

THE PUMP & POUND

The Newsletter of Parrett & Axe Parish Council

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Welcome to the second issue of The Pump & Pound. I hope that you like the new format and find it informative. The A356 continues to be a major concern and I have been involved in further and on-going meetings, the details of which I will report at the next Parish Council meeting. If you have any articles that you would like included, we are pleased to receive your suggestions. Also, if you have any comments on the format please contact our editor, Dave McSkelly (01935 891891, email davemcskelly@aol.com), or any Parish Councillor. Finally, I would like to thank Martyn Gillingham and Peter Blackwell for providing the photographs used in this edition.

Mike Johnson - Chairman

And the fund raising goes on!

The Chedington Quiz night on 9th September produced a very creditable £331.50 to boost the hall funds. The hall was full; everybody abuzz with anticipation of a fun evening, which Mary and David delivered. They produced an eclectic mix of questions and pictures, and credit to the grand children for the "hi tec" music round. Such a relaxed atmosphere with much laughter whilst rooting about in brains for trivia that we never knew that we knew, and also, that which we knew we knew, but which refused to surface. Rita's table won, and the prize of wine was most appropriate on her big 0 birthday!

Oh yes, a very good supper too! Good food, good wine and good company.

The bargain hunters were out in force at the jumble sale in South Perrott on 10th September. The rather indifferent weather forecast meant that the car park was not used and everything was squeezed into the hall. Despite this, there were people queuing from 1.30pm (the doors didn't open until 2.30!). Many left with arms full of goods, and a good few had to make multiple trips to their vehicles. When the sale closed at 4.30, £320 had been raised for St Mary's Church funds and the Millennium Green Trust.

Fun in the sun at the Annual Village Picnic

In bright sunshine the Millennium Green looked resplendent decked out in multi-coloured bunting. The 24 adults and 8 children attending the annual village picnic tucked into chicken drumsticks and sausage rolls, followed by coffee cupcakes and strawberry scones. As well as the usual adventure play equipment, the children could try their hand at table hoop-la and ball in the bucket. After the meal the children, and even a few adults, took part in egg and spoon and three legged races before finishing with a hotly contested tug of war!

A good time was had by all! We look forward to next summer when we hope even more villagers – young and old – will join in the fun! BUT don't just wait until next summer. The Millennium Green is a place to enjoy for its beauty and tranquillity throughout the year. AND, for the more energetic, a place to exercise!



Tug o' war – take the strain

Come on Chedington! (A message from the Village Hall Chairman)

Already we need to look ahead to Street Fair 2012. We must pre date the Olympics so please note the date of next year's event has been moved to Saturday July 21st. Unfortunately, I am not able to repeat my role of 2011 so we need a volunteer, as soon as possible, to co-ordinate our helpers who organize a variety of activities and stalls. The income generated by the Street Fair is vital for the maintenance of our only asset - the village hall - so we cannot allow such a celebrated tradition to collapse.

Offering doesn't make this a job for life. Please feel free to ask me any questions.

J Cole - Hall Chairman

The Street Fair also raises funds for the maintenance of South Perrott's hall and, as long as a Chedington co-ordinator can be found, South Perrott will continue to share in the co-ordination.

South Perrott Flower Show 2011 – Chairman’s Report

What an unusually inconsistent year this has been for gardeners. A year in which we’ve experienced a combination of complete failures and immense successes, and in which both pollination and germination has been variable to say the least. So it was with this in mind that the (more pessimistic) members of the committee viewed with some concern the outcome of this year’s show. Happily, those forebodings proved to be quite unjustified because the show on 3rd September in South Perrott Village Hall proved to be a great success and was certainly one of the best for many years. We had increased entries in all of the sections with the exception of floral art and those of the children. But even in these, the standard was extremely high! I would like to thank all those people who, so kindly and efficiently, assisted during the proceedings: from those who helped the judges to those who provided the teas and who organised the raffle. I must especially thank two people; first, Michael Stevenette for transporting the tables from Chedington and back and, second, Peter Hinton for so ably auctioning the produce at the end of the show. This (now traditionally) is the fun part of the show and in his very capable hands and with his ready sense of humour, it provided a fitting end to what was a very entertaining afternoon.



Auction in full swing



A very happy winner

People sometimes ask me and other committee members what we do with the profit made. The answer is that we seldom make much profit but that, when we do, we set our sights on making donations to whatever needs might crop up in the villages. In this respect, I can recall that the church tower weathercock project was one to which we made an ample, if not lavish, donation.

Bob Buckland – Chairman

Parrett & Axe Parish Council

Below is a summary of some of the topics discussed at the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 8th September 2011. A full set of the agreed minutes will be available on the Parish web site (www.parrettandaxe.org.uk) or from the clerk when accepted at the next meeting. In addition to the Parish Councillors, County Councillor Rebecca Knox, District Councillors Janet Page and Caroline Payne, and PCSO Paul Miners were also in attendance.

❖ **School Transport.** New contracts have been awarded for school and public bus services and this has resulted in some of the services not keeping to time or to the correct route. There have been many complaints from parents and some children have been left stranded at pick up points. This is a county wide problem. The Parish Council will write to the bus companies.

Latest News! Action has been taken by DCC to provide extra buses and Toni Coombs, Cabinet member for Children’s Services, has pledged that she will personally monitor the contract between DCC and Damory Coaches who operate the service. **Cllr Rebecca Knox is compiling a dossier of all incidents and she should be notified of any problems.** (*Contact details below*).

- ❖ Cllr Knox reported that the pot holes in Chedington were scheduled to be repaired in October 2011.
- ❖ Copies of the **Beaminster Area Local Business Directory**, which advertise local amenities, businesses and services, are available from the Parish Clerk.
- ❖ **Street Lighting in Dorset** – Cllrs Organ and Legg had attended a street lighting consultation in Mosterton on 15th August. At the meeting residents from Broadwindsor had voiced their concerns about their new street lighting which was very white and bright. Cllr Organ has spoken to residents in Manor Close where the street lamps are due to be replaced. Most of the residents want lighting but are concerned about the brightness of the new lights. It was agreed that the Parish Council will request that deflecting shields are attached to the lamps when they are installed.

❖ **A356 Road Scheme – Update**

- A site meeting was held on 17th August between two Parish Cllrs and Cllr Knox and Andrew Bradley from DCC Highways to discuss the on-going concerns about road safety at Hill Farm bend and the Swing Gate Cottage pinch point. Incidents have been frequently reported. **Recently there have been four residents that have had serious damage to their tyres and two drivers have written to DCC highways with photographic evidence as well as informing the Parish Council.** There have also been a number of other incidents. It was suggested that road signs indicating priority for drivers might help traffic flow through this narrow section of road.
- **Safety Audit** Andrew Bradley has confirmed that a safety audit is due to take place at the end of September. He was reminded that we are still waiting “road narrows” signage at each end of the village. In addition Andrew Bradley is to request a full Police speed check in the village and it was agreed that the Parish Council would also write to Dorset Road Safe to support this request.
- **Size and Weight of HGVs** A letter has been sent to DCC following a response from the FTA suggesting that the Parish Council obtain support from DCC Highways for a size and weight restriction to be imposed.
- **Chedington Notice Board** Mr Charles is to be asked to make the new notice board and also to repair the wooden bench in The Pound in South Perrott.

❖ **Hand gritters** for both villages are to be priced with a view to purchase.

❖ **A3066/Lecher Lane** The dangerous stretch of road on the A3066 at the junction with Lecher Lane has been raised with Mosterton Parish Council. A letter will be sent to DCC Highways requesting that a solid white line is painted on the road from Chapel Court Farm to beyond the Lecher Lane turning to prohibit overtaking on this downhill stretch.

❖ **Bob Buckland (Tree Warden)** reported that the horse chestnut trees in the village were in danger of dying from disease. An ash tree opposite Manor Close and an alder at the junction of A356 and Picket Lane are overhanging the river and the Environment Agency is to be asked to inspect these trees.

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Next Parish Council Meeting Date:

Thursday 10th November 2011 19:30 Chedington Village Hall

What's On in South Perrott and Chedington?

		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
October 2011					
Sunday	2 nd	19:00	Quiz	Coach & Horses	Gary/Gill - 891270
Monday	3 rd	11:00	Coffee Club	Coach & Horses	Gary/Gill - 891270
Sunday	9 th	12:30	Harvest Lunch	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Sunday	9 th	19:30	Bingo	Coach & Horses	Gary/Gill - 891270
Wednesday	12 th	19:00	Gardening Club	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Friday	28 th	20:30	Elvis Tribute – Tim Bassett	Coach & Horses	Gary/Gill - 891270
Saturday	29 th	19:00	Halloween Fancy Dress	Winyards Gap	Toby/Michele - 891244
November 2011					
Sunday	6 th	19:00	Quiz	Coach & Horses	Gary/Gill - 891270
Friday	11 th	19:00	Agricultural Call My Bluff	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
Saturday	12 th	14:00	Church Bazaar	SP Village Hall	Ann – 891224
Sunday	13 th	19:30	Bingo	Coach & Horses	Gary/Gill - 891270
Friday	25 th	20:30	Music with MOJO	Coach & Horses	Gary/Gill - 891270
Saturday	26 th	12:30	Ask Oliver (Lunch and Q&As with Oliver Letwin)	SP Village Hall	Peter Larkman -891408
Sunday	27 th	19:00	Comedy entertainment evening	Winyards Gap	Toby/Michele - 891244

Regular Events – Autumn 2011

Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Every Monday	19:30	Short Mat Bowls	SP Village Hall	Bob - 891404
Every Tuesday	09:30	Stay & Play	Coach & Horses	Bridport Children's Centre - 01308 421714
Every Tuesday	10:00	Mosterton and District Over 50s Computer Club	Coach & Horses	Ella - 01308 868834 Barbara - 01308 867891 Martyn - 891931
Every Tuesday	14:00	Short Mat Bowls	SP Village Hall	Bob - 891404
Every Wednesday	16:30	Tai Chi (over 50s)	SP Village Hall	Patrick – 07971 884071
Every Thursday	09:30	Yoga	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Every Friday	10:00	Upholstery	SP Village Hall	Helen – 01460 62621
Every Friday	16:00	Zumba	SP Village Hall	Ali - 01460 74546 or 07753533727

Other Contacts

Chedington Village Hall:

Chairman Joy Coles 01935 891232
 Bookings Ivan Williams 01935 891059
 Winyards Gap Toby/Michele 01935 891244
 Millennium Green
 Secretary Sue Coutanche 01935 891019

South Perrott Village Hall:

Chairman Dave McSkelly 01935 891891
 Secretary Michael Stevenette 01935 891890
 Bookings Vicky Reed 01935 891654
 Coach & Horses Gary and Jill 01935 891270

Opportunity for Skate Boarding! West Dorset District Council are offering FREE training in South Perrott Village Hall on a Wednesday evening for one night only, date to be arranged, from 19:00 to 21:30 for anyone wishing to supervise the Mobile Skate Park. To find out more contact Sue Coutanche on 891019.