

# THE PUMP & POUND

The Newsletter of Parrett & Axe Parish Council

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Welcome to Issue 32 - it is now 5 years since the first issue was delivered to every household in our two villages! As usual this issue is packed with accounts of village activities including the very successful Chedington Street Fair and South Perrott Village Fayre. The autumn calendar is especially busy with many events to keep us occupied as the days become shorter and winter approaches.

It would be lovely to welcome more people to our parish council meetings – the public session is always at the start although we invite you to stay until the end. *Kate Organ, Chairman*

## Over £8000 raised by our two villages in just two weeks!!

What an astonishing effort to raise this much from the Chedington Street Fair and the South Perrott Village Fayre!

The **Street Fair** on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July was its usual great success and there were more visitors than in recent years despite the pull of the beach on such a warm day. As well as many attractions and activities for all ages, this year saw the second running of the Family Dog Show which attracted an impressive entry of 170. The honour of best in show went to Tya, a majestic lurcher belonging to Les Kitcher. With live music and plenty to eat and drink it was a most enjoyable day. After all the monies had been counted, the organisers were able to distribute £2,100 to each of the village halls.



The **South Perrott Fayre** took place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August. This followed the Flower Festival in the church (the theme being The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday) and the displays were considered by many to be the best for years - what a superb effort! With food and refreshment's around the village, stalls selling plants and crafts, children's activities in the paddock, open gardens, the Grand Raffle and Bill's car rides - who were the brave souls who took a ride in the Ariel Atom? The Fayre raised over £4,000. This is a record for this event and the proceeds go towards the running costs of St Mary's Church. We owe a huge debt to



Ann Studley who has masterminded this event for 30 years. Ann has now handed over to Jill Turner, who organised this year's Fayre, although Ann continues to be involved but in a lesser role.

The chairmen of the two village halls and the P.C.C. would like to thank the organisers, helpers and all the visitors for their support – we hope you'll be back again next year!

Thoughts are already turning to next year. To this end, meetings have been arranged to review this year's events and your feedback will be most welcome. The Street Fair meeting is on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in Chedington Village Hall and the meeting to review South Perrott Fayre is on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30 pm in South Perrott Village Hall. *Dave McSkelly, Chairman, South Perrott Village Hall Committee*

## Come to the Big Breakfast and Help Save a Life!

The Big Breakfasts are returning to South Perrott Village Hall this winter. The aim is to raise money to purchase a defibrillator for South Perrott and South Perrott Village Hall Committee has agreed to match monies raised by them. This vital piece of equipment is used to provide immediate treatment to anyone suffering a cardiac arrest prior to the arrival of the emergency services.

The first breakfast will be held on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016 from 8.45 until 10.45. Further dates are Sundays 8<sup>th</sup> January and 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Please note your diaries.

## The Coach and Horses Inn

Following major refurbishment, the long awaited re-opening of the Coach & Horses Inn will happen on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016. The Inn will be providing a bar, restaurant, conference facilities and luxury ensuite accommodation. *James Harris*

## South Perrott Village Hall

Many of you will recall that the roof of the village hall suffered damage in 2010. Some of the beams broke and a total of 10 were repaired. Unfortunately, in August, four of those repairs failed and remedial action was needed. The engineers have secured the roof using props and are investigating the cause of the failure whilst working out a permanent fix. They have declared that the hall is safe to use even though the

props may be in place for some time. I apologise for any inconvenience and would like to thank everyone for their patience. I will, of course, provide more information as and when I receive it.

*Dave McSkelly, Chairman, South Perrott Village Hall Management Committee*

## **Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September saw the start of the indoor season for the club, and what a start! The subject of the riveting talk by Marion Gale was "Wicked plants"; she named at least 30 that anybody could have in their garden by accident or design! The added surprise is that we probably have all known about them since childhood, when being told, for example, don't touch the nettles, don't eat the holly berries, leave Yew trees alone etc. It's impossible to name every plant, but a few are worth a mention. The chrysanthemum leaf has hairs that can cause rashes and blisters, elder berries contain cyanide. Even the lovely Lilly of the Valley has toxic sap, along with Crown Imperials. Try your utmost not to mix your daffodil bulbs up with the onions, very bad if eaten. And yes, it has been confirmed, if a potato is green that too is toxic, but you'd need to eat a lot to make you really ill. Among the scariest though is the castor oil plant - the source of deadly ricin! On a more positive note, quite a few of these wicked plants have proven to be very beneficial and it's very likely that further benefits will be found.

October's Club talk is 'Plants that Changed the World'. The AGM and supper is Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

## **South Perrott and Chedington Flower Show**

This annual event for the two villages took place on Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> - a week later than usual. This may have been the reason that the number of exhibits was down on previous years. However, the standard was high and it was pleasing to note that there were some new exhibitors taking part - very successfully. Congratulations to all 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 Zach Bailey. The committee would like to thank all those who were involved in this year's Show.

*Dominie de la Poer*

**A Big Thank You ...** to all the residents of Parrett Mead, Manor Close, Picket Lane and Winterhayes that contributed so generously to enable the purchase at a cost of £237.50, an additional five oak posts to complement the four that the Parish Council has purchased. These posts will replace the 9 posts which are damaged and deteriorating along the section of Picket Lane from the A356 to the north side of Parrett Mead. DCC Highways will be providing the labour to install these posts and reinstate the railings.

## **New contact number 105 - for electricity supply problems**

On 6<sup>th</sup> September this year a new national phone number, **105**, was launched by electricity network operators for customers to call if they need to report or get information about a power cut in their area. This connects you to our local electricity network operator – the company that manages the cables, power lines and substations that deliver electricity into our homes and businesses. 105 is a free service for people in the UK and you can call it no matter from whom you buy your electricity. You can also call 105 if you spot damage to electricity power lines and substations that could put anyone in danger and in this instance you should also call the emergency services.

## **Parrett & Axe Parish Council**

Below is a summary of some of the topics discussed at the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016. 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 also in attendance were acting clerk Vicky Reed and District Cllr. Peter Barrowcliff. Apologies were received from County Cllr. Rebecca Knox, District Cllr. Tony Alford, Clerk Angela Gillingham, River Warden Martyn Gillingham and Footpaths Officer, Dominie de la Poer.

### **❖ Reports from County Councillor and District Councillors**

**District Cllr. Peter Barrowcliff** reported that the Full Council had approved WDDC joining the Combined Authority, (with Weymouth and North Dorset still to approve). The Local Government Reorganisation includes proposals to form two unitary authorities and these proposals are the subject of a public consultation that has just started. The public consultation concludes on 25<sup>th</sup> October. It is hoped that the changes will produce significant financial savings and efficiencies, which are essential for meeting the challenges presented by the reduced budget revenue support.

**PCSO Alex Bishop** in an email reported that a suspicious vehicle, a red Land Rover Defender, was being driven around the area. If seen please call 101. The Police are conducting 'Autumn Roadshows' in the area as a means of community engagement. Alex Bishop's colleague, Dave Ash, will be opposite the Coach and Horses on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm if anyone wants to say hello or raise any issues.

## ❖ Highways Issues –

- **Pipplepen Lane** - the potholes have reopened and the road surface is in a poor state and in need of repair. (*Subsequent to the meeting two local residents have met with DCC Highways and they have agreed to patch repair the Lane up to the County Boundary within the next 3 months. It is also on their surface dressing schedule for the next 3 years.*)
- Drains and gullies between **Keepers Peace** and **Pretty Box Cottage** need to be cleared and dug out. Clerk to action.
- **Overgrown hedges** – these are obscuring some of the road signs. The clerk will contact DCC where they are responsible and a request will be made to residents to prune as appropriate.
- **SID (Speed Indicator Device)** – a South Perrott resident has agreed to host a mobile SID on their property. County Cllr. Rebecca Knox is investigating and will report back.

❖ **Parking in the Pound** – concerns were raised that some cars were regularly parked in the Pound for long periods. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council should investigate who owns the land and rights of use.

❖ **Picket Lane Railings** - following agreement at the last meeting, four oak posts have been purchased by the Parish Council to replace the four damaged posts in the first section of railings. (See also item A Big Thank You). Confirmation has been received from Blair Turner, DCC Highways that the job is on his 3 month work schedule. It was noted that the next section of posts, from Parrett Mead to Court Farm Cottage, will need to be replaced in the future and the cost will have to be borne by the Parish Council. It was agreed to consider this when preparing the budget for 2017-2018.

❖ **Fingerposts** - the cost to replace damaged fingerposts has been investigated by the parish council and will be included in the 2017-18 budget. Mike Johnson has offered to laser cut the lettering and other volunteers will be sought to help with the restoration work.

❖ **Planning Matters** – The Chairman reported concerns about the number of retrospective applications that have recently been received for comment by the parish council. Cllr. de la Poer asked if Cllr. Barrowcliff could supply details of the number of retrospective and primary applications received by WDDC and their respective rates of approval for comparison.

- **Applications considered:** WD/D/16/001584 Winterhayes, South Perrott – Two storey extension, detached garage/carport and vehicle access. (*Subsequently withdrawn by applicant*)  
WD/D/16/001631 Chedington Court, Chedington – Internal and external alterations to include repositioning the entrance drive wall and piers.
- **Decisions notified by WDDC:** WD/D/16/000810 Highfield House, Chedington – replace existing conservatory with oak framed garden room. Approved.  
WD/D/15/002365 Bellamy Farm, South Perrott (retrospective application) – demolish coach house and erect building for use as ancillary residential accommodation. Approved.  
WD/D/15/002440 Maple Cottage, South Perrott (retrospective application) – conversion of double garage to living accommodation and infill of garage. Approved.

Applications pending and decisions notified can be viewed on [www.dorsetforyou.com](http://www.dorsetforyou.com)

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## Parish Council Meetings for 2016:

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016 South Perrott  
All meetings start with the Public Session at 19:30

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

October 2016		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup>	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	11:00	Coffee Club	Lee Holme, SP	Joyce - 891625
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	19:00	Street Fair meeting	Chedington Village Hall	Henry - 891567
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	SP Village Fayre Meeting	SP Village Hall	Jill - 891291
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	19:00	Garden Club	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup>	18:00	SP Club Pie Night	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup>	pm	Pumpkin Carving	Chedington Village Hall	Liz - 891059

November 2016		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Susan - 891925
		14:30	Autumn Bazaar	SP Village Hall	Sylvia - 891234
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	Coffee Club	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	19:00	Garden Club – AGM & Supper	Chedington Village Hall	Sue - 891240
Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Parish Council Meeting	SP Village Hall	Angela - 891931
Friday	11 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	Official Opening	The Coach & Horses Inn	James - 891270
			SP Club Curry Night	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup>	08:45	Big Breakfast	SP Village Hall	Martyn - 891931
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup>	18:30	Quiz Night	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	19:00	Millennium Green AGM	SP Village Hall	Martyn - 891931
Friday	25 <sup>th</sup>	18:00	SP Club St. Andrew's Evening	SP Village Hall	Michael - 891890

### Regular Events – Autumn 2016

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
	18:00	Line Dancing	SP Village Hall	Maggie - 892464
Every Thursday	09:30	Yoga	SP Village Hall	Ann - 891224
	18:00	Pilates	SP Village Hall	Ali - 01460 74546/ 07753533727
Every Friday	10:00	Upholstery	SP Village Hall	Helen - 01460 626211

To keep up to date with village events view:

Facebook Pages ("like" and "share"): South Perrott Chedington	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/SouthPerrott">www.facebook.com/SouthPerrott</a> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/ChedingtonVillage">www.facebook.com/ChedingtonVillage</a>
Parish website	<a href="http://www.parrettandaxe.org.uk">www.parrettandaxe.org.uk</a>

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##### South Perrott Village Hall:

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**Coach & Horses** John Harris 01935 891270

##### Millennium Green:

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