

THE PUMP & POUND

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Welcome to the nineteenth edition of The Pump & Pound. Looking ahead to May of next year when the current councillors are due for re-election if they wish to stand again (and some will not be doing so), I appeal to those who may wish to stand to start thinking about it now and put themselves forward. The two villages have worked together for many years and can continue to do so in terms of joint events. But, due to the demographic changes between the villages, the business of the PC is becoming more difficult and it is felt that a review is needed. I'd ask people to look at proposed solutions in a positive light as they should be to the advantage of both villages. It is the view of those who have looked at this that the status quo in terms of the PC is not sustainable in the long term.

Michael Johnson, Chairman

Drop In Breakfast Consultation – Let's Talk About It!

The Drop-In Breakfast Consultation, hosted by the Parish Council, on Sunday 8th June was a great success. 50 residents attended including children and there were over 110 written comments received on the day. These included suggestions to hold regular Sunday Breakfast Events, which could be run by the community. From the comments received the key themes included transport, broadband, the road scheme and village amenities and activities.

All the comments will be analysed and a full report will be produced identifying potential solutions and actions as appropriate. It is suggested that there could be a presentation of results to both villages one Sunday in the autumn at a "Morning Tea and Cake – Let's Answer It!" event. Residents will be notified if and when this is confirmed. Thanks are offered to all who participated in and contributed to this event.



South Perrott Festival Week – 9th to 16th August

The week starts with the Flower Festival in St Mary's Church on **Saturday 9th August** from 11am until 5pm. The theme this year is "Countries of the World" and there will be a bric-a-brac stall and teas from 2pm.

The main event of the week is the Village Open Day on **Sunday 10th August** starting at 11am until 5pm. This promises to be a fun filled day with something for everyone to enjoy. For the youngsters, and probably a few adults too, there is a play zone with face painting, a bouncy castle, puppets, a coconut shy and other games. Attractions around the village include classic cars, collectables and craft stalls, an art exhibition and open gardens. Entertainment will be provided with live music in various locations and includes a jazz band in the Coach and Horses car park. And why not try your hand at bell ringing in the Church Tower? The popular scarecrow competition is open to all residents of South Perrott. If you would like to enter, fill in the form that will be distributed, and return to Angela Gillingham (contact 01935 891931).

The week concludes with a barbecue on **Saturday 16th August** in the Coach and Horses from 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

The Flower Festival, Village Open Day and the barbecue raise funds towards the upkeep of St Mary's Church.

The Pound

The seat has now been installed in the Pound to complete the refurbishment. It has been donated by Bob Buckland, pictured, in memory of his wife, Sheila, who sadly passed away in 2011.



Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club

The Club is well into the summer season outings. In June, there was a visit to Breamore House, Museum and Saxon Church. The weather on the whole was very English and shower dodging was needed! It was very worth it though with something for everyone. There was an entertaining guided tour of the still lived in house and the beautiful, well preserved Saxon church where a precarious ladder to the bell tower, starting half way up a wall, was intriguing. At the museum there were a great number of exhibits that were remembered from childhood by most members.

For the June Garden supper, the weather was fine, the garden beautiful and the food, as always, excellent; a very pleasant and convivial evening thanks to Patsy and Peter.

The July visit was to Bennett's Water Gardens. The perfect weather, with masses of water lilies of every colour in natural planting around the lakes, made for absolute tranquility. It was a lovely peaceful morning.

The next meeting is on September 10th at 7.30 when Clive Groves will talk about his Trek in the Himalaya's. Guests and new members are always welcome.

Annual Flower Show

Staying with gardening, don't forget the annual flower show on Saturday 6th September. The schedule has been circulated but if you have not received one (and would like one) please contact Dominie (891601) or Bob (891404).

News from the Village Pubs

Winyard's Gap Inn already has its own water supplied from a well in the grounds and is now well on the way to becoming carbon neutral with the installation of a biomass boiler. In future this boiler will provide all the hot water and heating for the pub. On Saturday 16th August, Winyards Gap will be hosting their 2014 Cider Festival. They are also introducing a new Lunch Club in the autumn with special menus and guest speakers. Meanwhile, the **Coach and Horses** will continue to host Chillies for their popular Indian nights, the next one is on Monday 4th August. In addition, they are introducing Seafood Nights every Friday and continuing to run their Steak Nights every Saturday.

Grit Spreaders

The parish council is disposing of two gritting machines which were bought two years ago for use in icy weather. They have not proved effective in spreading damp grit but they would be very suitable for spreading dry sand or fertilizer on lawns. Any reasonable offer will be considered. Please contact Angela Gillingham on 891931 for further information.

Parrett & Axe Parish Council

Below is a summary of some of the topics discussed at the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 10th July 2014. 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 and Clerk, also in attendance were County Councillor, Rebecca Knox, and District Cllrs. Janet Page and Caroline Payne. Apologies were received from PCSO Alex Bishop and Jo Morgan. Maria Clarke, Community Planning Officer at WDDC, attended the meeting to give a presentation on Parish Plans.

❖ Review of Parish Council representation -

The Chairman reported that there were a number of rumours circulating about changes to parish council (PC) representation. He said that, as regards decisions made, these mainly consist of a so-called fact which is untrue, this being that the Chedington councillors have declared UDI and that all has been settled. The truth is that a suggestion has been made and the only decision taken so far is to investigate further as to the pros, cons (for both villages) and the process to be followed. The main reasons for looking into this are (in terms of the PC):-

- the current and growing disparity between the two villages;
- the lack of business at PC which is about or which concerns Chedington;
- the fact that none of the present councillors from Chedington are willing to stand for a further term of office after the May 2015 elections, and that they cannot see anyone from Chedington willing to serve.

An update will be provided when more information is available.

❖ **Superfast Broadband** – the work is progressing ahead of schedule. South Perrott should receive the improved service in 2015 and Chedington in 2016.

❖ **Safeguarding Children** - physical abuse of children is currently in the news; however, abuse by neglect is also an issue especially in Dorset. Cllr Knox stressed the importance of community awareness.

❖ **A356** – DCC Highways have now completed the remedial work to the footway. The resurfacing of the A356 west of South Perrott to the county boundary and the section to the east by Sockety has also been completed ahead of schedule. The Clerk is to thank Highways for the prompt and effective work undertaken. A request will also be made to replace the cats' eyes on the old tarmac surface towards Winyards Gap and also to repaint the white lines on the A356 from the 30mph signs downwards.

Cllr Knox advised that the County Council has just received £3.1m funding for potholes and drainage issues. This is in addition to the £5.8m already received.

❖ **Refurbishment of The Pound** – Martyn Gillingham and Barry Chatfield were thanked for laying the slabs in readiness for the new seat.

❖ **Crossing outside Bakers Arms** – This crossing causes a noise nuisance to the adjacent property. It was noted that there is no DCC Highway's funding for the existing crossing to be removed. The Clerk to write to Highways asking for the works to be done when funding becomes available.

❖ **Other Road Issues** – Pretty Box Lane awaits resurfacing; a deep drain in Picket Lane is dangerous; and DCC Highways have inspected the field that floods behind the Village Hall and will liaise with the Environment Agency as necessary. The Clerk to action these issues.

- ❖ **West Dorset's Local Plan** – West Dorset's Local Plan is currently being revised. The new Local Plan is up for consultation until this September and will need to have identified additional land for house building before it can be approved.
- ❖ **Parish Plans** – Maria Clarke, WDDC's Community Planning Officer, gave a presentation and answered questions on Parish Plans explaining that they were aimed at improving life in the area by looking at the needs and aspirations of people, and then working together to find solutions. She noted that the South Perrott and Chedington Plan was now ten years old and suggested that it was important to do an analysis of what it had achieved and what is still relevant. In our parish a working group has already been set up to carry out this work. The recent Drop-In Breakfast has been a valuable opportunity to gather views from our residents. The Parish Council feels that a formal document is not needed but that it is necessary to encourage a sense of community. Work on this is now in progress. The report from the Drop-In Breakfast refers.
- ❖ **Drop-in Breakfast Consultation, 8th June – Let's Talk About It** – A written report prepared by Jo Morgan and Dave McSkelly was tabled at the meeting. See article on the front page.
- ❖ **Public Sessions at Parish Council Meetings** – the public sessions will be held, as a trial, at the start, (19:30 prompt), of the September and November meetings. PLEASE NOTE the public sessions are an opportunity for residents to express their views on items on the agenda or for future agendas.
- ❖ **Dorset Country Cars Scheme** - The Clerk had met with Erica Pretty from Dorset Partnership for Older People Programme (POPP) and also members of the existing Country Cars scheme. The Clerk has offered to take on the role of organiser for the new Neighbour Car Scheme which will replace the existing one. An application has been made to Dorset POPP for initial start-up funding for year one essential Public Liability Insurance. If the new scheme is to continue the cost in future years will need to be covered either by the users or the parish council.
- ❖ **Planning Applications** –
 - WDDC notified the following decisions: WD/D/14/000805 8 West Side, Chedington – rebuild chimney over party wall of nos. 7 & 8 West Side. Listed Building consent approved. WD/D/14/000410 Pickett Farm, South Perrott – construct 1000 tonne open silage clamp. Approved.
 - Applications pending: WD/D/14/001457 Shepherds Farm Bungalow, South Perrott – make internal alterations and externally excavate the north garden area to accommodate the construction of a single storey granny annexe extension.
 - Applications pending and decisions notified can be viewed on www.dorsetforyou.com.

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Parish Council Meetings for 2014:

Thurs 11th September 2014 Chedington Village Hall
 Thurs 13th November 2014 South Perrott Village Hall

What's On in South Perrott and Chedington?

August 2014		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Sunday	3 rd	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Monday	4 th	11:00	Coffee Club	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
		18:30	Chillies evening	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Saturday	9 th	11:00	Flower Festival (Teas from 14:00)	St Mary's Church, SP	Ann - 891224
Sunday	10 th	11:00	South Perrott Open Day	SP	Ann - 891224
Saturday	16 th	11:30	Cider Festival with live music by The Skimmity Hitchers from 20:00 followed by a disco.	Winyards Gap	Toby/Michelle - 891244
		18:30	Festival BBQ	Coach & Horses	Ann - 891224

September 2014		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Monday	1 st	11:00	Coffee Club	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Saturday	6 th	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891035
		14:00	Annual Flower Show	SP Village Hall	Bob - 891404 Dominie - 891601
Sunday	7 th	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Wednesday	10 th	19:30	Garden Club with speaker Clive Groves	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Thursday	11 th	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedington Village Hall	Angela - 891931
Sunday	14 th	19:30	Bingo	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270

Regular Events – Summer/Autumn 2014

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	The Admiral Hood, Mosterton	Ella - 01308 868834 Barbara - 01308 867891 Martyn - 891931
Every Tuesday	14:00	Short Mat Bowls	SP Village Hall	Bob - 891404
Every Wednesday	10:45	Zumba (see note below)	SP Village Hall	Ali - 01460 74546/ 07753533727
Every Thursday	09:30	Yoga	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
	18:30	Pilates	SP Village Hall	Ali - 01460 74546/ 07753533727
Every Friday	10:00	Upholstery (restarts 5 th September)	SP Village Hall	Helen 01460 626211

Note: During the school holidays children, accompanied by their parent, can join in the Zumba for free.

Future Events:

Dorset Evening with Chris Prideaux and friends in South Perrott Village Hall on Saturday 11th October.

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Coach & Horses Jane 01935 891270

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