

THE PUMP & POUND

The Newsletter of Parrett & Axe Parish Council

Issue 1

September 2011

Welcome to the first edition of The Pump & Pound, the revamped newsletter for the parishes of Chedington and South Perrott. I would like to thank Dave McSkelly and my fellow Councillors for their efforts in getting this off the ground. The intention is to publish the newsletter 6 times a year (within a month of the appropriate Parish Council meeting) and, as the next meeting is on 8th September, Issue 2 will be published at the end of September or the beginning of October. Anyone wishing to place an entry in the next or subsequent editions should contact one of the councillors, whose details can be found inside.

Michael Johnson - Chairman

OVER £7500 RAISED BY OUR TWO VILLAGES IN JUST TWO WEEKS!!

What an astonishing effort to raise this much from the Chedington Street Fair and the South Perrott Festival Week!!

Chedington Street Fair

The Street Fair on Saturday 30th July was its usual great success! The magnificent cake display, followed by luscious cream teas in the hall was high on the "things to do" list, with plenty of other goodies to graze on elsewhere. Food for



the mind too - the devilish quiz had all our brains performing gymnastics!! In the field the Bucking Bronco delighted the children (and also

quite intrigued the Dads) along with all the other amusements, including the magnet of the beer and Pimm's tents! The Barrel Organ livened up the street, while lower down we had the great treat of live music. It was a joy to see the colourful plants, flowers and jewellery for sale, but all the stalls had the "look at me" factor. And don't forget the raffle. Something for everyone!

At the end of the day, over £4,300 had been raised to share between the two village halls.

The chairmen of the two village halls and the P.C.C. would like to thank the organisers, helpers and all the visitors for their support – we hope you'll be back again next year!

In the next issue.....

Read all about the South Perrott & Chedington Millennium Green, the village picnic and other activities.

South Perrott Festival Week

A week of fun filled activities was launched with cream teas and the Flower Festival – this year's theme "The Glory of the Garden", .. and finished with the annual village BBQ in the Coach & Horses.



Once again it was a complete success raising £3461 for St Mary's Church!

The highlight of the week was the Village

Open Day on the Sunday. The sun shone, the crowds arrived and the cake stall sold out. The bands played ...including a home grown Elvis...and the Appalachian dancers danced in the pub car park. A new feature was the horse drawn cart rides. The Fun Zone was aimed at the younger visitors but was enjoyed by the adults too! It was a roaring success with coconut shy, llamas, bouncy castle..... plus a number of small two legged lions emerging from the zone - thanks to our expert face painting team.

PARRETT & AXE PARISH COUNCIL

Below is a summary of the points of interest arising from the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 14th July. The full minutes will be available on the Parish web site (www.parrettandaxe.org.uk) or from the clerk once agreed at the next meeting. In addition to the Parish Councillors, our two District Councillors, Janet Page and Caroline Payne, were also in attendance.

- ❖ **County Councillor Knox** in a written report said she had requested a 'no right turn' into Lecher Lane from South Perrott and reported the potholes in Chedington to the appropriate authority. Cllrs Legg and Organ would attend a street lighting consultation on 15th August.
- ❖ **PCSO Alex Bishop** reported in writing that the following thefts had occurred - a vehicle from Chedington, a copper tank from Mosterton and hosepipe. He reminded attendees of the "Stop That Oil" scheme aimed at preventing thefts from oil tanks.
- ❖ **Parish/Town Development Survey**
16 responses were received for South Perrott and 13 from Chedington. South Perrott residents indicated that they would like between 1 and 3 new units of employment, community facilities, affordable housing, farm diversification and tourism accommodation over the next ten years. Chedington residents indicated overwhelmingly that they wanted no changes to their village. A concern was raised that the responses received may not have been a representative sample of the residents.
- ❖ **Chedington Notice Board**
The notice board was in need of replacement.
- ❖ **The public session** - It was proposed that the timing should be altered. It was agreed that this would be deferred to a future meeting.
- ❖ **Telephone Box in South Perrott**
Cllr Johnson advised that in addition to emergency calls, a credit card call could be made from the box by dialling a certain number. It was agreed not to progress the Adopt a Kiosk scheme.
- ❖ **A356 Road Scheme**
Members considered the following issues: -
 - Traffic noise outside Bakers Arms was causing a nuisance. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to DCC Highways.
 - Safety Audit – Members expressed their concerns that the village was less safe than before the road works due to the lack of signage and the need to educate drivers. A final safety audit had still to be implemented.
 - Peter Larkman advised that it might be possible to seek a voluntary or advisory routing agreement from the Freight Transport Association (FTA). It was agreed that the Parish Council contact the FTA regarding a routing agreement.
 - Speed Restriction – residents at Sockety have requested that the 30mph speed limit should be extended to the old golf course. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to DCC Highways requesting this. It was also agreed to ask PC Tim Poole if a Speedwatch exercise could be conducted to monitor traffic entering and leaving the village.
 - The Pound – The greenery needs to be cut back from the high wall and the bench needs to be repaired or replaced and moved. In addition, the clerk is writing to WDDC requesting that the litter bin is also moved.
- ❖ **The following points were raised in the Public Session: -**
 - The Parish Council was thanked for funding the circular regarding Himalayan Balsam. It was reported that the numbers attending the two working parties had been disappointingly low.
 - A written request was submitted for the parish council website to be regularly updated. The Clerk will follow this up.
 - A written comment was submitted regarding the narrow stretch of road past Swing Gate Cottage and the damage caused to a vehicle by the new high kerb.
 - An email was read out regarding the lateness of the postal delivery in South Perrott.

Latest Update on A356

Michael Johnson and Kate Organ (with Angela Gillingham taking notes) had a walkabout meeting on the A356 in August with our County Councillor, Rebecca Knox, and Andrew Bradley of DCC Highways. This proved most informative and provided the Parish Council with an opportunity to raise a number of issues that we would like the County Council to address. Possible solutions were discussed but these will have to wait for the safety audit to be finished and the cost of any works to be taken into consideration.

DCC Highways should be commended for their prompt reaction in carrying out works to the crossing point between the Bakers Arms and Church Hill to relieve the traffic noise problems being experienced by residents thereabouts, this being an item at our July meeting.

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Next Parish Council Meeting Dates:

Thursday 8th September 2011 19:30 South Perrott Village Hall
Thursday 10th November 2011 19:30 Chedington Village Hall

What's On in South Perrott and Chedington

		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
September 2011					
Saturday	3 rd	14:30	Annual Flower Show	SP Village Hall	Bob - 891404
Sunday	4 th	19:00	Quiz	Coach & Horses	Gary/Gill - 891270
Monday	5 th	11:00	Coffee Club	Coach & Horses	Gary/Gill - 891270
Tuesday	6 th	19:00	Open Day Debrief	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Thursday	8 th	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	SP Village Hall	Clerk - 891931
Friday	9 th	19:00	Quiz & Supper	Chedington Village Hall	Mary/ Dave - 891512
Saturday	10 th	14:30	Autumn Jumble Sale	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Tuesday	13 th	19:30	Street Fair Review	Chedington Village Hall	Joy - 891232
Wednesday	14 th	19:00	Gardening Club	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Friday	23 rd	19:00	Ask Oliver (Supper and Q&As with Oliver Letwin)	SP Village Hall	Peter Larkman - 891408

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
Wednesday	12 th	19:00	Gardening Club	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Saturday	29 th	19:00	Halloween Fancy Dress	Winyards Gap	Toby/Michele - 891244

Regular Events – Autumn 2011

Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Every Monday (from 5 th Sept)	19:30	Short Mat Bowls	SP Village Hall	Bob - 891404
Every Tuesday	10:00	Mosterton and District Over 50s Computer Club	Coach & Horses	Ella - 01308 868834 Barbara - 01308 867891 Martyn - 891931
Every Tuesday (from 6 th Sept)	14:00	Short Mat Bowls	SP Village Hall	Bob - 891404
Every Tuesday (from 13 th Sept)	09:30	Stay & Play	Coach & Horses	Bridport Children's Centre - 01308 421714
Every Wednesday (starting 7 th Sept)	16:30	Tai Chi (over 50s)	SP Village Hall	Patrick - 07971884071
Every Thursday (from 22 nd Sept)	09:30	Yoga	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Every Friday (from 9 th Sept)	10:00	Upholstery	SP Village Hall	Helen - 0146062621
Every Friday	16:00	Zumba	SP Village Hall	Ali - 01460 74546 or 07753533727

Other Contacts

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 Bookings Vicky Reed 01935 891654
 Coach & Horses Gary and Jill 01935 891270