

THE PUMP & POUND

South Perrott and Chedington Newsletter

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The parishes of South Perrott and Chedington have small populations, but are big on organising and delivering enjoyable and popular events for both communities. Down in South Perrott we are planning a Midsummer Concert and the annual Village Fête. All these events depend upon a number of volunteers who give their time freely and generously for the benefit of our small communities, whilst at the same time raising revenue for local causes and institutions.

The Editors

Midsummer Festival Weekend 20 & 21 June

St. Mary's Church of South Perrott & Chedington is hosting an evening of **Entertainment** on **Saturday 20th June**. It starts with complimentary refreshments, Pimm's, soft drinks and nibbles, served from 6pm onwards in the churchyard, if the weather is fine. The Entertainment starts **inside the church at 7pm**, which will be decorated with summer themed flower displays by our artistic and creative "Flower Girls". With performances from friends and family, it promises to be a fun and sociable evening. We would be pleased to welcome more performers, just let us know, it's not too late! The evening is **FREE** but donations will be gratefully received.

The weekend continues on **Sunday 21st June** when **Cream Teas** will be served **from 2pm to 5pm** in the garden of Mohun House, which is adjacent to the church. Thanks go to Anthony & Dominie for hosting this in their lovely garden. As it coincides with Father's Day why not treat "Dad" to a cream tea! It is also the Summer Solstice so let's hope that the sun will be shining and that the rain will be on hold!

Please come and join us for a weekend of traditional events in and around our beautiful little church. *Sue Coutanche, Secretary St. Mary's PCC*

South Perrott Village Fête and Fun Dog Show - Sunday 19th July 2026

This major event will be on **Sunday 19th July** starting at 11:00am. It will be concentrated in old orchard adjacent to the Village Hall (weather permitting!). The day includes a Fun Dog Show (*registration from 11am to 12noon - entries are £2 per class*). Other attractions/activities are family games, a bottle tombola, a barbecue serving burgers, hot dogs and bacon butties, a beer tent, cream teas, a cake stall, ice cream, a variety of stalls including plants, bric-a-brac, accessories and more. Access is via the village hall car park. Admission is £2 per adult and there is ample free parking. Please let me, Dave McSkelly, know on 01935 891891, 07837064011 or davemcskelly@gmail.com if you would like to book a stall at the fête. Also contact me if you able to volunteer and would like to help. Come along and enjoy a fun day for all the family.

Chedington Village Hall

Our coffee mornings in Chedington Village Hall take place on the first Saturday of the month from 10:30am. The next ones are on **Saturday 6th June** and **Saturday 4th July**. Tea, coffee and delicious homemade cakes are served and all are welcome. Donations towards Village Hall funds are appreciated.

South Perrott Village Hall

The Village Hall hosts the **SP Café** on most Saturday mornings from 10am until midday. Everyone is welcome to come along, enjoy a coffee/tea and a cake, have a chat with your friends, use the internet (free of charge) and generally relax. **PCSO Alex Bishop** will be with us on **27th June** and **25th July**. Alex hopes to meet many residents so please come and enjoy a coffee and a chat with your local PCSO. Please note that there will be no café on **Saturday 18th July**.

The village hall AGM is on **Tuesday 30th June** starting at 7pm and will be followed by wine and cheese.

SPLottery – 2026/27

The SPLottery's New Year 2026-2027 started in April with winning numbers 51, 95 and 96. As always, many thanks go to all those people who are supporting the SPLottery each month.

Hilary, hilary.spvillage@gmail.com or 01935 891115.

South Perrott Coffee Club

The next coffee clubs are on **Monday 1st June**, hosted by Michael in Shire Cottage (01935 891890) and on **Monday 6th July**, hosted by Patsy and Peter in Pattens Cottage (01935 891292).



Winyard's Gap

Summer's garden gigs bringing a series of standout bands - a mix of returning favourites and fresh new acts - continue through June and July. For more information, including set times and event details, check the website, winyardsgap.com, or contact Lucy/Bron on 01935 891244

Chedington and South Perrott Gardening Club

Our visit to Brimsmore Garden Centre for a presentation and the chance to buy plants at a discounted price has been arranged for **Wednesday 10th June**. Meet at the Garden Centre at 2.15pm for a 2.30pm start. On **Wednesday 8th July**, a visit to Broomhill in Rampisham has been arranged. This former farmyard has been transformed into a delightful, tranquil garden set in 2 acres. For more information call Rosemary (07813983821) or Dave (07837064011).

BT Digital Voice

By January 2027, the old analogue phone network will be completely switched off, replaced by your broadband service. Customers with additional needs can obtain extra support making the switch to Digital Voice, by registering via BT's webform. You will be asked to log in to your MyBT account and can tell BT about your additional needs. Alternatively, you can ring 0800 1234 150 and speak to a guide. Apparently over 83% of customers in the South West have already been switched over, so your turn may be next! Remember, the phone network won't work in a power cut and, as the village has a very poor mobile phone signal, ask for a battery back-up when you are switched. Also ask for a free DV adaptor for any additional phone. For further information, go to www.bt.com/connected-together

Millennium Green

You might have noticed that the pond has now been removed and the area re-seeded. The grass will again be cut twice this year, once in late June and again in September. Why not arrange a summer picnic with family or friends or dogs on the Green!

South Perrott Parish Council (SPPC) Meetings - 5th May 2026

Below is an outline of the main topics covered in the AGM and Ordinary meetings. Full details are available in the draft minutes which are posted on the Parish Council noticeboard and on www.southperrottparishcouncil.gov.uk. In attendance were four parish councillors, and Clerk Mark Payne. Apologies were received from Cllr. Robin Ketteridge and Dorset Cllr. Craig Monks.

AGM

- ❖ **Election of Officers:** Cllrs. Richard Footitt and Robin Ketteridge were re-elected, unopposed as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.
- ❖ **Chairman's Report 2025/2026:** Cllr. Footitt read his report highlighting SPPC's main achievements during the past 12 months. These included: resolving the flood problem on A356 outside Sarum; maintenance of the grass, clearance and planting in Manor Close; School Hill/Pipplepen Lane planters purchased and planted and maintenance of grass verges; completion of transfer of the Millennium Green (MG) Trust to SPPC; appointment of Champions and supporting an initiative to gain Plastic Free Status for our village. The full report is available on the SPPC website together with the minutes.
- ❖ **Financial Report 2025/2026:** During the last financial year, Income was £6,140 and Expenditure £6,083. SPPC account balance as at 31/03/2026 was £7,235 in credit.

Ordinary Meeting

- ❖ **Annual Village Meeting 2006:** This year's Annual Village meeting was held on Tuesday 28th April at 7pm in South Perrott Village Hall. Reverend David Baldwin, the Rector of the Beaminster Team, which includes South Perrott & Chedington, addressed the meeting. Reverend David reminded residents that the Church is there for everyone and gave assurances that checks and balances are in place for PCC funds. Cllr. Sue Coutanche explained that the Church is in discussion with Dorset Historic Churches Trust for grant funding for vital repair work. She thanked all residents for their fundraising efforts. Other items discussed were:
 - **Volunteering** - volunteers are still required for the MG Secretary and the Neighbourhood Car Scheme.
 - **Road Repairs** - there are still missing chevrons and noisy manhole covers on the A356. These have been reported to Dorset Highways (DC) Highways.The notes from this meeting are available on the SPPC website.
- ❖ **Millennium Green (MG) Funds:** Richard Taylor is the treasurer. The current cash holding of the MG Trust is c.£4,000. Arrangements are being made to transfer this money into Virgin Money Charities account for maintenance of the MG. Once this money is exhausted (in several years' time), the MG Trust will be seeking a grant from SPPC.
- ❖ **20mph Speed Limit:** In April, DC Highways installed a Speed Monitoring device by the SID on the A356 outside Winterhayes. The Speed Monitor was in situ for approximately 3 weeks and DC's Road Safety Team are currently analysing the data for an accurate assessment of speed. SPPC will be informed of the outcome once the results are available.

- ❖ **EV Charging Point:** Cllr Robin Ketteridge is pursuing this with DC and the Village Hall committee although there are still a few matters to be resolved.
 - ❖ **Highways:** Cllr. Sue Coutanche met with Alaric Little (AL), DC's Community Highways Team Leader on 28th April 2026 to discuss the following issues, raised by residents:
 - **Walkway on A356 between the Coach House and Church Hill:** It was suggested that the kerbs/upstands, which delineate the shared walkway, should for safety reasons, be replaced with a white line as between Picket Lane and Swinggate Cottage. AL explained that this would require more work than is apparent and in parts would not be viable due to a flood risk. AL agreed to repair the broken upstands and will arrange for the walkway to be swept. *Subsequent to the meeting the road sweeper has been in the village and will be returning every 3 months.*
 - **Junction of A356 and Picket Lane:** Visibility, especially turning right out of Picket Lane onto the A356, is impaired and can be dangerous when vehicles approach the junction at speed. A mirror opposite might be a solution; however, it is DC's policy not to install mirrors and a private installer would be responsible and liable thereafter.
 - **Priority Signage:** This was discussed with regard to the 'pinch point' by Swinggate Cottage.
 - **Church Hill:** AL confirmed that this is a public highway and that DC are responsible for its maintenance.
- AL advised that all the above are matters for DC's Road Safety Team, to whom he will feed back as appropriate.
- ❖ **Cllr. Craig Monks:** Cllr. Monks in a written report confirmed that he is continuing to flag up the lack of highways maintenance in the area and in particular minor roads where 'run off' and damage can be significant. He is also continuing to press for **5G/mobile** signal improvements for the Mosterton/South Perrott area.
 - ❖ **Wellbeing in the village:**
 - Welcome packs are now issued to all new residents of South Perrott; three have been issued recently and well received.
 - Heating Oil Cost - following the recent price increases, support is available from DC and eligibility conditions can be viewed on www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/help-for-households-with-oil-heating.
 - ❖ **Footpath Officer's Report:** Good relationships are enjoyed with the local farmers and regular contact is made with the Legg's who always advise when there will be an increase in agricultural traffic through the village.
 - ❖ **River/Flood Warden's Report:** *Nothing to report this month.*
 - ❖ **Plastic Free Community:** Three of the five criteria have now been achieved. Yvonne Sullivan is urging all individuals to make small steps such as supporting plastic free shops and businesses.
 - ❖ **Finance:** SPPC's balance at 5th May 2026 was £9,656.76.
 - ❖ **Planning:** There were no applications this period.

Full details of all applications plus public comments can be viewed at: www.planning.dorset.gov.uk/online-applications/

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 7th July 2026 at 7pm in SP Village Hall

Future meetings in 2026 are held bi-monthly on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Village Hall.

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What's On in South Perrott and Chedington?

June 2026		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Monday	1 st	10:30	Coffee Club	Shire Cottage	Michael - 891890
Saturday	6 th	10:30	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Sam - 07939 106381
Wednesday	10 th	14:15	Garden Club visit to Brimsmore	Brimsmore Garden Centre	Dave - 891891
Saturday	20 th	19:00	Midsummer Festival Entertainment Evening	St Mary's Church	Sue - 07971 979155
Sunday	21 st	14:00	Midsummer Festival Cream Teas	Mohun House	Sue - 07971 979155
Saturday	27 th	10:00	Alex Bishop @ SP Café	SP Village Hall	Dave - 891891
Tuesday	30 th	19:00	SP Village Hall AGM	SP Village Hall	Dave - 891891

July 2026		Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Saturday	4 th	10:30	Coffee Morning	Chedington Village Hall	Sam - 07939 106381
Monday	6 th	10:30	Coffee Club	Pattens Cottage	Patsy/Peter - 891292
Tuesday	7 th	19:00	SP Parish Council	SP Village Hall	
Wednesday	8 th	13:00	Garden Club visit to Broomhill	Broomhill Garden	Dave - 891891
Sunday	19 th	11:00	SP Fête	SP Village Hall	Dave - 891891
Saturday	25 th	10:00	Alex Bishop @ SP Café	SP Village Hall	Dave - 891891
Sunday	26 th	12:00	Bands On the Green	Mosterton	Ruth - 07484 329290

Regular Events – Summer 2026

Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Every Saturday	10:00	Café (not 18 th July)	SP Village Hall	Dave - 891891
Every Monday	19:00	Short Mat Bowls	SP Village Hall	Doreen - 891431
Every Wednesday	09:30	Yoga	SP Village Hall	Jane C - 07925148222

To keep up to date with village events view:

Facebook Pages ("like" and "share"): South Perrott	www.facebook.com/SouthPerrott
Chedington	www.facebook.com/SouthPerrottSupportGroup
South Perrott Parish Council website	www.southperrottparishcouncil.gov.uk

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