

THE PUMP & POUND

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Welcome to the fifteenth edition of The Pump & Pound and Season's Greetings to everyone.

Michael Johnson, Chairman

Barn Dance Hailed a Success!

Local band Raggie Annie provided the music and "caller" for the Barn Dance held in South Perrott Village Hall on Saturday 12th October. Whether spectating or dancing everyone had a great evening – the youngest dancer was two and the oldest 88!! It was a real family event and everyone joined in the fun. The hog roast supplied by Adge Diment was delicious and 'veggies' were well catered for too! The bar was provided by the Coach & Horses and Jane and her team ensured there were drinks to suit all tastes and ages. South Perrott's Queen of the Raffle, Jill Knights' did her usual excellent job. All those that attended are now looking forward to a repeat event. If you missed it this time be sure to come when the next one is held in 2014!

Sue Coutanche



Phone Lines in South Perrott

The recent disruption to the telephone service in South Perrott caused by the storm, which brought down the main BT phone cables into the village, was discussed at the Parish Council meeting. South Perrott was without access to land line phones and the internet for 5 days and residents had been put in a very vulnerable position with no telephone, internet or mobile phone signals. When BT was contacted it had failed to understand that the whole line had come down, affecting every household, and did not treat the incident as an emergency until the intervention of County Cllr. Rebecca Knox. Residents who are BT customers can apply for compensation for loss of service during this period by phoning 151 and providing their BT customer account number, which can be found at the top of your BT phone bill.

We cannot legislate for the weather which recently has become more extreme; but we can try to improve our mobile phone reception within the village. A few years ago it was suggested that a mast might be installed on the church. The PCC pursued this without success; however it is now time to reconsider the viability of having a mast in the village to improve the signal from the service providers. The Parish Council have agreed to contact DCC in the first instance to see if this is feasible.

Children's Christmas Party

The Children's Christmas party is in Chedington Village Hall on Christmas Eve starting at 2pm (for 2.15pm). Children's tea is provided and there will be a special visitor at 3pm. Please let Teresa Charles in Chedington (891678) or Vicky Reed in South Perrott (891654), know if you will be coming. They need to be advised by 10th December to allow the elves time to shop!

The Christingle

The service is on Christmas Eve at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church following the children's party. Christingle making is at 4pm on Monday 23rd December in 2 Manor Close, South Perrott. Please come and enjoy cakes whilst making the christingles. All are welcome.

Christmas Refuse Collection

Refuse and kerbside recycling collection arrangements for Christmas and New Year are:-

Saturday 28th December 2013

Saturday 4th January 2014

Friday 10th January 2014

There will be no collection on Thursday 26th December. Normal collections for both villages resume on Thursday 16th January.

News from the Village Pubs

Both of the village pubs are gearing up for the Christmas and New Year. Their festive menus are available during December and lunches/dinners can be booked. In addition, the Coach and Horses will be holding its Village Christmas dinner on Saturday 21st December from 7pm (for which booking is essential) and is hoping to hold some live music events. Winyards are running their traditional New Year's Eve Dinner and Disco. Later in January, they will be holding a "Chuckle Chilli" evening.

Mosterton Pre-School

Mosterton Pre-School is our local pre-school serving South Perrott and Chedington. It achieved a "Good" rating from a recent Ofsted inspection and has excellent links with the local community and Parrett and Axe Primary School. There are currently 21 children attending regularly who are looking forward to Christmas with lots of exciting activities planned. Sarah, the Leader, can be contacted on 07937 465915 or 891955.

Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club

David Hitchcock kindly stepped into the breach left by the advertised speaker on October 9th. The members were treated to a very entertaining and enlightened insight into what it takes to win a gold medal (in David's case several) at Chelsea. Apart from having the best flowers, presentation requires original ideas, and a great deal of hard work, apparently it is imperative to have an intuitive partner too. At the AGM on Oct 13th Sue Lucas, Chairperson, and Peter Coles Treasurer, agreed to continue in these roles. A vote of thanks was given to them both for all their work ensuring that we have new and interesting places to visit in the summer, and entertaining speakers during the colder months. Thanks were also given to Joy Coles for always providing refreshments for the meetings. We look forward to the next meetings. On 11th December Terry Heard will be speaking on traditional woodland crafts and on 8th January Neil Lovesey will talk about 12 months of colour. Tip for December and January; do anything that means you can keep inside and in the warm.

Parrett & Axe Parish Council

Below is a summary of some of the topics discussed at the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 14th November 2013. 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 Cllr. Rebecca Knox and District Cllrs. Janet Page and Caroline Payne. Apologies were received from PCSO Alex Bishop.

- ❖ **Phone Lines** – this was discussed – see article "Phone Lines in South Perrott"
- ❖ **Review of Bus Services – 204 Thorncombe to Yeovil** – It was now proposed that all villages would have a minimum of one bus at least one day a week. Rebecca Knox said that individual responses to the proposals had been most helpful to inform the decisions that DCC will make at the full council meeting on 4th December.
- ❖ **Superfast BT Broadband** – Rebecca Knox reported that the meeting held in Beaminster on 10th October had been well attended especially by people who are working from home and live in the surrounding villages and isolated rural areas, as their businesses may be affected without access to faster speeds. Domestic users are also disadvantaged when trying to download large files. It is proposed that by September 2016 97% of all properties will have access to 2mbps and that within the next few years all areas will have a minimum broadband speed of 24mbps. The level of service provided to South Perrott and Chedington residents will depend on the amount of interest received. **Residents who have not already registered their interest are encouraged to do so now by logging on to www.dorsetforyou.com/superfastbroadband.**
- ❖ **Road Issues:**
 - **A356 Resurfacing** – Resurfacing of the section of the A356 past the former golf course to Toller Down Gate has been deferred until spring 2014. This section of the A356 will be closed to all traffic during the resurfacing period and diversions will be in place.
 - **Pot Holes** – The pothole at the junction of Sandy Knapp with Chedington Lane is still awaiting repair. Tarmac has collapsed around a drain in Picket Lane by the Engineer's Road. All potholes reported will be notified to DCC Highways.
 - **A3066/Lecher Lane Junction** – As reported previously this junction is very dangerous. The matter has been raised again with DCC Highways and a response is awaited.
 - **DCC Highways Review** – in future DCC staff will be able to provide more targeted responses to road issues identified. Use of computer technology will enable staff to receive immediate authorisation for work required on site.
- ❖ **Grit Bins** – Two grit bins have been requested to improve road safety during icy weather. One is to replace the damaged bin in Pretty Box Lane and the other is a new one for the top of Picket Lane.
- ❖ **Refurbishment of The Pound, South Perrott** – Given the shape of The Pound the cost of cutting and laying the slabs is prohibitive. It was agreed that the work will now be completed using a combination of slabs and tarmac. The refurbishment is due to be completed during spring 2014.

- ❖ **Village & Parish Plans** – The working party which met on 6th November agreed to review the recommendations made in the Village Pump 2004 and to publish the outcomes achieved. The outcomes will be reported at a parish consultation event planned for spring 2014 when residents from both villages will be invited to express their views and make suggestions to enhance community life. Details of this Consultation event will appear in the next edition of the Pump and Pound.
- ❖ **Crime warning** – There has been a recent increase in crimes reported in the Crewkerne area and in the last month there was a break in at a workshop in South Perrott; however the alarm deterred the criminals. The PCSO Beaminster can be contacted for security advice and support on 01305 222735.
- ❖ **Parrett and Axe CE VA Primary School** – The Parish Council have contributed £50 towards the cost of the Dorset Life Education Van which visits the school every year.
- ❖ **Planning Applications** – One new application was received 1/D/13/001527 for Picket Farm to erect a calf rearing shed. WDDC notified the following four decisions – Chedington Lodge, Rowan Tree Cottage and Bridge Farmhouse, all three were approved. Picket Lane Nursery planning refused. Applications pending and decisions notified can be viewed on www.dorsetforyou.com.
- ❖ **Vandalism to Rain Gauge** - Bill Stebbing at the Environment Agency reported damage to the Tipping Bucket Rain Gauge (TBR) situated on covered reservoir at the top of Picket Lane. This is the second time that the rain gauge has been damaged and on this occasion it has been completely disabled as the 'tipping bucket' is now missing. The rain gauge is important to the community as it provides catchment rainfall data that may be used to provide local flood warnings.
- ❖ **Railings in Picket Lane** – The railings along the side of the river are in need of repair. This has been reported to DCC Highways and we are awaiting a decision.

Christmas Trees' Re-cycling - Collection date to be confirmed.

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Parish Council Meetings for 2014:

Thursday 9 th January 2014	Chedington Village Hall
Thurs 13 th March 2014	South Perrott Village Hall
Thurs 8 th May 2014 (incl. AGM)	Chedington Village Hall
Thurs 10 th July 2014	South Perrott Village Hall
Thurs 11 th September 2014	Chedington Village Hall
Thurs 13 th November 2014	South Perrott Village Hall

What's On in South Perrott and Chedington?

December 2013		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Sunday	1 st	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Monday	2 nd	11:00	Coffee Club	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Saturday	7 th	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891035
Sunday	8 th	19:30	Bingo	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Tuesday	10 th	19:30	Music & Readings	St Mary's Church	Ann - 891224
Wednesday	11 th	19:30	Gardening Club with Terry Heard	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Monday	16 th	18:30	Chillies Indian Night	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Thursday	19 th	19:30	Parish Xmas Party	Mohun House, SP	Ann - 891224
Saturday	21 st	19:00	Village Xmas Dinner	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Monday	23 rd		Christingle Making	2, Manor Close, SP	Pat - 891546
Tuesday	24 th	14:00	Children's Xmas Party	Chedington Village Hall	Vicky - 891654 Teresa - 891678
		18:30	Christingle	St Mary's Church	
		20:00	Xmas Draw	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Friday	27 th	20:00	ACBeebies	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Tuesday	31 st	20:00	New Year's Eve Dinner and Disco	Winyards Gap	Toby or Michelle - 891244

January 2014		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	4 th	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891035
Sunday	5 th	19:30	Quiz	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Monday	6 th	11:00	Coffee Club	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Wednesday	8 th	19:30	Gardening Club with Neil Lovesey	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Thursday	9 th	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedington Village Hall	Angela - 891931
Sunday	12 th	19:30	Bingo	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Monday	13 th	18:30	Chillies Indian Night	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Saturday	18 th	19:00	Burn's Night Supper	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
Sunday	26 th	19:00	"Chuckle" Chilli Evening	Winyards Gap	Toby or Michelle - 891244

Regular Events – Winter 2013/2014

Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Every Monday	19:30	Short Mat Bowls (not August)	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	14:00	Short Mat Bowls	SP Village Hall	Bob - 891404
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	SP Village Hall	Helen 01460 626211

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