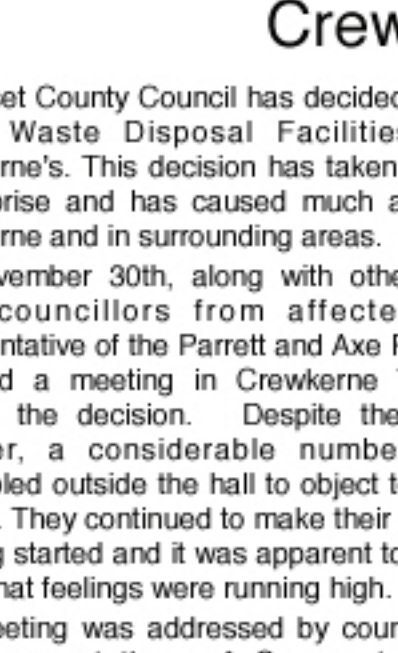


The Pound at present (above) and a plan of how it will look after work has been completed, showing the differentiated paved areas.

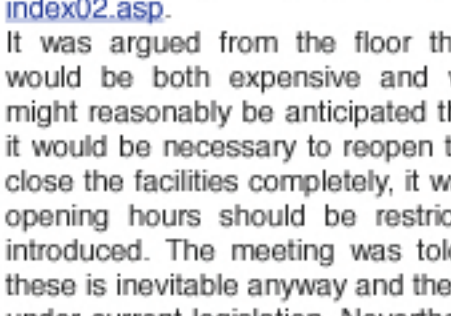


Possible 'gateway' design. The village can decide on the design of the central image.

## A365 Road Plan Approved

### Work to start in the Spring

Following lengthy consultation, approval for work to start on the A365 through South Perrott has finally been given. The scheduled start is March 1st 2011, though that may be revised closer to the date. See pages 4, 5 and 6 for further details.



Possible 'gateway' design. The village can decide on the design of the central image.

## Crewkerne Tip to close?

Somerset County Council has decided to close four of its Waste Disposal Facilities, including Crewkerne's. This decision has taken many people by surprise and has caused much anger, both in Crewkerne and in surrounding areas.

On November 30th, along with other parish and town councillors from affected areas, a representative of the Parrett and Axe Parish Council attended a meeting in Crewkerne Town Hall to discuss the decision. Despite the bitterly cold weather, a considerable number of people assembled outside the hall to object to the planned closure. They continued to make their point after the meeting started and it was apparent to all who were inside that feelings were running high.

The meeting was addressed by county councillors and representatives of Somerset Waste, who argued that they had been given no alternative to closures given the budgetary situation. The basis of

the decision on which facilities should close can be found at <http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/pages/index02.asp>.

It was argued from the floor that such closures would be both expensive and wasteful, since it might reasonably be anticipated that in a few years it would be necessary to reopen them. Rather than close the facilities completely, it was suggested that opening hours should be restricted and charges introduced. The meeting was told that the first of these is inevitable anyway and the second is difficult under current legislation. Nevertheless, there was a feeling at the end of the meeting that Somerset CC might be persuaded to change its mind. There is a petition against the closure that can be signed at the *Coach and Horses* and people are encouraged to write to their MP in order to keep up the pressure.

## A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers..

We have a bumper edition of *The Source* for you this time. Given the importance of the road scheme, I felt it right to devote a considerable amount of space to the details of what is going to happen in South Perrott early next year, but there is a lot more information to fill the pages, much of it showing what a dynamic and committed community we are. An example of that is Colin Warren's kind offer to buy and deliver Christmas trees for those who want them, with each one contributing £1 towards the upkeep of the Millennium Green (contact Colin directly or via Gary at *The Coach and Horses*). After the festivities have ended, getting rid of the trees is always a bit fraught, but this year, thanks to the Parish Council and Gary, unwanted trees can be delivered to the pub's car park for recycling (see this page).

We have a new Parish clerk, Angela Gillingham (see page 7), who is your first contact should you have any concerns you wish to raise with the council. Her email address is [clerk@parrettandaxe.org.uk](mailto:clerk@parrettandaxe.org.uk). If you would like to comment on *The Source* my email is [drilines@msn.com](mailto:drilines@msn.com).

David Lines

## Counting your chickens?

Have you every researched your family history or enjoyed watching "Who do you think you are?" on TV? If you have, the only reason we can find out about our ancestry is because people in the past contributed to censuses.

A census is a count of all the people and households in the country. From ancient times, governments have recognised the need to collect information on their people. The Babylonians and the Chinese held censuses mainly for military and taxation purposes, while the Egyptians did so to organise armies of people to build the pyramids. The Greeks and Romans organised them as well. Indeed, it was a five-yearly census ordered by Caesar Augustus which required every man in the Roman Empire to return to his place of origin, and this was the reason why Joseph and Mary were traveling to Bethlehem when Jesus was born.

The modern census has taken place every ten years, since 1801. It is the most complete source of information about the population that we have. It is the only survey that provides a detailed picture of the entire population, and it is unique because it covers everyone at the same time. The information the census provides allows central and local government, health authorities and many other organisations to target their resources more effectively and to plan housing, education, health and transport services for years to come.

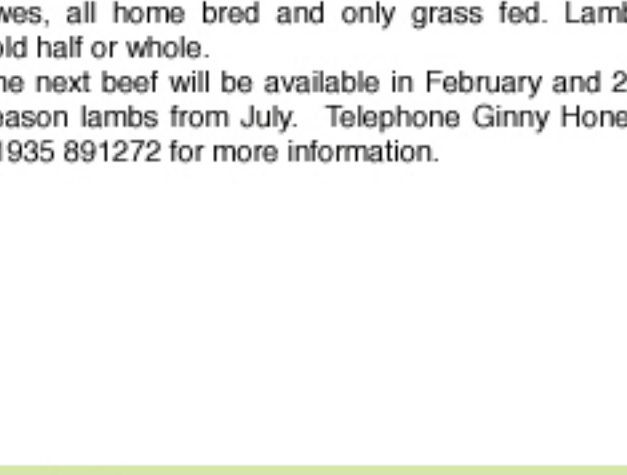
The last census was held in 2001 and the next will take place on 27 March 2011. You will receive a questionnaire through the post with the choice of submitting your answers online or by post. And just think – in time to come, the information that you provide will help your great great grandchildren to discover more about you and the world in which you live!

## RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

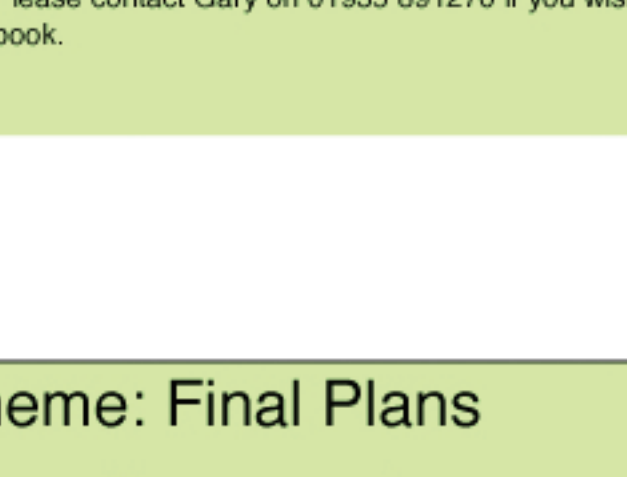
If you are buying a real Christmas Tree this year you can do your bit for the environment by recycling it into compost. The Parish Council has teamed up with the District Council to arrange a single collection point in the parish, which will reduce the road miles used to collect the trees compared with collecting door to door.

The collection point will be the Coach & Horses car park in South Perrott and you will need to bring your tree to the car park by **Friday 14th January**. The Council will collect the trees early on Saturday 15th. Trees brought to the collection point should be under 6ft or cut into 6ft pieces.

If it is impractical to take your tree to the collection point, you can arrange with the District Council for it to be collected from your kerbside.



## Nothing to Beef About?



There surely can't be a better way to reduce air and road miles, as well as supporting our neighbours, than to buy locally. Here in South Perrott and Chedington we are fortunate in having Sockety Farm on our doorstep, producing Prime Aberdeen Angus Beef.

The meat comes from a small herd, naturally reared, where the calves stay suckling from their mothers for eleven months, as well as eating grass in the summer and silage in the winter months. The animals lead a stress free life in the beautiful Dorset countryside.

Following slaughter, the beef is hung for three weeks and then sold in selection packs at a price of £50 (for approx. 7kg). It is bagged, labelled and ready for the freezer. What's more, it is delivered locally for free.

Sockety Farm also has a small flock of Suffolk cross ewes, all home bred and only grass fed. Lamb is sold half or whole.

The next beef will be available in February and 2011 season lambs from July. Telephone Ginny Hone on 01935 891272 for more information.

## LOCAL ELECTIONS 2011

Parish and town council elections will be held on 5th May 2011. This is an exciting time for local councils as the Government has made it clear that it is keen to devolve more power to local people to make local decisions. If you are interested in your community you could be a part of this process and help to influence decisions which will have a direct impact on the community in which you live. Almost anyone is eligible to stand for election, as long as they are over 18 years of age and have lived in the parish for the previous 12 months. The Parrett & Axe Parish Council consists of six councillors, three from Chedington and three from South Perrott. The term of office is four years and all existing councillors reach the end of theirs in May 2011. You can obtain more information about becoming a councillor by contacting the Parish Council Clerk, Angela Gillingham, on tel 01935 891931 or email [clerk@parrettandaxe.org.uk](mailto:clerk@parrettandaxe.org.uk), or look out for information appearing on the village notice boards.

## Christmas at *The Coach and Horses*

On Friday 17th December a traditional Christmas dinner of Turkey with all the trimmings, fruit trim or Christmas pudding served with cream will be available for the incredible price of £4 for under 12s and £6 if you're any older! Under 5s are free. In

addition to the food there will also be a disco. Please contact Gary on 01935 891270 if you wish to book.

## The A356 Road Scheme: Final Plans

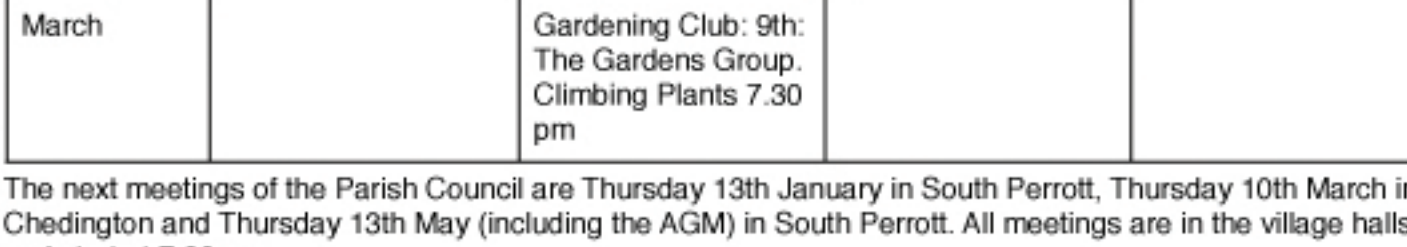
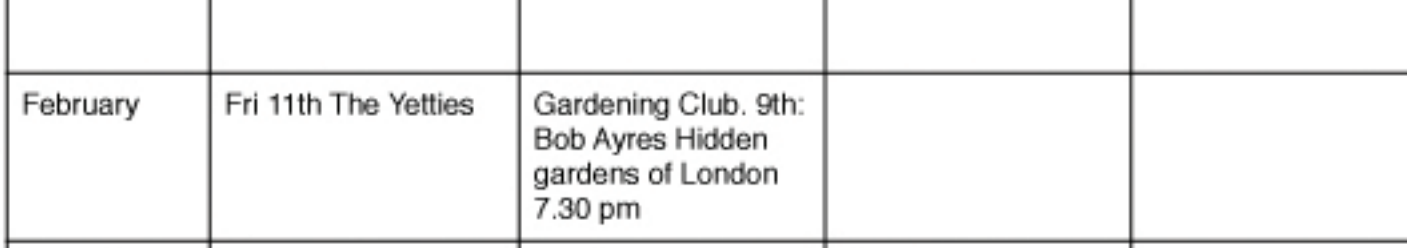
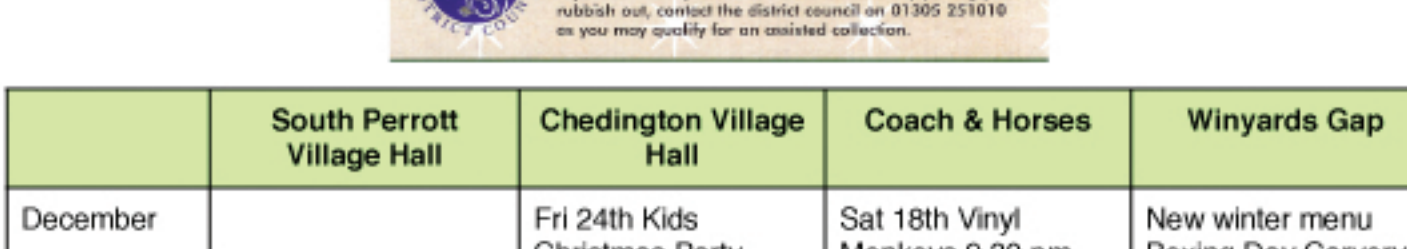
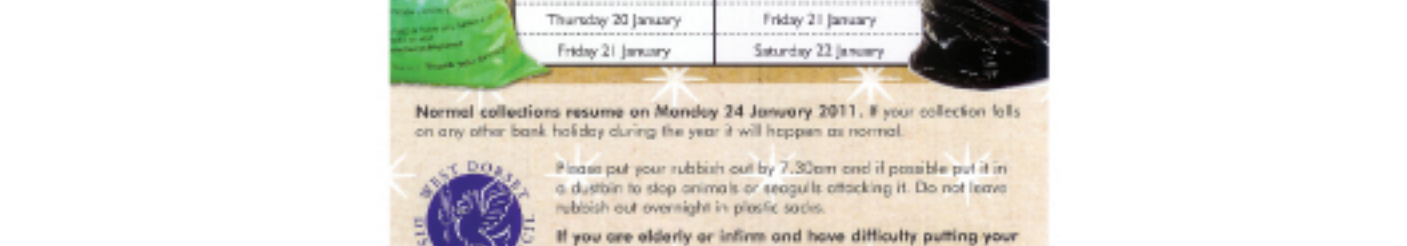
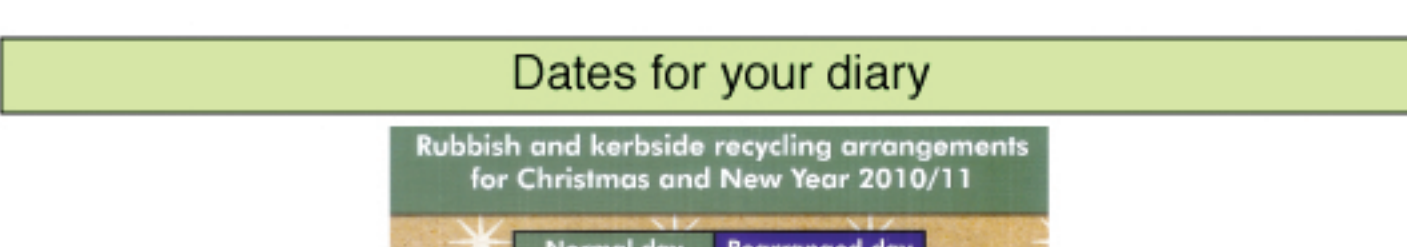
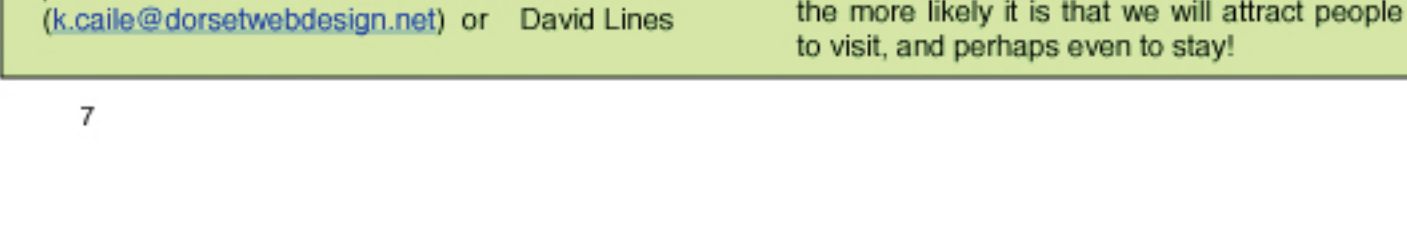
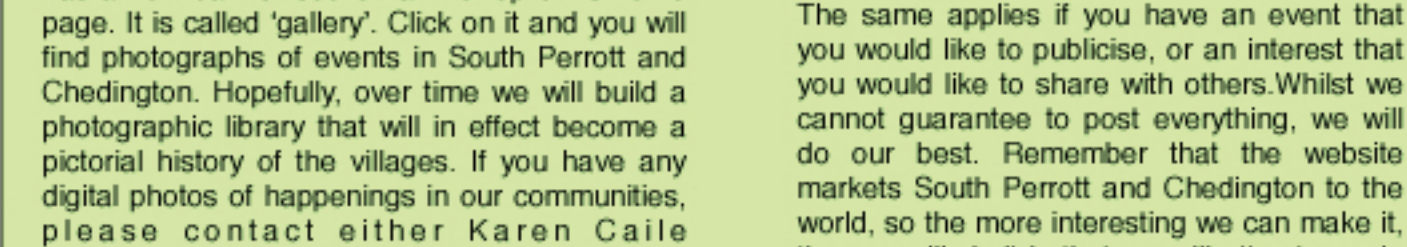
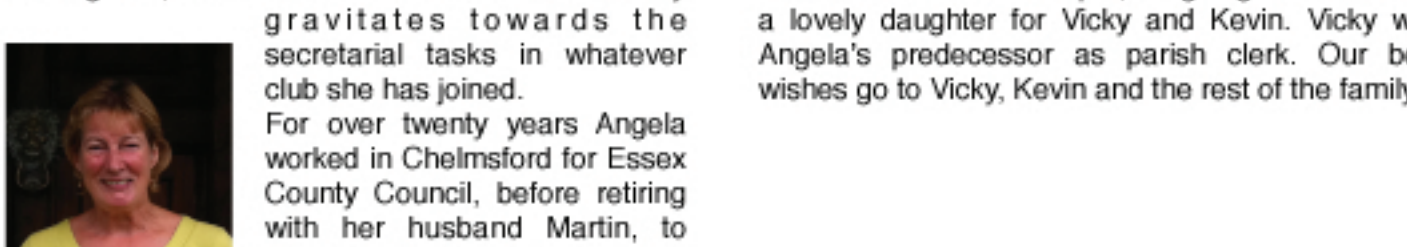
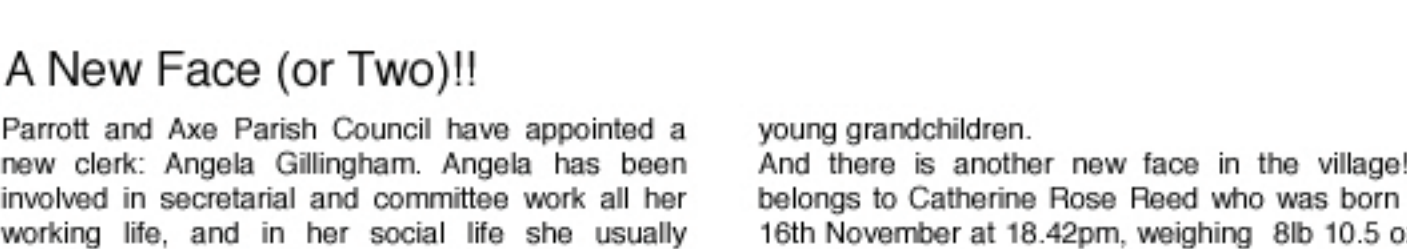
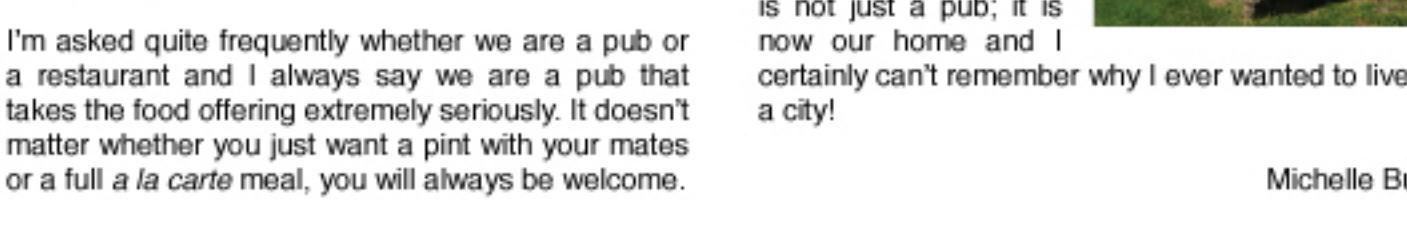
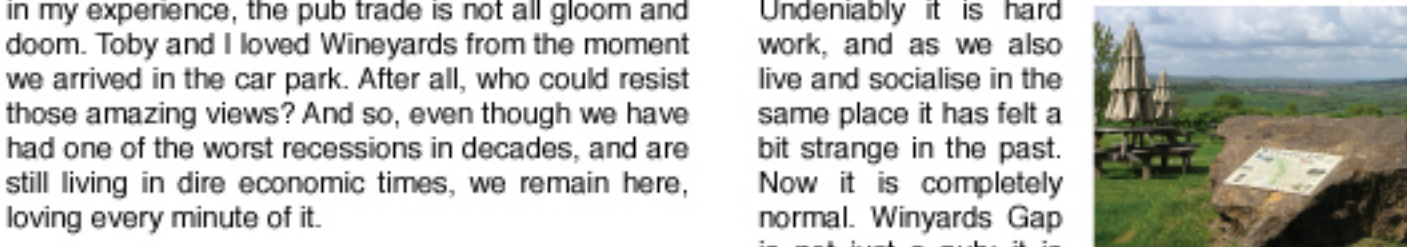
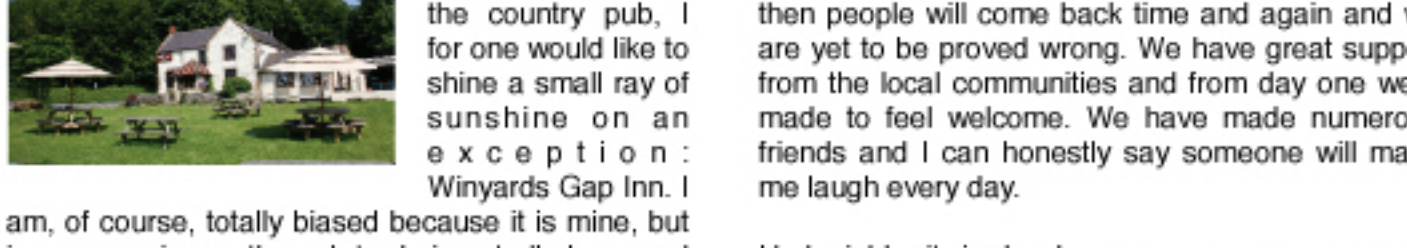
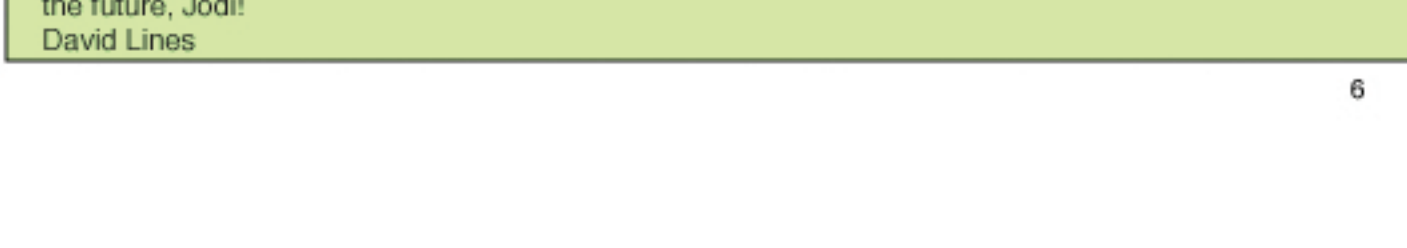
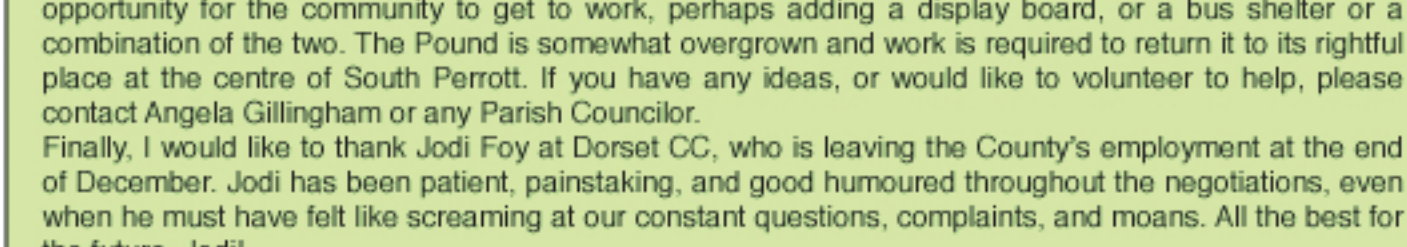
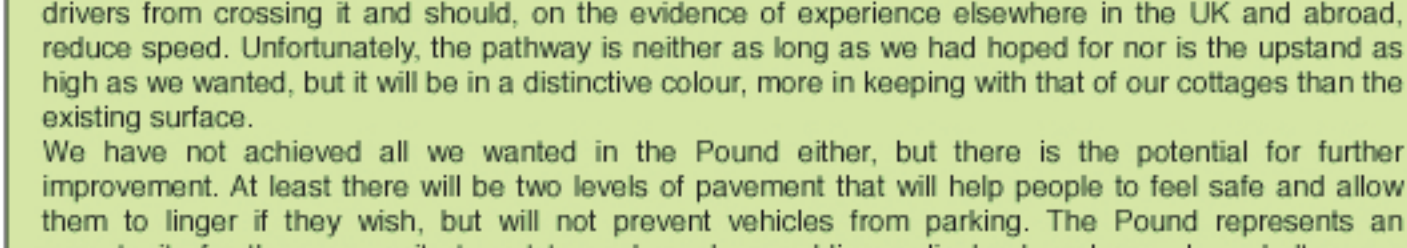
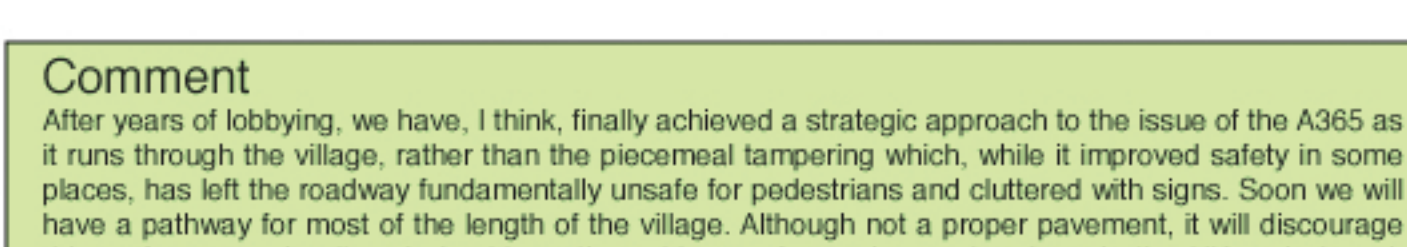
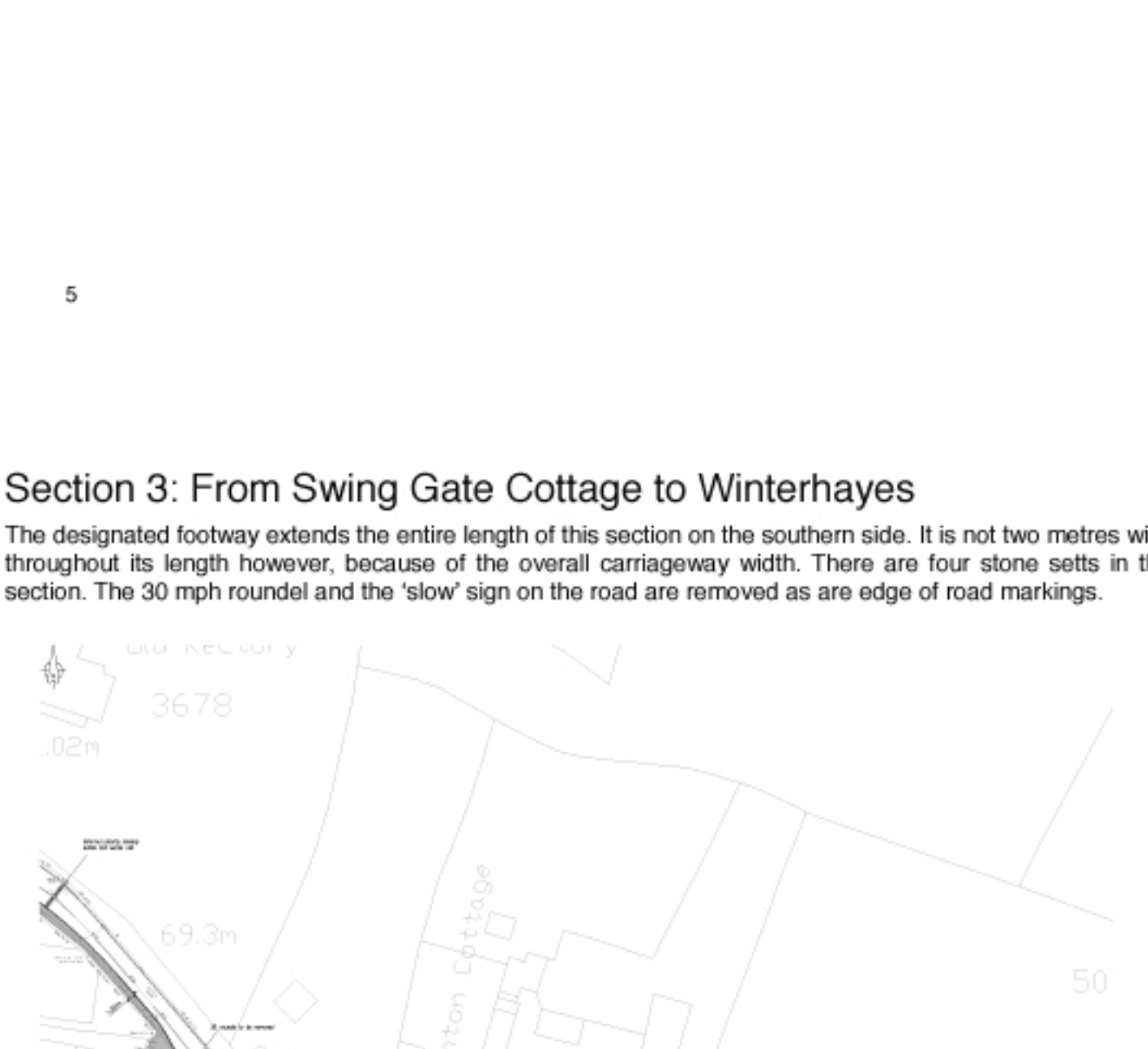
Shown below are the plans for the A356 as it goes through South Perrott from Crewkerne towards Dorchester. They are the result of widespread consultation with members of the public and professionals, based around a philosophy that traffic speed and driver attitude can be influenced by the appearance of the road and by handing over responsibility for safety to the driver. In a sense this is an experiment, for while similar schemes have operated successfully overseas for some years, they are not common in the UK. In times of financial restrictions we are especially fortunate that a considerable sum is being spent on improving our environment in this way. The plan is designed to reclaim the road for pedestrians by providing a clearly designated footway, whilst allowing vehicles to cross the kerb where width restrictions make that necessary. All the plans shown here can be seen in more detail on the Parrett and Axe website (<http://parrettandaxe.org.uk/>).

### Section 1 Hill Farm to Maple Cottage

The first length is from Hill Farm to Maple Cottage. There are 'flushed kerbs' across the road and on either side. This kerb gives the impression of the road narrowing. The central white line is removed from the main road along with the 'Slow Sign' going west. A one metre wide footway extends from Lecher Lane junction to Hunter's Hatch, at which

point pedestrians can use the existing path alongside Riverside Orchard.

The kerb is in a different material and colour from the highway and has a 25mm upstand, which will discourage vehicles from crossing it but will not damage tyres or wheels if they do.



## Comment

After years of lobbying, we have, I think, finally achieved a strategic approach to the issue of the A365 as it runs through the village, rather than the piecemeal tampering which, while it improved safety in some places, has left the roadway fundamentally unsafe for pedestrians and cluttered with signs. Soon we will have a pathway for most of the length of the village. Although not a proper pavement, it will discourage drivers from crossing it and should, on the evidence of experience elsewhere in the UK and abroad, reduce speed. Unfortunately, the pathway is neither as long as we had hoped for nor is the upstand as high as we wanted, but it will be in a distinctive colour, more in keeping with that of our cottages than the existing surface.

We have not achieved all we wanted in the Pound either, but there is the potential for further improvement. At least there will be two levels of pavement that will help people to feel safe and allow them to linger if they wish, but will not prevent vehicles from parking. The Pound represents an opportunity for the community to get to work, providing a display board, or a bus shelter or a combination of the two. The Pound is somewhat overgrown and work is required to return it to its rightful place at the centre of South Perrott. If you have any ideas, or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Angela Gillingham or any Parish Councillor.

Finally, I would like to thank Jodi Foy at Dorset CC, who is leaving the County's employment at the end of December. Jodi has been patient, painstaking, and good humoured throughout the negotiations, even when he must have felt like screaming at our constant questions, complaints, and moans. All the best for the future, Jodi!!

David Lines

## Winyards Gap: A breath of Fresh Air



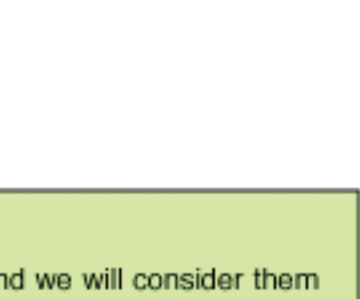
After almost daily reports in the press about the demise of the country pub, I for one would like to shine a small ray of sunshine on an exception:

Winyards Gap Inn. I am, of course, totally biased because it is mine, but in my experience, the pub trade is not all gloom and doom. Toby and I loved Winyards from the moment we arrived in the car park. After all, who could resist those amazing views? And so, even though we have had one of the worst recessions in decades, and are still living in dire economic times, we remain here, loving every minute of it.

I'm asked quite frequently whether we are a pub or a restaurant and I always say we are a pub that takes the food offering extremely seriously. It doesn't matter whether you just want a pint with your mates or a full *a la carte* meal, you will always be welcome.

During the time we have been here we have always set out to offer good food, drink and service at a reasonable cost. We believe that if you get this right then people will come back time and again and we are yet to be proved wrong. We have great support from the local communities and from day one we were made to feel welcome. We have made numerous friends and I can honestly say someone will make me laugh every day.

Undeniably it is hard work, and as we also live and socialise in the same place it has felt a bit strange in the past. Now it is completely normal. Winyards Gap is not just a pub; it is now our home and I certainly can't remember why I ever wanted to live in a city!



Michelle Butti

## A New Face (or Two)!!

Parrott and Axe Parish Council have appointed a new clerk: Angela Gillingham. Angela has been involved in secretarial and committee work all her working life, and in her social life she usually gravitates towards the secretarial tasks in whatever club she has joined.

For over twenty years Angela worked in Chelmsford for Essex County Council, before retiring with her husband Martin, to South Perrott earlier this year. She has two children and two

young grandchildren.

And there is another new face in the village! It belongs to Catherine Rose Reed who was born on 16th November at 18.42pm, weighing 8lb 10.5 ozs, a lovely daughter for Vicky and Kevin. Vicky was Angela's predecessor as parish clerk. Our best wishes go to Vicky, Kevin and the rest of the family.

## Parrott and Axe Web Site

Our website (<http://www.parrettandaxe.org.uk/>) has a new banner section at the top of its home page. It is called 'gallery'. Click on it and you will find photographs of events in South Perrott and Chedington. Hopefully, over time we will build a pictorial history of the villages. If you have any digital photos of happenings in our communities, please contact either Karen Caille ([k.caille@dorsetwebdesign.net](mailto:k.caille@dorsetwebdesign.net)) or David Lines

([drilines@msn.com](mailto:drilines@msn.com)) and we will consider them for uploading.

The same applies if you have an event that you would like to publicise, or an interest that you would like to share with others. Whilst we cannot guarantee to post everything, we will do our best. Remember that the website markets South Perrott and Chedington to the world, so the more interesting we can make it, the more likely it is that we will attract people to visit, and perhaps even to stay!

## Dates for your diary

### Rubbish and kerbside recycling arrangements for Christmas and New Year 2010/11

Normal day	Reorganised day
Monday 28 December	Wednesday 29 December
Tuesday 29 December	Thursday 30 December
Wednesday 30 December	Friday 31 December
Thursday 31 December	Saturday 1 January
Friday 1 January	Sunday 2 January
Saturday 2 January	Monday 3 January
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Normal collections resume on Monday 24 January 2011. If your collection falls on any other bank holiday during the year it will happen as normal.