

# THE PUMP & POUND

South Perrott and Chedington Newsletter

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What a fantastic summer we have had! Not only record temperatures, but also record (or nearly record), fundraising by the residents of our two villages. Chedington's Open Gardens in June and South Perrott's Village Fayre in August produced excellent results due to the hard work and support from our comparatively small communities. Although Parrett and Axe, our joint Parish Council, is soon to be split between the two villages, we look forward to continuing with a close association and joint involvement in our social events and activities. As shown in "What's On" we have a full autumn programme for you to enjoy.

Ten years ago, Dave and I were chatting over a pint of beer (in my case a glass of wine!), and we agreed there should be a free newsletter delivered to all households in the two villages informing everyone of "What's On". We never thought then that ten years later we would be producing Issue No: 50 and are now looking forward to our 100<sup>th</sup> edition!

*The Editors*

## Parrett and Axe Parish Council

A meeting was held in Chedington on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at which the residents present voted to move away from a joint Parish Council with South Perrott and form a separate one. This was with the intention of holding village meetings in the future. South Perrott residents agreed at a meeting in April 2019 that they wished to retain a Parish Council, which would operate independently. Dorset Council was informed of these decisions and is now moving forward with the process of separating Chedington and South Perrott into two separate Parish Councils. There is currently no date available for when this process will be completed, but we have been assured that the matter is progressing.

## South Perrott Fayre Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 11am - 4pm

A huge thank you to everyone involved, it's a wonderful result with £4,368.63 being raised! Following last year's washout, we were lucky that the rain held off until 3:30pm, but the lousy weather forecast probably deterred many people. All things considered we did really well again. The Village Hall car park had a real buzz this time; it was great to have all the Village stalls together. Thank you to Barry for the idea and for the superb bunting decor! The star prize has to go to the raffle, with a staggering £1,115 profit, with Patsy's plants close behind - not that it's a competition of course, because every £1 counts and represents a lot of hard work. Thank you again everyone. Any thoughts for next year - please get in touch!

*Jill Turner*



## SP Club/South Perrott Village Hall

Sadly, SP Club events have been suspended for now. However, the Village Hall will be hosting a number of future events including the Charity Race Night mentioned below, a Village Christmas dinner, a party to celebrate the Village Hall's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday in January and the popular St George's Day dinner next April.

## Back by Popular Demand - South Perrott Charity Race Night

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Race Night is on Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> in South Perrott Village Hall. Falling between Halloween and the Gunpowder Plot, the theme this time is "Ghosts, Ghouls and Guys" so start planning those Ghastly Garments! More information will be following by both poster and flyer. Contact: [chrisandtony92@gmail.com](mailto:chrisandtony92@gmail.com) or 01935 892330

## The Millennium Green

Last call for the Working Parties arranged for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October! If you are able to help on either or both days, please contact Jo Caughlin at [j.caughlin76@gmail.com](mailto:j.caughlin76@gmail.com)

We are planning to juice the apples from the trees on the Millennium Green during October and will be selling bottles of Millennium Green Apple Juice at the Autumn Bazaar on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November as part of our fund raising efforts. Please support the Bazaar and buy some apple juice!

The Annual General Meeting of the Millennium Green will be held in South Perrott Village Hall on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm, to be followed by cheese and wine. Come along and hear about our exciting plans for the rejuvenation of the Green.

## The Big Breakfasts

The Big Breakfasts are returning to South Perrott Village Hall this winter on the following Sundays; 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 12<sup>th</sup> January and 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020. If you haven't joined us before, you can be sure of a warm welcome with a delicious full English breakfast and as much toast, tea or coffee as you can manage. For lighter appetites we offer a healthy porridge option. All profits are donated to a local worthy cause and in past years we have raised money for The Church Bell Fund, the Millennium Green, Village Defibrillator Fund, Mosterton Pre-School, and Oliver's Eye Gaze. We look forward to seeing you at the next one on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November between 9 and 10:45 am.

## It's Official; South Perrott is Hedgehog Friendly!

Well done and congratulations to everyone in South Perrott who have been involved in making this village hedgehog friendly! Dorset Mammal Group has officially recognised this village as one that is committed to taking their wildlife care seriously and have added our data to their project. For all of you yet to get in touch, it's not too late to inform me about your spikey visitors or just to tell me about some of the changes you've made to make your gardens more hedgehog friendly. This project will be going on for the foreseeable future and winter is a great time to begin planning how you can get involved next year so please get in touch.



In the second hog meeting, held on August 10<sup>th</sup>, new people signed up and provided feedback on hog visitations, which was fantastic! As a result, more sighting spots have been added to our map indicating a healthy hog population. We also had £78 contributed on the night - Dorset Mammal Group are putting it to good use and enabling newly rescued hogs to be looked after and microchipped before being re-released, so thank you.

There will also be a second South Perrott Hedgehog newsletter, planned for late October. This will update everyone on the current mailing list with the latest sightings, hibernation information and the launch of a competition to build the best food stations...email [j.caughlin76@gmail.com](mailto:j.caughlin76@gmail.com) if you would like to receive the newsletter so that you can take part.

Remember, now that autumn has arrived, hogs will be preparing to go into hibernation for the winter. Please take care when letting your dogs out, building log piles and cutting back your hedges; you may be disturbing a hedgehog building a nest.

*Jo Caughlin*

## South Perrott Flower & Produce Show September 2019

Once again, the flower show was a great day with plenty of wonderful exhibits, and a well-supported auction and raffle.

Section winners included Richard Caile (Veg), Marina Blackwell (Flowers), Yvonne Sullivan (Floral Art), Bob Buckland (Fruit), Dominic De La Poer (Cookery), Susan Aspinall (Arts and crafts) and Peter Blackwell (Photography).

Chedington Challenge trophy winners were jointly Marina and Peter Blackwell and Carole and Ivan Williams whilst South Perrott trophy winners were Karen and Richard Caile.

On behalf of the organising committee, thanks to everyone involved; we hope that you all enjoyed the show and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2020.



## South Perrott Steel Band

The Steel Band will be performing carols in Beaminster Square as part of the Christmas Lighting Festival on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. Please come and support this free event.

End of Term Performance including carols, mulled wine and mince pies will be held in South Perrott Village Hall on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 6 to 7pm. Admission is free.

Mike Hayes and Friends will also be performing at Beaminster Church on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November from 12 noon to 12:45pm. All are welcome

## Stomping Normality

This year we will be joining the good folk of Chedington for our 5<sup>th</sup> Singalong Carol Night featuring MAD – Music and Drama - performances. Start practicing! Further details including venue will be published in the next issue.

*Mike Hayes 891034*

## St. Mary's Church

Thanks to everyone who helped make our Summer Fayre such a great success. The village always helps to raise funds for the church by holding events throughout the year and the church is well supported by our bell ringers and small choir. However, the future of our church as a place of worship is at risk. The congregation has dwindled to a very low number, generally between 2 and 5. The Parish Church Council is looking to try to make the Sunday Service a more social occasion, serving refreshments after the 11:00am services and possibly holding a Pet Service later in the year. A number of families in the village attend other churches for various reasons, but please visit St Mary's when you can. If you are not a church goer, come and visit us anyway; everyone is welcome.

The harvest tea on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October will consist of a short service at the church followed by refreshments in the Village Hall. Donations are for the Farmers Benevolent Fund. Please ring Ann (891224) if you are able to help with this or at the Church Bazaar on the Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

## SLOTTERY

Renewals and application were due by the end of September. It's £10 for 10 months. More forms are available! The first draw will now take place at the Quiz Night in the Coach and Horses at 7.30pm on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Contact Jill Turner, Church Hill, Riverside, [southperrott@hotmail.com](mailto:southperrott@hotmail.com)

## News from the Pubs

The **Coach and Horses** are having a Fancy Dress Halloween Party on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October from 7pm onwards with prizes for the best costume. They will be closed from 1<sup>st</sup> November reopening at 6pm on 4<sup>th</sup> November and the quiz will be a week later than normal on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>. There are two Charity Events scheduled – a Coffee Morning on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October and a Breakfast on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Both are from 10am to 1pm and are in aid of Women V Cancer.

**Winyards Gap** will be hosting their scary Halloween party on Friday 1st November and Bad Edukation will be playing live from 8pm. Come in fancy dress and you could win a prize.

## Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club

After the summer break, the regular meetings of the club resumed on Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup> when Clive Farrell talked about the development of Ryewater Nursery, near Sherborne, specifically for butterflies. It was fascinating to hear about the different habitats that had been created and the way in which butterflies had recolonised the area. The number of different birds that had been observed on the reserve was also very impressive which goes to show that if you get the garden right for butterflies; other insects and animals will appear. We will try and arrange a visit to Ryewater next summer for anyone that is interested.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October when Alison Lemey of Liberty Orchards will be speaking.

The AGM and supper are on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. New members are always welcome.

## A Christmas Carol 2019

No nativity is planned for this year - we need a fallow year to produce another Baby Jesus, so this, and promises of donkeys and sheep, will be very welcome for next year - 2020!

However, I just wondered if there might be an appetite for an attempt at a dramatization of A Christmas Carol? If this interests you in any capacity (acting, reading, staging, music, costume) please let me (Michelle) know on 01935 891034 or [mgh62x@gmail.com](mailto:mgh62x@gmail.com). When I have gauged interest, I will make firmer plans.

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The next edition of The Pump & Pound will be published at the end of November. Contributions should be sent to Sue or Dave by **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**.

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

October 2019		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891224
Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	Working Party	Millennium Green	Jo/Martyn - 891931
		19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	19:00	Gardening Club with Liberty Orchards	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup>	15:00	Harvest Tea	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Charity Coffee Morning	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270
Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup>	18:00	Halloween Party (fancy dress)	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270

November 2019		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup>	18:00	Halloween Party	Winyard's Gap Inn	Toby/Michelle - 891244
Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
		18:30	Charity Race Night	SP Village Hall	Chris - 892330
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	14:30	Church Bazaar	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224 Sylvia - 891234
		09:00	Big Breakfast	SP Village Hall	Martyn - 891931
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270
		19:30	Garden Club AGM	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Garden Club AGM	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>	12:00	Mike Hayes & Friends	Beaminster Church	Mike - 891034
Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Charity Breakfast	Coach & Horses	James/Yvonne - 891270
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	19:00	Millennium Green AGM	SP Village Hall	Martyn - 891931
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	SP Steel Band	Beaminster Square	Mike - 891034

### Regular Events – Autumn 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
		Short Mat Bowls	SP Village Hall	Doreen - 891431
		Line Dancing	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	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/SouthPerrott">www.facebook.com/SouthPerrott</a>
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>

### Local Contacts:

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**Winyard's Gap** Toby/Michelle 01935 891244

#### St Mary's Church:

Church Warden Vacant  
 Treasurer Jane Baker 01935 891049

#### South Perrott Village Hall:

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

#### Millennium Green:

Secretary Martyn Gillingham 01935 891931

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