

THE PUMP & POUND

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Welcome to the latest edition of the Pump and Pound. 2015 is election year with both national and local elections due to be held in May. This is now the time to consider if you would like to help shape the future of your local communities by standing as a parish councillor. The timetable for the elections and nominations will be posted on both the South Perrott and Chedington notice boards as soon as they become available.

Michael Johnson, Chairman

Dorset Waste Partnership

South Perrott and Chedington are scheduled to join the new collection service run by the Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP) during the week beginning Monday 13th July 2015. The standard service and containers will be:-

Recycling	A 240 litre wheelie bin with a green lid for paper and cardboard, plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays, tins and cans, and aerosols
	A green box for glass bottles and jars
	A reusable bag (to be placed on top of green box) for household batteries
Rubbish	A 140 litre grey rubbish bin for non-recyclable household rubbish
Food waste	A 7 litre (brown) kitchen caddy (with lockable lid) for cooked and uncooked food
	A 23 litre (brown) food bin (with lockable lid) for cooked and uncooked food

Recycling and rubbish will be collected every fortnight (on alternate weeks) and food waste is collected (from the 23 litre bin) every week.

You can request changes if there are genuine reasons why the standard service and containers will not be suitable for your needs. **The deadline for such requests is Thursday 26 February 2015.**

There will also be an optional garden waste collection service for which payment is required. The price for a 240 litre wheelie bin (with a brown lid) is £41 per annum but for households unable to use wheelie bins a year's supply of compostable sacks is available for £31. If you wish to use this service you need to **pay £29 by 26 February**. You will then pay the full price on first renewal in March 2016.

A letter and leaflet with more details on the above has been (or is being) sent to all households. A public roadshow where you can see the new bins and ask questions is being held on Tuesday 10th February in Beaminster Public Hall from 5pm to 8pm.

It's A Knock Out! Charity Skittles Night

The annual charity Skittles Night, to raise funds for the Millennium Green, is on Saturday 28th February at 7pm in the Coach & Horses Inn. Tickets are £5 each (Family ticket - £17.50, 2 adults and 2 or more children). Ticket price includes a hot and cold buffet. This is a fun evening – win the knock out and you could be taking home the 2015 trophy! There is also a prize raffle. For tickets contact Sue (891019), Martyn (891931) or Coach & Horses (891270)



Big Bells Breakfast

The second Big Bells Breakfast is taking place in South Perrott Village Hall on Sunday 8th February. Come and enjoy a full English breakfast, cooked by the bell ringers, between 9am - 11am.

Poppy Appeal 2014 – South Perrott's Collection.

We are delighted to announce that South Perrott's door to door collection raised £234.75, especially as this was the centenary year since the start of the First World War.

When you go home tell them of us and say, "For your tomorrow we gave our today".

John Maxwell Edmonds

The ceramic poppies (one is shown here), representing the 880,000 servicemen killed between 1914 and 1918, were a moving sight. The display at the Tower of London attracted millions of visitors from both home and abroad.



Thank you to everyone who gave so generously; an excellent achievement given the number of residents!

News from the Pubs

The scheduled lunch with Oliver Letwin on 30th January, at Winyards Gap has been rescheduled for Friday 22nd May. The speaker at the lunch on Friday 27th February will be Richard Kay, the art expert from Lawrences Auctioneers. Contact Michelle or Toby on 891244 for more details.

At The Coach and Horses, Jane will be providing a special Valentine's Day dinner on Saturday 14th February. Call her on 891270 to reserve a table. It is hoped that more Chilli's evenings can be arranged; check the notice boards for details.

The Children's Village Christmas Party 2014

A big thank you to both Chedington and South Perrott village hall committees once again for funding the children's Christmas Eve party. The excitement, environment and enthusiasm enjoyed on the day are priceless in helping to store treasured childhood memories to look back on. Magical Mayhem entertained us with their musical comedy and of course magical mayhem (creating lots of snow to sweep up) and provided every child with a balloon model to take home. After an anxious wait, Father Christmas arrived by tractor and trailer to greet each child with a special gift.

On behalf of all the village children, "thank you" to all Santa's little helpers who contributed in various ways to successfully bring the party together. It is very much appreciated.

Teresa Charles

Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club

In December Martin Young spoke about Hucheras, Hellebores and Hostas with great knowledge and enthusiasm. The group was introduced to some new varieties and given advice on planting.

January's speaker Jonathan Hoskyn's subject was "How fruit is grown at North Perrott". It is all very scientific and coupled with concern for the environment is very much aware of the need not to harm bees and insects. The huge amount of mechanisation that is involved was surprising. The way that cider apples are literally shaken from the trees was fantastic and everyone wanted 'a go' on that machine. They have pick your own apples at North Perrott, from June, surprisingly. Oh, the garden fruit grower was not neglected; questions were answered fully and suggestions made.

Grit Spreaders

Last chance to bag a bargain! The parish council is offering two gritting machines which are 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 8th January 2015. 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, District Cllrs. Caroline Payne and Janet Page (for part of the meeting). Apologies were received from Cllr. Anita Legg and PCSO Alex Bishop.

❖ REPORTS FROM THE COUNCILS:

Dorset County Council:

Bakers Arms Crossing on A356 – Cllr Knox is supportive of having this crossing removed. See also Highways Issues.

Mobile Phone Signal – Central Government is to provide further investment to commercial operators to put up masts in areas with no mobile phone signal such as South Perrott and Chedington. Final decisions are made by the service operators based on commercial considerations.

Superfast Broadband – green boxes are currently being installed in Beaminster. South Perrott is still on target for later this year.

Community Transport – the County Council is giving this a high priority.

West Dorset District Council:

Robert Gould, WDDC's Leader of the Council, has been promoted to Leader of DCC. Tony Alford, a Netherbury councillor, has been elected as the new Leader of WDDC.

❖ HIGHWAYS ISSUES:

➤ **A356 Road Issues** – Crossing outside Bakers Arms – the Chairman advised that Mr & Mrs Thackwell had written to Oliver Letwin MP to plead for the crossing to be removed and that the parish council had written in support. John Harris, owner of The Coach House, advised that the crossing outside his property was also a noise nuisance and requested its removal.

➤ **SpeedWatch** - Members considered a written report from PCSO Alex Bishop which explained the process for setting up a Community Speed Watch scheme. At least 7 volunteers would need to be recruited (with one acting as the co-ordinator). These would need to be vetted for suitability and receive training in policies and procedures. A kit would need to be purchased at a cost of £300. This includes the speed checking device, hi-viz tabards, a clipboard and counter, and signage. Risk assessments must be carried out for sites identified for possible checks. There is no insurance to cover the volunteers carrying out the activity. It was noted that the speed checks which Highways had undertaken in South Perrott in 2012 had not shown a significant speeding problem in the

village. After discussion, it was agreed that due to the cost of equipment and lack of insurance, no further action would be taken.

- **Junction A3066/Lecher Lane** - The parish council's formal request for a dedicated right-turn lane into Lecher Lane from the A3066 is being assessed by Highways Local Transport Plan Team for possible future funding under the Capital Local Transport Programme.
- **Hill Farm Corner** – there is a continuing problem of water tracking across the road which could become dangerous if it freezes.
- **Chedington** – the lane between Sandy Knapp and Chedington Lane is in need of repair.

The Clerk is writing to DCC Highways on these matters.

- ❖ **Picket Lane** – there have been a number of complaints regarding the quantity of mud on Picket Lane which is making it difficult for pedestrians, cyclists and light vehicles to use. A polite request to remove the excess mud has been made to the farmer.
- ❖ **BT proposal to remove Phone Box in the Pound** - In response to BT's proposal to remove the public telephone box in South Perrott, a letter has been sent making a case for its retention.
- ❖ **Approval of Budget and Precept for 2015-2016.** The Precept for 2015-2016 of £3,800 has been agreed by the Parish Council.
- ❖ **Footpaths in South Perrott and Chedington** – As a result of an invitation from DCC to enter into a Service Level Agreement for the maintenance of footpaths in our area, a concern was raised that the parish council had not been given sufficient information about the costs of maintaining stiles, bridges and signs, to make an informed decision. It was confirmed that the parish council has no plans at present to progress this proposal.
- ❖ **Planning Applications –**
 - Decisions notified: WD/D/14/001923 Court Farm, Chedington – external alterations to agricultural barn (part retrospective). Approved.
 - New Applications: WD/D/14/003173 (Listed Building Consent) Cornerways, South Perrott – internal and external alterations.
 - Decisions Pending: WD/D/14/002843 Coach & Horses Inn, South Perrott – to construct a garage, cold store and cellar.
 - Applications pending and decisions notified can be viewed on www.dorsetforyou.com.

Parish Councillors

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Public Session - Following a trial period, members agreed to keep the Public Session at the start of the meetings for the remainder of this Council's term of office. All meetings start at 19:30

Parish Council Meetings for 2015:

Thursday 12 th March	-	Chedington
Thursday 14 th May (incl. AGM)	-	South Perrott
Thursday 9 th July	-	Chedington
Thursday 10 th September	-	South Perrott
Thursday 12 th November	-	Chedington

What's On in South Perrott and Chedington?

February 2015		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	09:00	Bells Big Breakfast (to 11:00am)	SP Village Hall	Martyn - 891931
		19:30	Bingo	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Tuesday	10 th	17:00	DWP Roadshow (to 20:00)	Beaminster Public Hall	
Wednesday	11 th	19:30	Gardening Club	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Saturday	14 th	19:00	Valentine's Day Dinner	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Friday	20 th	18:00	Family Bingo (eyes down 18:30)	SP Village Hall	Anne - 891224
Friday	27 th	12:30	Lunch Club	Winyards Gap	Michelle/Toby - 891244
Saturday	28 th	19:00	Skittles Evening in aid of Millennium Green	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
					Martyn - 891931
					Sue - 891019

March 2015		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	4 th	19:30	Bingo	Coach & Horses	Jane - 891270
Wednesday	11 th	19:30	Gardening Club	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Thursday	12 th	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	Chedington Village Hall	Angela - 891931
Friday	27 th	12:30	Lunch Club	Winyards Gap	Michelle/Toby - 891244

Regular Events – Winter/Spring 2015

Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Every Monday	14:00	Art Classes	SP Village Hall	Rose - 891808
	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 Thursday	09:30	Yoga	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
	17:15	Zumba	SP Village Hall	Ali - 01460 74546/ 07753533727
	18:15	Pilates	SP Village Hall	
Every Friday	10:00	Upholstery	SP Village Hall	Helen 01460 626211

Future Events:

St George's Day dinner - SP Village Hall, Saturday 25th April 2015.

Local Contacts:

Chedington Village Hall:

Chairman Vacant
Bookings Ivan Williams 01935 891059

Winyards Gap Toby/Michelle 01935 891244

St Mary's Church:

Church Warden Peter Coles 01935 891232
Treasurer Wendy Stevenette 01935 891890

South Perrott Village Hall:

Chairman Dave McSkelly 01935 891891
Secretary Michael Stevenette 01935 891890
Bookings Vicky Reed 01935 891654

Coach & Horses Jane 01935 891270

Millennium Green:

Secretary Martyn Gillingham 01935 891931