

# THE PUMP & POUND

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Once again our villages have been very busy with fundraising events and generally enjoying the summer months and school holidays. How fortunate we all are to live in such a beautiful environment. South Perrott and Chedington are both Conservation Areas within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty; we need to protect them in these changing times for the enjoyment of future generations.

*Kate Organ, Chairman*

## Chedington Street Fair

This year's Street Fair was on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July and how lucky we were with the glorious weather that day! Nearly a month's rain fell on the days before and after the event. As well as many attractions and activities for all ages, for the first time this year there was a very popular family dog show which was a great success. As last year, there was the chance to win a hot air balloon flight. A very excited Adele Jakeman from Halstock was the lucky person this time and we wish her a great day out.



Over 60 volunteers from Chedington and South Perrott work tirelessly before and after the event to produce an excellent afternoon's entertainment for over 600 visitors to the Street Fair. This year's event raised a total of £3,600 which was divided equally between the two village halls. A big thank you goes to everyone who contributed in any way and made the day very enjoyable for all.

Planning is already under way for next year's Fair which will be on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2016. It is down to the hard work of the volunteers who make the Street Fair a great success and we always welcome new helpers. If you would like to volunteer for next year's Street Fair please contact me at [henrymackenzegreen@gmail.com](mailto:henrymackenzegreen@gmail.com).

*Henry Mackenzie-Green - (Chairman for the Chedington Street Fair)*

## South Perrott Open Day – Best so far!

This year's Open Day, Flower Festival and BBQ raised £3,500, the most to date, and this goes towards the maintenance of St Mary's Church which is also the parish church for Chedington. There were a number of new features this year including the revamped Grand Raffle which made twice the usual amount of money! Stall bookings were up thanks to the efforts of Jill Turner, although visitor numbers were slightly down. The scarecrow competition has now become a regular feature. Congratulations go to Angela Gillingham, winner of the adult section with Little Miss Muffet and Amber Buchan winner of the junior section with Harry the Lookout Boy. Thanks go to everyone who helped to make the Open Day such a success.



A review and planning meeting will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in South Perrott Village Hall. Everyone is welcome. Please come along we need new ideas.

[www.facebook.com/SouthPerrott](http://www.facebook.com/SouthPerrott)

South Perrott now has a community Facebook page! It was set up before the Village Open Day and is now available for all events, announcements, photos, etc. It's a great way of reaching lots of people quickly, effectively and cheaply! It is set up so that anyone can post messages, photos etc., but I shall keep an editorial eye on it! There is a link to the Parrett & Axe website and vice versa.

Please 'Like' and 'Share' as widely as possible. *Jill Turner*

## The Coach & Horses Inn – Latest Update

While the Coach & Horses is undergoing major refurbishment the pub will be open from 7pm to 10pm every Friday and Saturday evening for as long as it is viable. Only drinks will be available although customers may bring food to eat in the pub if they wish. Customers both old and new are most welcome. There are two roaring fires that will greet you on chilly autumn/winter evenings as well as mine hosts.

Why not pop in for a drink - the success of these evenings depends on you! We look forward to seeing you.

*John & James Harris*

**Winyards Gap** is open all day on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October for a Halloween fancy dress day with prizes. The band "Scoot" will be playing from 9 pm. Contact Michelle or Toby on 891244 for more information.

## South Perrott Coffee Club

The next Coffee Club will be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 11am, hosted by Pat Hargroves at 2 Manor Close, 891546. Thereafter they will be held on the first Monday of the month at 11am in South Perrott Village Hall. Proceeds go to St Mary's PCC. All are welcome. *Ann Studley*

## The Big Breakfasts are back!

The Big Breakfasts are returning for the winter, with the first taking place on Sunday 8th November 2015 in the Village Hall from 9am - 10.30am, raising funds for the Millennium Green. Come and enjoy a full English breakfast for only £5. *Martyn Gillingham*

**Refuse Collection and recycling** – the new service starts w/c 19 October 2015. The new wheelie bins have now been delivered to all households with an accompanying booklet explaining the new system.

## Mobile Library Service

Are there some more book readers among South Perrott's residents? Recently, there have only been two of us changing our books at the fortnightly visit! The village has been allocated a visit through next year but, unless usage increases, we are in danger of losing this service. At the moment the van comes once a fortnight on Thursday morning at about 11:30am in The Pound. From April next year, it will be on Thursday at 15:20. *Joyce Osborne*

## South Perrott Flower Show

This annual event took place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September in South Perrott Village Hall. In spite of the unsatisfactory summer we have had, there was a good display of flowers, fruit and vegetables. Entries were down on last year but the standard remained high, with a pleasing number of new exhibitors taking part. There was also a wonderful display of varied and interesting items in the Arts and Crafts section, revealing some of the hidden talents that live in the two villages! Congratulations go to all the category winners. The Challenge Cups were won by Ivan and Carole Williams (Chedington) and Anthony and Dominic de la Poer (South Perrott), and the winner of the Children's Cup was Lucy Singleton. A bulb planting event is planned for the autumn and we hope that many of you will join us in planting bulbs around the village and on the Millennium Green. Details will be circulated soon. The committee would like to thank all those who were involved in this year's Show. *Dominie de la Poer*



## Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club

A sign that winter is approaching as the first meeting after summer (9<sup>th</sup> September), was held indoors! The pepper plants that members have been nurturing since early spring were judged and Anthony de la Poer was the worthy winner. Chris and Judy Yates with their encyclopaedic knowledge of roses, and obvious green thumbs, treated the club to a visual feast of roses old and new. The main difference between them is that, on the whole, old roses bloom only once in the season, new ones twice or more. If you have aphids on your roses, leave to nature to sort out, and as everyone in the two villages knows deer love young shoots! Tip of the month; daffodil bulbs should be in by now, if not, do it now! Tulips can wait until November.

**South Perrott & Chedington Neighbourhood Car Scheme** – a reminder that this scheme has replaced the old Country Cars Scheme, and can be used by anyone who is in need of transport. The cost is 50p per mile. Contact Angela Gillingham (tel. 891931), to arrange.

## Parrett & Axe Parish Council

Below is a summary of some of the topics discussed at the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015. A full set of the agreed minutes from this meeting will be available on the Parish website ([www.parrettandaxe.org.uk](http://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, District Cllr. Tony Alford and PCSO Alex Bishop. Apologies were received from: District Cllr. Peter Barrowcliff and Footpaths Officer Dominic de la Poer.

### ❖ REPORTS FROM THE COUNCILS:

- **Dorset County Council:** - Cllr Knox reported that following road safety workshop driver behaviour will be targeted with increased funding for more driver awareness courses.
- **West Dorset District Council:** - Cllr Alford referred to the WDDC's Local Plan which has been approved by the inspector and will be formally adopted in October. A consultation on Tourist Information Centres revealed that most people want to retain the service. There are proposals to reduce grants to community bodies but CABs may retain theirs.

- ❖ **River Warden's Report** – A request was made to residents that have a gully outside their property to keep them clear. The river at the corner of Picket Lane has been dredged and is now flowing better.
- ❖ **Police Report** – As a result of budget cuts Beaminster Police station is closing and the team will work from the Fire Station. The nearest Police Station open to the public is in Bridport.
- ❖ **Refuse Collection and recycling** – See item above.
- ❖ **Superfast Broadband** - South Perrott residents who have signed up for email updates from Superfast Broadband at DCC will have received an email reporting that Superfast Broadband has arrived in postcode area DT8 3HU. This information is also shown on the coverage map on the SB website. Unfortunately, this is not correct and data errors have resulted in misinformation. Both South Perrott and Chedington are now due to receive Superfast Broadband in the first part of 2016.
- ❖ **Mobile Phone Coverage** - David Lines presented the results of a questionnaire that had been delivered to every household in South Perrott. This had a response rate of 46% and showed an equal distribution of coverage from the main mobile providers. The results were mapped and showed that there was no signal in the middle of the village but some signal on the hills out of the village. The Government is hoping to tackle the mobile “not-spots” by 2017. The Mobile Infrastructure Project (MIP) imposed on providers an obligation to spend up to £5 billion to reach “not-spots”.  
County Cllr Rebecca Knox advised that the County Council has no control of the MIP but it can help with information on alternative ways of getting a signal via the internet. There are no planned sites for this area and a new application for a mast would not be processed before the MIP's cut-off date in 2016. The Fire Service, which is rolling out a new “Airwaves” transmission system, may have capacity in the future for adding in residential use. A special meeting will be set up to make local residents more aware of the ways to improve mobile reception via the internet through the use of apps and booster boxes. David Lines was thanked for his work.
- ❖ **Highway Issues** –The crossing outside the Baker's Arms is now scheduled to be removed. The road surface around Hill Farm bend is breaking up and also water is tracking across the road. There is flooding on the A356 at the dip in the road on the west side of South Perrott caused by a blocked drain. There are missing white lines and cats eyes on the A356 between Winyards Gap and South Perrott. The road surface in Chedington has deteriorated and needs attention. Blair Turner, DCC Highways officer will be invited to the next PC meeting as in future he will be dealing with road issues in our area.
- ❖ **South Perrott Facebook** – See item on front page
- ❖ **Fly Tipping** – This is an on-going problem particularly in Lecher Lane. Incidents can be reported on [www.dorsetforyou.com/streetscene](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/streetscene) . The response is usually good.
- ❖ **Planning Applications** -
  - Decisions notified: WD/D/15/001343 Shepherd's Farm Bungalow, South Perrott - approved.
  - New & pending Applications: None.
  - The District's Planning Enforcement Officer has visited South Perrott and is aware of the following planning issues; Bellamy Farm (where the rebuilt coach house has not followed the approved plans), Maple Cottage (where building work to a grade II listed building has been carried out without appropriated listed building consent) and a strip of land adjacent to A356 opposite Shepherd's Farm Bungalow (where excavation and levelling works have taken place close to the hedge line).
  - Applications pending and decisions notified can be viewed on [www.dorsetforyou.com](http://www.dorsetforyou.com)

## Parish Councillors

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## Parish Council Meetings for 2015:

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 19:30 - Chedington

## What's On in South Perrott and Chedington?

| October 2015 |                  | Time  | Event   | Venue                   | Contact                            |
|--------------|------------------|-------|---|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Saturday     | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 11:00 | Coffee Morning                                | Chedington Village Hall | Susan - 891035                     |
| Monday       | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 11:00 | Coffee Club                                   | 2 Manor Close           | Pat - 891546                       |
| Tuesday      | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 19:00 | SP Open Day Review                            | SP Village Hall         | Ann - 891224                       |
| Friday       | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 18:30 | SP Club - Pie and Mash evening                | SP Village Hall         | Barry - 891033<br>Michael - 891890 |
| Wednesday    | 14 <sup>th</sup> | 19:30 | Garden Club                                   | Chedington Village Hall | Sue - 891240                       |
| Friday       | 30 <sup>th</sup> | 18:30 | SP Club                                       | SP Village Hall         | Barry - 891033<br>Michael - 891890 |
| Saturday     | 31 <sup>st</sup> | 12:00 | Halloween day with fancy dress and live music | Winyards Gap            | Michelle/ Toby - 891244            |

| November 2015 |                  | Time  | Event                    | Venue                   | Contact                            |
|---------------|------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Saturday      | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 11:00 | Coffee Morning           | Chedington Village Hall | Susan - 891035                     |
|               |                  | 14:30 | Autumn Bazaar            | SP Village Hall         | Sylvia - 891234                    |
| Sunday        | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 09:00 | MG Big Breakfast         | SP Village Hall         | Martyn - 891931                    |
| Monday        | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 11:00 | Coffee Club              | SP Village Hall         | Ann - 891224                       |
| Wednesday     | 11 <sup>th</sup> | 19:30 | Garden Club AGM & Supper | Chedington Village Hall | Sue - 891240                       |
| Thursday      | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 19:30 | Parish Council Meeting   | Chedington Village Hall | Angela - 891931                    |
| Friday        | 13 <sup>th</sup> | 18:30 | SP Club - Curry Night    | SP Village Hall         | Barry - 891033<br>Michael - 891890 |
| Friday        | 20 <sup>th</sup> | 18:30 | SP Club                  | SP Village Hall         | Barry - 891033<br>Michael - 891890 |

### Regular Events – Autumn 2015

| Day            | Time  | Event   | Venue                       | Contact  |
|----------------|-------|---|-----------------------------|--|
| Every Monday   | 14:00 | Art Classes                                   | Grey Abbey, SP              | 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<br>Barbara - 01308 867891<br>Martyn - 891931 |
| Every Tuesday  | 14:00 | Short Mat Bowls                               | SP Village Hall             | Bob - 891404   |
| Every Thursday | 09:30 | Yoga  | SP Village Hall             | Ann - 891224   |
|                | 18:15 | Pilates                                       | SP Village Hall             | Ali - 01460 74546/<br>07753533727                                |
| Every Friday   | 10:00 | Upholstery                                    | SP Village Hall             | Helen - 01460 626211   |

#### Local Contacts:

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Chairman Vacant  
Bookings Ivan Williams 01935 891059

**Winyards Gap** Toby/Michelle 01935 891244

##### St Mary's Church:

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##### South Perrott Village Hall:

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**Coach & Horses** John Harris 01935 891270

##### Millennium Green:

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