

Millenium Green Willow Tunnels

by Jill Turner

On Monday 8th March, a weak spring sun shone on a small band of pruners as they set to work on the willow tunnels on the Millenium Green. Guided by Amy Ralph, a living willow sculpture expert from Thorncombe, several years' growth was cut back or intertwined and the tunnels restored to recognisable shapes. New forms evolved as if secateurs had a will of their own- roofs, arbour, door, window. As spring moves on and green willow leaves unfold, watch as nature's creation continues.



The Willow Tunnels

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Parish council meetings take place at 7.30pm on the 2nd Thursday of every other month (Jan onwards). The meetings are open to the public.

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A356 Proposals for South Perrott Published

Consultation meeting on 29th April

Following the involvement of a firm of consultants and widespread consultation with the villages involved, Dorset County Council has drawn up a set of proposals for changes to the A356 as it runs through South Perrott, Maiden Newton and Frampton. In South Perrott these ideas include:

- 'Gateways' at both ends of the village, marking more clearly the start of the built up area;
- The removal of the central white line;
- The creation of a 'pavement', using a slightly raised kerb and a distinctive material;
- Development of the Pound, using the same distinctive material as the 'pavement' and incorporating an information board;
- Creating 'crossing points', one adjacent to Church Hill as part of the Parrott Trail and another near to Pipplepen Lane, where parents cross to meet the school bus.
- Rationalising road signs to reduce confusion and avoid duplication

The final details, such as what the gateways will look like and the colour of the 'pavement' have yet to be decided and a meeting will be held in **South Perrott village hall on the 29th April between 1.00pm and 8.00pm** for further consultation and discussion. Mr Jody Foy, who is responsible for the A356, along with other officers from the County Council will be there to answer questions and seek views. Drawings of the plans will be available at the meeting.

Welcome...

Welcome to the first edition of 'The Source', the newsletter for the Parrett and Axe Parish Council. It is hoped that the newsletter will be published three times a year, in April, August and December. Alongside the newsletter the parish website is being redesigned (<http://www.parrettandaxe.org.uk>) and it is hoped that in future some people will be happy to receive the newsletter electronically. This will save both on printing costs and shoe leather for the volunteers delivering it! If you are happy to receive the newsletter in this way please email the parish clerk at clerk@parrettandaxe.org.uk.

Any comments on the newsletter and the web site should be addressed to the editor, David Lines at Riverside, Church Hill, South Perrott or drlines@msn.com.

Dates for your Diary

Parish Council

The council meets at 7.30 pm every second Thursday in the month, alternating between the village halls in South Perrott and Chedington. The next meeting, on the 13th May, will take place in South Perrott and will include the Annual General Meeting, at which the chairman will present his report on the past year's council activities.

South Perrott Village Hall Activities

Saturday 24th April: St Georges Night

Tuesday 4th May: Village Meeting 7pm,
Village Hall Committee AGM 8pm

18th May: Open Day Meeting Tuesday 7pm

4th September: South Perrott Flower Show

20th November: Ceilidh/Barn Dance with
Black Sheep, a Celtic rock band

Remember that Yoga has restarted in the Village Hall every Thursday. There are also upholstery classes and Short Mat Bowling that takes place in the hall. The Chedington & South Perrott Gardening Club meets in Chedington village hall. Details can be found on the website at:
www.parrettandaxe.org.uk/

Other important village events

Saturday 31st July: Chedington Street Fair

Sunday 15th August:
South Perrott village open day

14th/15th August:
Beer Festival at the *Coach and Horses*

14th August: Barbecue

14th August: Cider festival at Winyards Gap



Activities at our pubs:

Winyards Gap and Coach and Horses

We are exceptionally lucky to have a pub both in Chedington and South Perrott. In these times when pubs are closing daily, please do everything you can to support your local! At Winyards Gap the *Sunset Cafe Stompers* play jazz there every 2nd Monday of the month. For more details on this and other events at Winyards go to www.winyardsgap.com.

At the *Coach and Horses* events include:

April 23rd Steak Night 6 till 9pm

April 30th Italian Night 6 till 9pm

May 20th Cryin Out Loud from 9.30pm

May 21st Vinyl Monkeys from 9.30pm

May 23rd Equilateral 3-5pm

June Showing World Cup Matches

July 3rd Equilateral

August 14th Village BBQ, Cider Festival and Vinyl Monkeys from 10pm

August 15th Village Open day, Cider Festival, Cryin Out Loud 1-3pm, Equilateral 3-5pm

Shown below is the Parish Council's budget for the 2010-2011 financial year. At the time of going to press the final figures for the 2009-10 expenditures were not available

Parrett & Axe Parish Council

Budget 1 April 2010 - 31 March 2011				
	Recommend 2009/2010	Actual end Oct 2009	Estimate year end 2010	Recommend 2010/2011
Subscriptions	115.00	109.88	109.88	115.00
Village Hall (Hire)	140.00	105.00	125.00	140.00
Clerks Salary	900.00	556.81	1,402.02	1,600.00
Admin Costs	50.00	84.22	110.00	130.00
Insurance	200.00	181.63	181.63	200.00
Maintenance General	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Maintenance Village Halls	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Training/Travel	100.00	0.00	40.00	100.00
Election Expenses	60.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
Newsletter/printing	300.00	206.90	206.90	300.00
Audit	75.00	57.50	57.50	58.75
Misc	120.00	0.00	0.00	120.00
Website/emails	210.00	194.85	194.85	210.00
Totals	2,470.00	1496.79	2,427.78	3,233.75