

THE PUMP & POUND

The Newsletter of Parrett & Axe Parish Council

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Welcome to the fifth issue of The Pump & Pound. In the last edition I reported that an independent safety review of the A356 had been completed the main findings of which were detailed in the body of the newsletter. By the removal of the raised footway and reinstatement of the road at Hill Farm you will have seen that DCC Highways have started implementing the recommended actions that were agreed with the Parish Council.

The Parish Council sees the refurbishment of the Pound at South Perrott as very much a community project rather than just a Council one although we will give as much support as possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all parishioners to attend their respective Village Meetings, 17th April in Chedington and 8th May in South Perrott. These are good forums for people to discuss issues affecting their communities.

Mike Johnson - Chairman

Refurbishment of The Pound, South Perrott

Historically, The Pound was where stray animals were impounded until a fine was paid and where drovers could leave their animals in safety while they quenched their thirst in one of South Perrott's hostleries. It was used in this way until well into the 20th Century. It is now a layby and occasional bus stop.



At the parish council meeting on 8th March 2012 there was general agreement from all the attendees in favour of the refurbishment of The Pound. A number of suggestions were made including the replacement of the existing bench and the installation of stone planters as well as cutting back foliage and general maintenance work. A budget will be required for this work and funding will be sought. **There is the opportunity to put forward your ideas or make comment at the Annual Village Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 8th May 2012 starting at 7pm.**

Chedington Pump

From the above, it will be clear how part of the name for this publication was derived; South Perrott has The Pound. What about The Pump? Well the Pump is in Chedington where it is a reminder of earlier times before each cottage had the luxury of its own water supply which arrived in the village towards the end of the 1940s. The pump still works as long as it is primed.



South Perrott Spring Clean – Sunday 29th April 2012

Calling all residents of South Perrott! As part of the West Dorset Spring Clean 1st - 30th April 2012, a village Spring Clean, organised by Sue Coutanche on behalf of the Parish Council, has been arranged for Sunday 29th April at 10:30. Please meet in The Pound where tabards, gloves and waste sacks will be issued. We would also like to remind ALL residents to take pride in their village and remove litter and obtrusive foliage from outside their property. For further details contact Sue on 891019.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations - A Date for your Diary

As part of the nationwide celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, South Perrott will be hosting a **Diamond Jubilee Tea** from 3pm – 6pm on Sunday 3rd June 2012 in the Paddock (Peter Hinton's field), which is off Picket Lane and alongside the Churchyard. This is a fun event for all with games and music, including **Best Crown** and **Fairy Cakes** competitions. Commemorative mementos will be presented to all the children and young people (0 – 16). Food and soft drinks will be provided free of charge. Everyone (children and adults alike) in South Perrott and Chedington will receive a personal invitation.

Millennium Green Skittles Night

The Skittles evening held at The Coach & Horses on 17th March 2012 went well. Tim Bartlett won the trophy for the second consecutive year and £95 was raised for the Millennium Green. Gary & Gill provided a hot buffet and everyone said it was an enjoyable evening.

Lent Lunch

Chedington's annual Lent Lunch at Sandy Knapp was an enjoyable opportunity to socialize. Peter and Joy are most grateful to all for the £143 that has gone to the Shelter Box Appeal.

Chedington and South Perrott Garden Club

Folklore Myths and Legends? We thought that it was only necessary to cultivate our patch during daylight hours. Not so, according to the hilarious and informative Mike Burks at the February meeting. In order to select the best time for planting our root crops, we must dedicate our nights too! We need to be aware of the phases of the moon and when the time is just right, at night preferably naked, we plant! So should you see your neighbour in the garden, at full moon, disrobed, do not be alarmed! They are just giving their crops the best possible start. Or are they?

By contrast and equally interesting, at the March meeting we had Becky Groves speaking briefly about the setting up of Little Groves. She went on to give us the benefit of her knowledge and experience in horticulture as well as many aspects of environmental studies. A very gifted and enthusiastic speaker, she is one of the youngest experts that we have had.

We are looking ahead now to April 11th for which the topic is Garden Design with Philip Gamble.

Parrett & Axe Parish Council

Below is a summary of some of the topics discussed at the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 8th March 2012. 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, County Councillor Rebecca Knox and District Councillors Caroline Payne and Janet Page were also in attendance.

- ❖ **Council Tax Frozen** - As well as the Council Tax, the Parish Council precept has also been frozen for 2012/3.
- ❖ **Refurbishment of The Pound, South Perrott** (*featured on the Front page*)
- ❖ **South Perrott Spring Clean** (*featured on the Front page*)
- ❖ **A356 Road Scheme** - Andrew Bradley advised that following the Safety Audit recommendations, DCC Highways was intending to remove the kerbstones associated with the footway around Hill Farm at the western end of the village and replace with buff surfacing. A "strip" 1 metre from the verge will be painted to define a footway/safety margin. They will also be reinstating the two "SLOW" signs on the entrance into the village.
- ❖ A resident had put forward a proposal that traffic entering the village from the Dorchester direction should be given priority in the narrow section of the road by Swing Gate Cottage to prevent vehicles needing to reverse back into Picket Lane. DCC Highways had responded that the Road Safety Audit had highlighted the need for "road narrows" signs, which have been erected. There is on-going dialogue with regard to other safety measures for this particular section of the road.
- ❖ **A356 Flooding** - It was reported that the road floods outside Sarum and that water collects outside a number of other properties in South Perrott following heavy rainfall. DCC Highways have been notified.
- ❖ **Proliferations of Animal Excreta in South Perrott** - Residents are reminded that it is their responsibility to remove their pet's faeces from all public footpaths including grassed public areas. Recently there has been an increase in dog excrement on public footpaths and spaces. This is not only unpleasant but also a health hazard. PLEASE be responsible and remove your dog's litter.

- ❖ **Broadband** - County Cllr Rebecca Knox reported that DCC had been successful in its bid to Broadband Delivery UK for superfast broadband in Dorset. A total of £40 million funding had been secured. The Council hoped to be able to procure the service in the second half of this year with implementation of the infrastructure commencing at the beginning of next year. As a result the majority of premises should have access to superfast broadband with the “final mile” connection to the property being undertaken jointly by the internet service provider and the property owner. The Broadband project team will be holding information events and visiting town and parish councils.
- ❖ **Diamond Jubilee Celebrations** - The Clerk advised that an organisation called “Trees for Dorset” was offering ten Dorset parishes a free tree to be planted for the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. She had succeeded in obtaining a tree for our parish and this will be delivered in November 2012. It was agreed that this should be planted on the Millennium Green and the Clerk will liaise with the organisation and Bob Buckland to select the most suitable type of tree and planting location.
- ❖ **Gypsy Sites** – Cllrs Payne & Page reported that there will be no additional gypsy sites in West Dorset. Wintergreen Barn, one of the two gypsy sites earmarked in Beaminster had been removed from the list of sites because it did not have planning permission; however following an appeal it is likely to go back on the list.
- ❖ **Empty Properties** - Cllr Payne advised that there was a Government initiative to bring empty properties back into use and asked people to let her know of any properties that, for instance, had not been lived in for six months.
- ❖ **Langmoor Lane Footpath, South Perrott** - Footpaths Officer, Dominic de la Poer, advised that the footpath signs on Langmoor Lane, South Perrott, had been changed and were now correctly positioned to direct walkers through the first gate into the field. The previous signs had been incorrect.
- ❖ **Village Sign** - it was reported that the South Perrott village sign near the old Golf Course had been demolished. DCC Highways have been notified. *NB This has now been reinstated.*
- ❖ **Pipplepen Farm - Planning application to infill 0.65 hectares with soil and hard core to restore to pasture land.** The clerk advised that she had contacted Somerset CC to ascertain the outcome of this application. Somerset CC is likely to recommend a five year temporary permission for the movement of lorry loads of material. The material will be coming to the site from a variety of sources/locations. All the traffic will need to approach the site from South Perrott as the road to the north is unsuitable for access. There are likely to be periods of activity as material becomes available, interspersed by lulls.

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Next Parish Council Meeting Date:

Thursday 10th May 2012 (includes AGM) Chedington Village Hall

What's On in South Perrott and Chedington?

		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
April 2012					
Sunday	1 st	19:00	Quiz	Coach & Horses	Gary/Gill - 891270
Monday	2 nd	11:00	Coffee Club	Coach & Horses	Gary/Gill - 891270
Friday	6 th	21:00	Live Music with Left Right & Centre	Coach & Horses	Gary/Gill - 891270
Wednesday	11 th	19:30	Gardening Club	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Sunday	15 th	19:00	Music Quiz	Coach & Horses	Gary/Gill - 891270
Tuesday	17 th	19:00	Village Meeting followed by Village Hall AGM	Chedington Village Hall	Joy - 891232
Saturday	21 st	18:30	St. Georges Day Dinner	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
Sunday	29 th	10:30	Village Spring Clean	The Pound	Sue - 891019
Sunday	29 th	12:00	BBQ & live music	Coach & Horses	Gary/Gill - 891270
Sunday	29 th	14:30	Village Gardens Open & Bluebell Teas	Chedington	Joy - 891232
May 2012					
Sunday	6 th	19:00	Quiz	Coach & Horses	Gary/Gill - 891270
Monday	7 th	11:00	Coffee Club	Coach & Horses	Gary/Gill - 891270
Tuesday	8 th	19:00	Village Meeting followed by Village Hall AGM	SP Village Hall	Angela - 891931
Wednesday	9 th	TBA	Garden Club - Evening Visit to Brimsmore Garden Centre		Peter - 891232
Thursday	10 th	19:30	Parish Council Meeting (includes AGM)	Chedington Village Hall	Angela - 891931
Sunday	13 th	19:00	Bingo	Coach & Horses	Gary/Gill - 891270
Saturday	19 th	20:00	Live music & buffet	Coach & Horses	Gary/Gill - 891270
Saturday	26 th	19:00	Skittles Competition	Coach & Horses	Gary/Gill - 891270

Regular Events – Spring 2012

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	Coach & Horses	Ella - 01308868834 Barbara - 01308867891 Martyn - 891931
Every Tuesday	14:00	Short Mat Bowls	SP Village Hall	Bob - 891404
Every Tuesday	18:30	Aerobics with Gemma	SP Village Hall	Gemma - 07767083780
Every Thursday	09:30	Yoga	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Every Friday	10:00	Upholstery	SP Village Hall	Helen - 0146062621

Other Contacts

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South Perrott Village Hall:

Chairman Dave McSkelly 01935 891891
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Bookings Vicky Reed 01935 891654
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Coach & Horses Millennium Green

Secretary Martyn Gillingham 01935 891931