## The Millennium Green – its Future!

Following the discussion at the South Perrott Annual Village Meeting earlier this year, it was agreed to survey residents to decide on the future of the Millennium Green. A questionnaire is enclosed with this issue seeking the views of everyone. **Please complete and return your questionnaire to Martyn by 31<sup>st</sup> October** so that the Trustees can take your opinion into consideration. The Millennium Green AGM will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7pm in South Perrott Village hall when the results of the survey will be presented and discussed. All are welcome.

## Big Breakfasts

The Big Breakfasts are back this winter, and the first will be held on Sunday 18th November, between 9am and 10.30am, in South Perrott Village Hall. This year we are supporting a local appeal to raise money to purchase specialised equipment for a little boy, living in School Hill, who suffers from cerebral palsy. Further dates for your diary are 13th January and 10th March 2019. Everyone welcome!

## South Perrott Steel Band

Band practices resumed in September and we are now working towards Christmas. Dates for your diary are Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018, when the Band will be playing carols in Beaminster Church, and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018, when they are playing in South Perrott Village Hall. New members are welcome to join at any time, Thursdays from 6.00 to 7.00pm, SP Village Hall.

**Stomping Normality** - There will be one more MAD (Music and Drama) event in The Coach and Horses on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018 from 6.30 to 7.30pm. This will be a chance for locals to try their songs, poems etc. before our 4<sup>th</sup> Christmas Carol Singalong on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 from 6.30 to 7.30pm.

*Mike Hayes 07762 260582 [singalong46@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:singalong46@yahoo.co.uk)*

## SP Club

The SP Club is back and refreshed after its summer break, the autumn events kicking off with a Pie Night on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October. This is followed in November with a Curry Night (3<sup>rd</sup>) and a Western Night (24<sup>th</sup>). SP Lottery draws will take place at these events. Booking helps the team to reduce waste and ensure that everyone gets a fair share. If you would like to come to any of these events, contact Michael on 891890 or Barry on 891033 (and don't forget to let them know if you have booked but then cannot attend). Remember to renew your membership at your next visit - it's only £1 for a year!

## Line Dancing in South Perrott

Now that Maggie has moved away, the line dancing troupe has rallied round and Louise is going to be taking up the reins to keep the class running. The classes will be on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 at the village hall (£3.00 per class). The first term will run from 18th September to 30th October (excluding Tuesday 23rd October). All ages and abilities are welcome, even those with two left feet! So, if you fancy some gentle exercise in a fun, informal atmosphere, come along and give it a go.

## World's Biggest Coffee Morning hosted by Seb Bailey

This was held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September in SPVH hosted by Seb with support from all his family. A total of £370 was raised in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. Thanks go to all those who baked and produced a delicious array of cakes and pastries and also to those who attended and donated to this worthy cause.

## South Perrott and Chedington Flower Show

The revamped 2018 flower show was a great day with exhibits up 20% on previous year despite the very hot summer conditions. Challenge trophy winners were Marina and Peter Blackwell (Chedington) and Karen and Richard Caile (South Perrott). On behalf of the organising committee, thanks to everyone involved; we hope that you all enjoyed the updated format of the show, and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2019.



## Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September, Elizabeth Holman, an advisor and garden designer, told us how to rejuvenate a tired garden. The key points are: to not overplant; to read the labels; to put plants in the right places - move plants from the wrong place at the earliest opportunity; provide light by pruning; add variety for colour; and most importantly feed and keep feeding!

At the club meeting on Wednesday October 10<sup>th</sup> Christine Stones will be giving a talk on the Trench Gardens of World War 1. The AGM is on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 19:30.

## Mosterton Preschool

The children have all settled back into preschool life. They are now enjoying our new sensory den and construction area and soon we will be looking forward to our Christmas festivities.

Our next fundraisers will be Bingo at Misterton Village Hall on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October (doors open at 6pm) and our Jumble Sale on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November in Mosterton Village Hall from 2 to 4pm - see you there! For more information please phone Sarah on 01308 868578. *Sarah Woods*

## Parrett & Axe Parish Council

Below is a summary of some of the topics discussed at the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018. A full set of the minutes from this meeting will be available on the Parish website ([www.parrettandaxe.org.uk](http://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 Cllr. Peter Barrowcliff, River Warden Martyn Gillingham and P & P Editor Dave McSkelly. Apologies were received from Cllr. Anthony de la Poer and Shona Meikle, Footpaths Officer Chedington.

### ❖ Reports from Councillors

- **District Cllr Peter Barrowcliff – commented.** The Shadow Council Appointments Committee has recommended that Matt Prosser should be appointed as the Chief Executive of Dorset Council. This will be the first appointment to the new unitary authority which goes live on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019. The final decision on this appointment will be made by the Shadow Dorset Council on 27<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr. Barrowcliff also provided an update on **Beaminster Square** and the damage to the building where the cash machine was sited. Whilst the building was being made safe and the area cleared, the Council agreed to temporary free parking in the town. He also commented on the proposed significant increase in the cost of **testing private water supplies** particularly for commercial users, which will include farmers and dairies.

### ❖ Highways Issues –

- A356 South Perrott – broken kerbstones on the footway have been repaired.
  - SP Village Sign A356 on the approach from Chedington is bent after being hit by a speeding car. The Clerk had informed DCC Highways who have said it is now the parish council's responsibility to repair this.
  - Drains in Pipplepen Lane. All drains have been cleared except the waterfall drain near the Village Hall entrance which remains blocked and is scheduled for clearance by Wessex Water.
  - Chedington "Slow Signs" - two more "slow" signs have been painted at the lower end of Chedington but neither is visible to drivers. There is still no sign at the Winyards Gap end. Clerk to chase.
  - Pothole opposite Book Tree Cottage, Chedington has re-opened. The Clerk has reported this.
  - The footpath from Chedington Lane to Picket Lane is blocked with brambles. Reported.
- ❖ **A356 Road and Footway** – resurfacing work on the A356 through South Perrott. *Subsequent to the meeting Mike Westwood, DCC Highways reported that work is due to take place on the A356 through*

the village in the next financial year. This is in their surface dressing programme and as part of their preparation work they will look at the flush kerbs.

- ❖ **Picket Lane Bridge and Riverbank** - the work to repair the wooden bridge in Picket Lane has been scheduled. Thanks were given to the residents who had filled the holes left when the posts were removed. Highways have now removed the cones.
- ❖ **Railway Bridge in Pipplepen Lane** – The Clerk has been in contact with North Perrott Parish Council. The work recently carried out at the railway bridge in Pipplepen Lane related to electric wire installation, but Somerset County Council have put pressure on Network Rail and it was hoped that the necessary work to prevent flooding under the bridge would be completed by the end of the year. *At the time of publication, the tunnel under the bridge is passable to both pedestrians and vehicles.*
- ❖ **Millennium Green** - See the item on the front of this issue and don't forget to complete and return the survey questionnaire enclosed!
- ❖ **Himalayan Balsam** - It was reported that Himalayan Balsam was growing between Bakers Mill and the Cattery in Chedington Lane, and that Beaminster Tunnel was inundated with it. County Highways and Beaminster Town Council have been informed.
- ❖ **Planning Matters –**
  - **New Applications considered:** - None
  - **Decisions notified by WDDC:** - None
- ❖ **Other Planning Issues –**
  - Rowan Tree Cottage, SP -The owners of this property initially obtained approval for a garage/carport (WD/D/16/002173), then for a garage/workshop (WD/D/18/000560) and a retrospective Non-Material Amendment. The Parish Council has received a new application (WD/D/18/001800) for comment on the current works.
  - Lower Chapel Marsh Farm, Beaminster (WD/D/18/001069) - the Parish Council had not been consulted on this recent application although, as an adjoining parish, we should have been given the opportunity to comment. Concerns were raised by local residents that the application contains a proposal to divert the existing footpath which runs across this Farm. A spokesman for the owners said there were no plans at the moment to remove the original footpath. The Parish Council have now received the plans and have submitted its comments to WDDC Planning department.
  - Concern has been expressed about the caravan on the small field in Bailey's Lane. The Environment Agency has been informed and a watching brief is being maintained.
  - Cllr Barrowcliff advised that there are three tiers of planning – National Planning Policy Framework, Local Plan, and Neighbourhood Plan. If an area has a neighbourhood plan in place it is easier for the planning department to adhere to the planning policy.

Applications pending and decisions notified can be viewed on [www.dorsetforyou.com](http://www.dorsetforyou.com)

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#### Parish Council Meetings for 2018:

All meetings start with the Public Session at 19:30

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November – South Perrott Village Hall

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

October 2018		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	11:00	Coffee Club	Shire Cottage, SP	Michael - 891890
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
		18:30	SP Club – Pie Night	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890 Barry - 891033
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Garden Club with Christine Stones	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Curry night	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Pre-Halloween Party	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270

November 2018		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
		18:30	SP Club – Curry Night	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890 Barry - 891033
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	SP Village Hall	Angela - 891931
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup>	14:30	Church Bazaar	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224 Sylvia - 891234
					Wednesday
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	18:30	MAD Hour	Coach & Horses	Mike - 077622 60582
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup>	09:00	Big Breakfast	SP Village Hall	Martyn - 891931
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	19:00	Millennium Green AGM	SP Village Hall	Martyn - 891931
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup>	18:30	SP Club – Western Night	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890 Barry - 891033
					Friday

### Regular Events – Autumn 2018

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
			SP Village Hall	Louise - 891600
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:

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Chedington	<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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#### South Perrott Village Hall:

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