

THE PUMP & POUND

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This is the last time I write as the Chairman of the parish council. Having served on the Council for the last 16 years, four of those as Chairman, I have decided it is time to step back. I would like to thank all those who've supported the Parish Council during my time in office and if I was to single out anyone it would have to be the Clerk who has done a magnificent job, especially putting up with me! I'd just like to encourage one or more of you, who belong to the 99% of the population that are more than capable of being a councillor, to put yourselves forward.

Michael Johnson, Chairman

Your Parish Council Needs You!

Why not become a parish councillor? Local Elections will be taking place on **Thursday 7th May 2015** and this is an opportunity for anyone who is eligible and interested to serve as a councillor on Parrett & Axe Parish Council, which is comprised of the parishes of Chedington and South Perrott. Chedington has three seats to fill as does South Perrott making a total of six in all.

This is a rewarding role as the parish council is the collective voice for the community it serves. The Parish Council is consulted on nearly everything that happens in its area. It takes an active part in influencing what services are provided and required. It represents the entire electorate thereby striving to improve the quality of life within its communities.

In particular **Parrett & Axe Parish Council**: -

- is consulted on all planning applications within the two parishes;
- liaises with Dorset County Council, West Dorset District Council, statutory and non-statutory bodies as required and appropriate;
- can provide small grants to village organisations;
- holds six full council meetings a year;
- and produces a bi-monthly newsletter, The Pump and Pound.

Please apply for nomination as a parish councillor at the forthcoming election and give this valuable and worthwhile role your serious consideration.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the parish clerk, Bridge Farmhouse Picket Lane, email clerk@parrettandaxe.org.uk, phone 01935 891931. Please ensure that your nomination is received at West Dorset District Council at the latest by 16:00 hours Thursday 9th April 2015.

Persons nominated will be published at **16:00 hours Friday 10th April 2015** and displayed on the Parish Council Notice Boards and website.

Further information including eligibility criteria is available at www.dorsetforyou.com/elections or www.electoralcommission.org.uk

Richard wins his trophy!!

This year's annual charity skittles knock-out competition raised £175 towards the upkeep of South Perrott & Chedington Millennium Green. Richard Coutanche beat 40 other competitors to win the trophy which he sponsors.

The trustees and organisers thank all those who supported the event as well as those that were unable to attend and made donations. Thanks also go to Jill Knights for running the raffle and to Jane at the Coach & Horses for providing the hot buffet.

The Millennium Green is in a beautiful location and well worth the walk. There are benches on which to relax before you make your leisurely return journey.

The Millennium Green relies on the generosity of the community to provide funds for its maintenance. This includes insurance and its general upkeep such as grass cutting and hedge trimming. If you would like to make a donation please contact Wendy on 891890.

The next **Big Bells Breakfast** takes place on Sunday 12th April in South Perrott Village Hall between 9am and 11am. Come along and enjoy a full English breakfast with toast and coffee or tea for just £5. Cooked to order by the bellringers.



Calling EVERYONE! - South Perrott Village Open Day Meeting

I will be delighted if you can attend the open meeting on **Tuesday 21st April 2015 at 7pm** in South Perrott Village Hall, to discuss events for this year's Village Open day, which is on Sunday 9th August. Everyone is welcome. Please come along; we need your help. If you can't make the meeting you can contact me on 01935 891224. *Ann Studley*

Annual Village Meetings – South Perrott and Chedington

Each village will be holding its annual meeting in April or May. Dates will be notified separately when confirmed.

Telephone Fraud

Telephone fraudsters are targeting Dorset residents. Cold callers posing as the police or bank staff trick people into transferring money to a fake bank account or sending it via courier. Protect yourself!

- **Never** give out your pin number or bank details to ANYONE who calls you, no matter who they claim to be, or where they claim to be from.
- **Never** send cash in a taxi or via courier.
- **Never** send bank cards anywhere – always keep them with you.

The fraudsters often keep the phone line open, so wait 5 minutes to allow the line to clear before using the phone (always listen for the dial tone). If you think that you have been targeted, contact the police on 101.

Dorset Waste Partnership Service Delayed!

The introduction of the new waste collection service has been delayed until the week beginning 19th October 2015, when the new waste transfer station in Bridport will be ready to receive the collected material. The new bins will be delivered in September.

Bluebell Walk - Sunday 10th May - Come and be refreshed after the trauma of the general election! No matter who has won, the Bluebells in Chedington will be as lovely as ever and so will the Beech trees with their mantles of new leaves. Several gardens in the village will be open for visitors to enjoy and teas will be served in the village hall from 2pm.

Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club - February's talk was about gardening folklore. Did you know seed potatoes must be planted on Good Friday as that is the only day the devil does not work? On a less whimsical note there was a great deal of good advice. For example for those with the dreaded Mare's tail, plant marigolds amongst it. Although it won't get rid of it in the first year, if you persist it will work eventually. In March, Mary Benger spoke about her passion for plants with slides of her garden, which included some unusual shrubs. April's tip - leave weeds to seed and you will have seven years of weeding!

Parrett & Axe Parish Council

Below is a summary of some of the topics discussed at the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 12th March 2015. 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. Caroline Payne and Janet Page and PCSO Alex Bishop. Apologies were received from Cllrs. Anita Legg and Liz Fray and Footpaths Officer, Dominic de la Poer.

REPORTS FROM THE COUNCILS:

- **West Dorset District Council:**
District Cllr Caroline Payne advised that the roll-out of the kerb recycling scheme is likely to be delayed until August/September, as reported above.
- ❖ **PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS – 7TH MAY 2015** – As featured on the front page.
- ❖ **Highways Issues:**
 - **A356 Road** – Crossing outside Bakers Arms – Mr & Mrs Thackwell have received confirmation from DCC, following intervention by Oliver Letwin MP, that the crossing in front of their property is to be removed. Remedial work had been unsuccessful in eliminating the noise nuisance.
 - **Speed limit - 20mph in South Perrott?** A number of residents have suggested that a 20mph speed limit should be introduced through the centre of the village. This has not been implemented as it is unenforceable because there is no school along this stretch of road.
 - **A356 White lines and Cats Eyes** – the clerk has met with DCC Highways and indicated the location of missing white lines and cat's eyes on the road between South Perrott and Chedington. There is money in the Highways' budget for this work and it is now scheduled to be done.
 - **Hill Farm bend** - Water is still tracking diagonally across the A356 from Lecher Lane junction in the direction of Hill Farm lower gate. The clerk will contact DCC again as it is a potential hazard.
- ❖ **Junction A3066/Lecher Lane** - The clerk advised that the parish council's formal request for a dedicated right-turn lane into Lecher Lane had been added to the list of schemes for Local Transport

Plan funding. Highway engineers will carry out a feasibility study to assess possible options and costs. This work will be prioritised against other schemes for possible funding.

- ❖ **Fly tipping in Lecher Lane** – Fly tipping is a continuing problem in Lecher Lane. Rubbish has been dumped in the lay-by, on top of hedges and along the sides of the road. The DWP Refuse collectors have removed the obvious garbage and urge the public to be considerate when disposing of their waste.
- ❖ **Picket Lane - broken railings** – DCC have now agreed that these are safety railings and not just decorative. Discussions are in hand to carry out the repairs. **Mud on road** – Following a number of complaints regarding excessive mud on Picket Lane, DCC Highways have advised that if a farmer does not clear the mud that they cause on a road, then Highways will clear it and charge the farmer accordingly.
A complaint has been received about the **broken road surface** in Picket Lane near the nursery, which could deteriorate further if not resurfaced.
Two residents have recently reported being **bitten by dogs at Picket Farm**, whilst walking or jogging up Picket Lane. It was understood that the dogs would now be muzzled when outside.
- ❖ **Chedington Lane** – the lane between Sandy Knapp and Chedington Lane is still in need of repair.
- ❖ **Superfast Broadband** – A resident reported that South Perrott was not included in the list of parishes on the Dorsetforyou website due for upgrade to superfast broadband in 2015. The parish council has been advised that we are still on target for this year. The Clerk is to follow this up.
- ❖ **Community Police Report** – PCSO Alex Bishop reported that there had been no crimes in the immediate area, but there had been some local thefts or attempted thefts of power tools. Also, the Police have received a number of reports of scam phone calls and everyone is reminded never to disclose bank account details over the phone. People can contact “**Action Fraud**” to report such calls. There has recently been a disturbance in Chedington and PCSO Alex Bishop agreed to follow this up.
- ❖ **Planning Applications** –
 - Decisions notified: WD/D/14/002843 Coach & Horses Inn, South Perrott – to construct a garage, cold store and cellar. Approved.
 - WD/D/14/003173 (Listed Building Consent) Cornerways, South Perrott – internal and external alterations. This application has now been withdrawn.
 - Applications pending and decisions notified can be viewed on www.dorsetforyou.com.

Parish Councillors

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Public Session - Following a trial period, members agreed to keep the Public Session at the start of the meetings for the remainder of this Council's term of office. All meetings start at 19:30

Parish Council Meetings for 2015:

Thursday 14th May (incl. AGM) - South Perrott
 Thursday 9th July - Chedington
 Thursday 10th September - South Perrott
 Thursday 12th November - Chedington

What's On in South Perrott and Chedington?

April 2015		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	4 th	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891035
Sunday	12 th	09:00-11:00	Big Bells Breakfast	SP Village hall	Martyn - 891931
Monday	6 th	11:00	Coffee Club	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Wednesday	8 th	19:30	Gardening Club	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Sunday	12 th	19:30	Bingo	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Tuesday	21 st	19:00	South Perrott Village Open Day meeting	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Friday	24 th	12:30	Lunch Club – Speaker Bhavani Hogarty	Winyards Gap	Michelle/Toby - 891244
Saturday	25 th	19:00	St George's Day Dinner	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890

May 2015		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Sunday	3 rd	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Monday	4 th	11:00	Coffee Club	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Saturday	9 th	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891035
Sunday	10 th	14:00	Bluebell Walk & Teas	Chedington Village hall	Ivan - 891059
		19:30	Bingo	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Wednesday	13 th	19:30	Gardening Club	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Thursday	14 th	19:30	Parish Council Meeting (includes AGM)	SP Village Hall	Angela - 891931
Friday	29 th	12:30	Lunch Club – Speaker Oliver Letwin	Winyards Gap	Michelle/Toby - 891244

Regular Events – Spring 2015

Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Every Monday	14:00	Art Classes	SP Village Hall	Rose - 891808
	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 Thursday	09:30	Yoga	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
	17:15	Zumba	SP Village Hall	Ali - 01460 74546/
	18:15	Pilates	SP Village Hall	07753533727
Every Friday	10:00	Upholstery	SP Village Hall	Helen 01460 626211

Future Events:

Chedington Street Fair - Saturday 25th July 2015.
South Perrott Open Day - Sunday 9th August 2015.

Local Contacts:

Chedington Village Hall:

Chairman Vacant
Bookings Ivan Williams 01935 891059

Winyards Gap Toby/Michelle 01935 891244

St Mary's Church:

Church Warden Peter Coles 01935 891232
Treasurer Wendy Stevenette 01935 891890

South Perrott Village Hall:

Chairman Dave McSkelly 01935 891891
Secretary Michael Stevenette 01935 891890
Bookings Vicky Reed 01935 891654

Coach & Horses Jane 01935 891270

Millennium Green:

Secretary Martyn Gillingham 01935 891931