



**Cheddon
Fitzpaine
Parish**

October 2020

NEWSLETTER

Websites: www.cheddonfitzpaine-pc.org.uk and www.cheddonfitzpainevillagehall.co.uk

View from The Chair

The coronavirus pandemic has had a profound impact on many lives, the economy and local communities. Local (parish and town) councils are having to think differently about how they work, connect and engage with their communities to reflect this new reality. As restrictions remain in place we shall continue with our virtual Parish Council meetings until further notice. Agendas are displayed on the parish council's notice boards and as usual agendas and previous minutes are displayed on the website. All residents are invited to join our meetings by visiting the address below and following the on-screen instructions.

<https://mrs-ofb.my.webex.com/meet/cheddon>

Both Somerset West & Taunton (SWTC) and Somerset County Councils (SCC) are continuing to publish informative updates on their respective websites at:

<https://www.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-and-information/>

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/coronavirus/covid-19-latest-advice/>

CFPC website upgrade Our Parish Clerk has been beavering away with our website designers to build us a new and better website. We're in the switch-over phase, so bear with us if you run into the odd glitch!

Are your voter registration details up to date?

Somerset West & Taunton Council are urging local residents not to lose their voice on decisions that affect them and to ensure their electoral registration details are up to date – a message which we heartily endorse. SWT is legally required to undertake an annual canvass of all residential properties in the area to ensure its Electoral Register is up to date so that eligible residents can take part in any elections. This year, the Electoral Services team has made the decision to contact all households across the district by post due to the challenging public health situation. The correspondence will be addressed to the occupier and includes full details of the steps to take.

If amendments are needed to voter details this can be done simply and safely online at www.householdresponse.com/SWTC using the unique security code provided in the letter.

If there are no changes this can be confirmed online or by Freephone or text.

It takes just five minutes to check the details, and either confirm they are correct, or update them.

If you tell the Council there are new people eligible to be registered at your address, they will receive an 'invitation to register form' through the post.

They can also go online to register to vote at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

People who have recently moved are particularly urged to look out for the Council's voter registration forms.

Any residents who have questions can contact the Electoral Services team at SWT by calling 01823 358692 or by emailing

elections@somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk

For more detailed information visit:

www.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/elections-and-voting/annual-canvass/

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WANTED!

Newsletter deliverers

Like so many of the things we take for granted in our community, this newsletter depends on the generous input of helpful volunteers.

It's no good having an editorial team spend hours compiling it if we don't have enough volunteers willing to spend half an hour or so posting it through their neighbours' doors once every two months.

If you can help with this easy but vital job, please contact Parish Clerk, Jo, on 07891 529809.

***Contributions for December 2020
newsletter to the Parish Clerk by
16 November please!***

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Canal-side benches

The canal is a wonderful amenity to have on our doorsteps and many of you responding to the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Review last year requested more benches upon which to rest awhile and admire the tranquil waterway landscape. In accordance with your wishes, Cheddon Fitzpaine and West Monkton Parish Councils, together with our friends at the Canal & River Trust (CRT), have set about providing extra benches. The first two – made and installed by volunteers – are located behind the Medical Centre and opposite the Marina (pictured below). Once again, our thanks go to the CRT Team.



Church Window

Cheddon Fitzpaine Church is part of the South Quantock Benefice together with West Monkton, Kingston St. Mary & Broomfield. The Benefice Office is open every week-day (except Thursdays) from 9:00am to 2:00pm. For enquiries about marriages and baptisms, please contact our Administrator, Michele Hardiman, tel. 01823 451257, e-mail: sqbenefice@btconnect.com

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Covid-19 regulations are constantly changing so please contact us or visit the website below for up-to-date information on Church Services.

www.southquantockbenefice.org

Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish Church '100 Club'

The '100 Club' raises funds to help maintain the Parish Church. The number of tickets sold has risen so it is now possible to offer better prizes as follows:

Winners of the latest draws are:

August: £60 Joan Osmond £15 Robert Hughes

September: £60 Roger Osmond

£15 Christine & George Winter

If you would like to join the 100 Club, please contact Pauline Stone (details above).

Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall

Although the usage levels in our village hall are relatively low, the resource needed to keep things ticking over is disproportionately high. What's keeping hall trustees and staff busy are the constantly changing regulations aimed at controlling the pandemic. We can at least be grateful that, unlike many other commercial enterprises, our business is relatively easy to manage.

While we are being careful to minimise expenditure in line with our drastically reduced revenue, we are keeping up to date with the maintenance requirements needed to keep the hall in good shape. Our CCTV system has recently been upgraded, the cupboard doors below the stage – now exposed by the removal of virus-harboring cloth drapes – have had a lick of paint, and the build-up of moss on the roof that caused drain blockage and water ingress will soon be dealt with. That job would already have been done but was postponed due to the discovery of a very active nest of hornets tucked under the apex of the gable-end barge-boarding.

NOTICE

This year's **Annual General Meeting** of the Memorial Hall will be held in the hall at **7pm on Friday, 13th November**. Members of the public will be welcome to attend up to whatever maximum number is then allowed under the government's covid-19 restrictions.

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Area updates

CHEDDON

SCC Highways have inspected every drain in Cheddon village in response to repeated requests. Silt emptying alongside underground camera work has identified that many drains were blocked with tree roots. These have been removed. It is hoped SCC, Somerset Rivers Authority, Farming and Wildlife Action Group, and local landowners will work together to reduce the run-off and floods in Maidenbrook Lane.

NERROLS

A second **Nerrols Farm litter-pick** took place on August 22nd. According to local resident, Sarah Flavin, who organised the event: "Great afternoon doing our litter pick. Can't believe how much rubbish we collected in such a short time! We didn't get to cover the whole estate but I think we did a pretty good job! Thanks to everyone who came. We agreed that we should make it a regular event, every couple of months, so feel free to organise one or look out for the next one advertised on this group. Thanks also to Tim Walker from My Carbon Coach, who not only got us started but stayed all afternoon to help!" Tim was impressed and took the picture below. "This was the



final result from today's community litter pick around the Nerrols area. Thank you so much to Sarah for organising it, and for everyone who came out to help. It was such a lovely group and really amazing to see all the children getting stuck in! If anyone else needs a hand setting up a litter pick in your local area please drop me a DM!" Tim Walker [#tidyuptaunton](#).

Northwalls United! If you are interested in any aspect of this newly-created football club, please contact Giuseppe Frascini on 07859 970530.

Northwalls Grange Barratt & David Wilson Homes (BDWH) are making progress with setting up the Management Group and discussing with the local landscape company the ongoing tasks. Set-backs have obviously occurred due to covid-19 difficulties but also because some building supplies are not coming through as anticipated. Everyone is working to remedy the situation.

Maidenbrook Country Park/Somerset Wood



It's not just the urban landscape that's being blighted by litter. Your Parish Clerk was not amused to find the above collection while out volunteering on the country park site. Needless to say, she was public-spirited enough to remove this lot and dispose of it properly to help keep our parish tidy. We would urge others to do the same as there's no point expecting the litter-louts to change their ways.

We are pleased to report that the **Canal & River Trust** are busy dredging the section of canal that runs through our parish. Work began on September 9th at the M5 bridge and will take around 10 weeks to progress upstream to Firepool Lock. The gang will then drop back down to Upper Maunsel lock to dredge upstream again some 100 yards to the turning point. The average depth of currently 700mm will be increased to approximately 1.2m.

Highways/Footpaths

Antisocial car-racing late at night Any residents bothered by this should call the police on 101 at the time it is actually happening.

Western Relief Road (WRR) linking to the A3259 Persimmon, who are building the WRR as part of the Monkton Heathfield development, are contracted to complete the road by May 2021 in order for the works at Creech Castle junction to restart in June 2021. Regrettably, an issue with a water main has to be addressed first and Wessex Water have advised this work is due to start 1 October 2020. This calls for a **Temporary Footpath Closure** adjacent to A3259 Yallands Hill to coincide with Wessex Water installing the new water supply main. The water company have been proactive in understanding local concerns and will lay and monitor a new tarmac path to allow pedestrian and cycleway access.

Tudor Park collapsed manhole This fault required emergency repairs on September 9th and coincided with planned roadworks in the area to cause traffic mayhem. While SCC Highways do plan to avoid conflicting road works, the utility companies understandably have emergency powers to undertake

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urgent repairs without delay. Such coincidences are regrettable but inevitable from time to time.

Rights of way /footpaths

A volunteer has come forward and undertaken the training to use a strimmer on the Public Rights of Way within the Parish. We are indebted to this gentleman for the time and effort expended to keep the footpaths within the Parish clear.

Waste Bins

It's a well-known fact that dog mess can cause children to go blind. Pyrland Farm have advised us that there are also health implications for cattle, as it can cause pregnant females to abort. The Parish Council has therefore installed a dog bin on footpath T5/12 just above the Lyngford Lane junction with Cheddon Road at the farm's rear entrance. This is a serious matter. Please pick up after your dog, every time, and do not leave poo bags in trees or hedges.

The Parish Council has also approved for a **waste bin** to be installed on the A3259 at the junction with Maidenbrook Lane, opposite the lower gate opening into the Country Park. This can take dog poo bags as well as general rubbish. Please make use of this facility to reduce the need for community-minded litter pickers to clear up after you.

Priorswood Library

The Parish Council was approached last year by SCC County Councillor Giuseppe Frascini asking us to support the Priorswood Library as a valuable local community asset. We made a provision in this year's budget and are now delighted to grant £250 towards this worthy cause. West Monkton Parish Council have committed to a grant for the next seven years and we will review this annually.

Cheddon & West Monkton Film Club

Following discussions with the management at Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall, we had put together a plan which would allow us to run a screening for our season opening on 15th October with 30 socially-distanced supporters. In response to the recent increase in the covid-19 rate of infection, the government have now limited any social indoor or outdoor meeting to 6 people, so once again Film Club meetings have to be cancelled until further notice. We are naturally disappointed and trust that you will understand. When the time is right, we will circulate an email to all supporters with details of future meeting procedures and request that you reply indicating that you would if required be willing to attend. In the meantime, if you have appropriate technology, there are plenty of on-line films and

programmes for you to view. There are the subscription services such as Netflix, Amazon etc., and free access to U-Tube and all the broadcast 'catch-up' services such as iPlayer. Stay healthy, and hope to see you soon.

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Parish Council Meetings – 2020

Held on Mondays at 7pm, these virtual meetings are open to everyone. Members of the public wishing to take part by dialling-in should contact our Parish Clerk well in advance so that the necessary arrangements can be made. Follow the link:

<https://mrs-ofb.my.webex.com/meet/cheddon>

12th October, 16th November, 14th December

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The link to our police authority is:

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