

THE PUMP & POUND

The Newsletter of Parrett & Axe Parish Council

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June/July 2012

Welcome to the sixth issue of The Pump & Pound. In the last edition I encouraged parishioners to attend their respective Village Meetings, it was good to see that many did so and we now have a lot of items to follow up. The matters arising from both meetings were taken forward to the Parish Council meeting held on 10th May 2012 and are reported in the summary below.

The refurbishment of the Pound is very much a South Perrott Village project and I would encourage villagers to give as much support as possible.

Mike Johnson - Chairman

South Perrott Spring Clean

The South Perrott Village Tidy Up eventually took place on Sunday 13th May having been postponed from 29th April due to torrential rain and howling wind! We chose the right day as the sun shone and we had plenty of willing volunteers who between them collected 10 sacks of rubbish from within the parish boundaries. Thanks go to Wendy Hutton, Anthony de la Poer, Lisa Thackwell, Dave McSkelly, Ann Studley, Emma & Kate Organ, Doreen Lean and Patsy Hinton – our own village wombles, (those of you old enough to remember them!), who gave up their Sunday morning to collect litter and other debris strewn around the village.

A considerable proportion of this litter is deposited by vehicles passing through; however please can we all do our bit by keeping our village as neat and tidy as possible. We may even win “Best Kept Village” competition next year! Most importantly we are doing it for US as we do live in a village we should be proud of.

Cllr. Sue Coutanche



Diamond Jubilee Tea – 3rd June; BBQ – 4th June 2012

Don't forget to book your place at the Diamond Jubilee Tea on 3rd June by ringing Vicky Reed on 891654. We need to know numbers so that we can plan the refreshments accordingly, so don't delay, do it TODAY!

There is a best homemade Child's Crown Competition for three age groups; under 5, 5 – 7 and 8 – 11 year olds. Come wearing your Crown on the day and a prize will be awarded for the best entry in each age group. Child and adult races (for the more energetic Mums and Dads!) will start the event at 3pm, to be followed by tea later in the afternoon.

Do come and help South Perrott and Chedington celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. All children up to and including 16 year olds will receive a commemorative mug.

This event is sponsored by South Perrott Village Hall and supported by West Dorset District Council.

On Monday 4th June from 4pm Winyards Gap are hosting a 'Family Jubilee BBQ' on their patio. The BBQ, plates and accompaniments will be provided and everyone from the two villages is invited to bring their own food and join in the celebrations.

The Bluebell Teas and open gardens 29th April at Chedington

The wettest drought since records began conspired with gale force winds to devastate this event! A few hardy souls braved the elements to indulge in afternoon tea, well worth the hoods and umbrellas, and a quick dash to the hall. All was not lost however. Monday was marginally less stormy and the plant stall managed to make up some leeway.



Village Picnic - A date for your diary; Saturday 7th July from 4pm on the Millennium Green for the South Perrott and Chedington Annual Village Picnic. Do come, bring your own food and drink to share, and join in the fun and games.

Chedington Street Fair

This event takes place a week earlier than normal this year, being held on Saturday 21st July. The two village halls rely heavily on the funds that the Street Fair raises. As an example, the annual running costs of South Perrott's hall are in the region of £3,500 before exceptional items. Without this contribution, it would not be possible to offer the very competitive rates available. Chedington are even more dependent on the funds raised at the Street Fair. Your continued support is vital and much appreciated.

Chedington and South Perrott Garden Club

11th April – You learn something at every meeting. Beat the drought with deep mulch. Was it only early April that we needed that advice? Tips on garden design; White flowers will dominate.

9th May - The trip to Brimsore Garden Centre was a great success being very well attended and, despite the drizzle, all cars came home groaning with goodies. If only the rain will allow them to be planted out.

Fund Raising - A big thank you to Wendy and Michael Stevenette, whose lunch on 28th March raised £145 for The Bridport Social and Adult Education Centre.

St George's Supper 21st April

We did our patron saint proud! The hall decorations were inspired and a superb meal was served. Entertainment was provided by our wealth of local talent with singing from the Glitter girls (Joyce and family), Ivan's Pearly King cockney songs, Martyn's poetry recital and the hilarious conversation between English and American men of the sea (Mike and Peter). The rousing sing along to finish was probably aided, in part, by the freely flowing wine during the evening! A good time was had by all. Anyone out there who hasn't been, why not give it a try next year?

Parrett & Axe Parish Council

Below is a summary of some of the topics discussed at the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 10th May 2012. 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, District Councillors Janet Page and Caroline Payne were also in attendance.

❖ **A356 Road Scheme** - A problem with the speed monitoring device meant that the equipment that had been installed by Hill Farm bend and the Coach & Horses had remained for a longer period than planned. It was agreed that speed monitoring equipment should also be installed at the other end of the village, east of Picket Lane by the Old Post Office. Clerk to request DCC Highways to action.

It was reported that the recurrent potholes on the A356, Crewkerne side of village, had been filled.

Chedington – it was reported that the cat's eyes have not been replaced on the new re-surfaced road between the Golf Club and Winyards Gap. Clerk to notify DCC Highways.

❖ **Matters arising from the two Village Meetings.**

• **South Perrott** - the issues raised and action agreed were as follows: -

- **Hill Farm** - chase Highways to put SLOW signs on the road.
- Narrow section at **Swing Gate Cottage** - ask Highways to change "road narrows" signs to "single track" signs.
- **Lecher Lane** - ask Highways to consider erecting a "road narrows" sign and a gradient sign.
- **Bakers Arms** - ask Highways to remove the footway outside the property to reduce the noise from passing traffic.
- **Junction of Lecher Lane and A3066** – it was agreed that a joint letter from the Chairman of this council and the Chairman of Mosterton Parish Council should be sent to DCC Highways asking again for action to be taken to improve safety at this junction. Overtaking cars endanger vehicles turning right into and left out of Lecher Lane.
- **Refurbishment of the Pound** – see below

• **Chedington** - the issues raised and action agreed were as follows: -

- Road surface – parish clerk to report, to DCC Highways, the potholes and general deterioration of road surface through the village, particularly past Sandy Knapp. Also past Pretty Box Farm where heavy lorries (directed by their sat navs) are travelling on unsuitable roads and breaking up the road surface.
- Trees – it was noted that Chedington residents would like to have the self-sown trees cleared along the road from Highfield House towards Winyards Gap Inn and replaced with some more attractive trees.
- There has been fly tipping at the bottom of Pretty Box Lane and a pothole has appeared on the road between Pretty Box Lane and Winyards Gap Inn. Clerk to report to DCC Highways.

❖ **The waste collections** throughout Dorset are to be joined up and plastics and food waste, which are currently only collected in East Dorset, will be collected in West Dorset by 2014.

❖ **Refurbishment of The Pound, South Perrott**

A concern had been raised as to whether the proposed combined seat and stone planters would need planning permission. The Chairman considered that, as the planters were an integral part of the design of the seat, the structure would be permissible within the permitted development in the parish. A concern was raised to ensure that the new seat is safety compliant. A local farmer would be approached and asked if he would be willing to use his machinery to clear the ground. The Chairman said that it was hoped that most of the costs would be raised from donations from within the village, but that the Parish Council might be willing to top-up any shortfall.

[Following the meeting it was suggested that the old seat could be sold by sealed bid to raise some money.]

❖ **Consultation on Community Involvement in Snow Clearing Operations**

The Clerk reported that DCC Highways are consulting parishes about snow clearing in rural areas. Currently they run a “Farmers Snow Plough Scheme” where snow clearing blades are distributed to local farmers who are then responsible for clearing the snow; however in recent years the number of farmers attending when required has gradually reduced. Highways are now proposing to distribute a snow blade to each parish council, which will then be responsible for making arrangements with the local farmers to use the blades when required. It was agreed that in principle this parish council would be willing to accept a snow blade, subject to clarification of the following points:

- The type of vehicle to which the blade can be attached
- Whether farmers can use red diesel when driving on public highways
- Would farmers have insurance cover when using the blade on the roads?
- What happens if the road surface gets damaged by the blade?

The Clerk will raise with DCC Highways.

❖ **Planning**

One new application was received - 1/D/12/000385 Waylands Farm, Chedington (adjoining Parish) – retain existing mobile home for holiday let purposes. Members discussed this application and raised no objections. Two decisions were notified one by WDDC and one by Somerset County Council.

Wildlife target Black Sacks!

Residents are requested to refrain from putting out black sacks containing food matter prior to the morning of collection. Wildlife in particular badgers & foxes tear these bags open and their contents are then strewn about which is unpleasant and also a health hazard. If food waste has to be put out the night before please place in an animal proof receptacle e.g. a securely fastened dustbin or similar container. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parish Councillors

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Next Parish Council Meeting Date:

Thursday 12th July 2012 South Perrott Village Hall

What's On in South Perrott and Chedington?

		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
June 2012					
Sunday	3 rd	15:00	Jubilee Party	Peter Hinton's Paddock	Vicky - 891654
		19:00	Quiz	Coach & Horses	Gary/Gill - 891270
Monday	4 th	11:00	Coffee Club	Coach & Horses	Gary/Gill - 891270
		16:00	Jubilee BBQ	Winyards Gap	Toby/Michelle - 891244
Sunday	10 th	19:00	Bingo	Coach & Horses	Gary/Gill - 891270
Monday	18 th	20:30	Wessex Morris Dancers	Coach & Horses	Gary/Gill - 891270
Wednesday	20 th	09:30	Visit to Cannington Walled Garden		Sue - 891240
Friday	29 th	21:00	Live music with Vinyl Monkeys	Coach & Horses	Gary/Gill - 891270

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July 2012					
Sunday	1 st	19:00	Quiz	Coach & Horses	Gary/Gill - 891270
Monday	2 nd	11:00	Coffee Club	Coach & Horses	Gary/Gill - 891270
Saturday	7 th	16:00	Annual Village Picnic	Millennium Green	Martyn - 891931
Sunday	8 th	19:00	Bingo (<i>see note below</i>)	Coach & Horses	Gary/Gill - 891270
Thursday	12 th	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	SP Village Hall	Angela - 891931
Friday	13 th	14:30	Oliver Letwin, MP, Surgery	Chedington Village Hall	- 01300321188
Saturday	21 st	12:00	Chedington Street Fair	Chedington	Michael - 891890 Dave - 891512

Regular Events – Spring 2012

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	Coach & Horses	Ella - 01308868834 Barbara - 01308867891 Martyn - 891931
Every Tuesday	14:00	Short Mat Bowls	SP Village Hall	Bob - 891404
Every Tuesday	18:30	Aerobics with Gemma	SP Village Hall	Gemma - 07767083780
Every Thursday	09:30	Yoga	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Every Friday	10:00	Upholstery	SP Village Hall	Helen - 0146062621

Note: This date is provisional and may change. Please check with Gary/Gill.

South Perrott Open Day and Cider Festival 2012

Reminder - the dates for the Flower Festival and Village Open Day this year are Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th August. Please contact Ann on 01935 891224 for more information. Note also that the Coach and Horses Cider Festival will be from Friday 3rd August to Sunday 5th August.

Local Contacts

Chedington Village Hall:

Chairman Joy Coles 01935 891232
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:

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Gary and Gill 01935 891270

Coach & Horses Millennium Green

Secretary Martyn Gillingham 01935 891931