



Cheddon
Fitzpaine
Parish

APRIL 2017

NEWSLETTER

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

View from The Chair

Would you like to become a Parish Councillor? As you may already have spotted on the notice-boards of this parish, we currently have a vacancy and we are eager to fill it. Ours is an interesting and varied parish with a good community spirit and lots of scope for anyone who wants to become involved. If you feel able to give a relatively small amount of time to your community, please call me for a chat. (In the absence of any timely response to our notices and being in between the four-yearly election cycle, we are now free to co-opt a suitable candidate.) Alternatively, if you know someone else who's interested, either give them a push or let me have their name(s) and contact details as long as you're sure they would not mind being approached.

To those of you who don't want to be Parish Councillors but still wish to become more involved, there are plenty of opportunities for you too!

Volunteers are currently being sought for the following parish 'housekeeping' duties: planting daffodil bulbs in the autumn; cleaning the phone box; renovating notice boards; Nerrols litter-pick (meet on Stoney Furlong at 9am on Saturday April 8th); and newsletter delivery (see advertisement on page 4). Details are available from me or our Parish Clerk.

Neighbourhood Plan delay In our last newsletter with a 'flyer' insert, we announced that an NP draft would be accessible mid-February and marking the start of a six-week consultation period. What was not known then was that additional Supporting Documents had to be ready at the same time. These include our Habitat Regulation Assessment and a Strategic Environmental Assessment to which we are still awaiting responses from Natural England. This feedback should be with us by 31st March but we will need to respond to any comments before we can go to public consultation. This delay is frustrating as we all wish to move this matter forward. However, the NP Group are mindful of the need to balance our wishes with the requirements of legal process and we dare not risk doing things out of order. As this newsletter goes to print, our best guess that the documents should be available in early April:

- Online at: www.cheddonfitzpaine-pc.org.uk/council.
- On paper at Taunton Library and the TDBC Office at Deane House.

These are lengthy documents but please, *PLEASE DO* have a look – at least at the policies section in the main NP document – and then make your comments / views known to us at: cheddon@live.co.uk or in writing to any Parish Councillor.

It is imperative that people respond to this request for the following reasons:

- These policies really will shape the future of your parish;
- Evidence is required NOW to show the local community has been consulted throughout the process.

We remain cautiously hopeful of completing our Neighbourhood Plan by the end of 2017.

Un-neighbourly parking Not for the first (or probably the last) time, we raise the vexed issue of people parking in a manner that is inconsiderate to other road users, many of whom are their neighbours. While your car or van may not be obstructing the flow of traffic, it may well be causing a blind-spot that prevents other drivers from seeing approaching traffic – especially if you've parked on a corner. If this is how you're regularly parking outside your house, then please think again. If you're doing this when your drive is empty – then that really isn't very friendly.

Denise Webber, Chairman, Cheddon Fitzpaine PC
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Our changing skyline



Work in progress: the emerging Northwalls Grange development and new access off Nerrols Drive. The rendered and painted houses pictured by the main road are now open as show-homes.

Contributions for the next Newsletter to the Parish Clerk by 16th May please!

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Cheddon Fitzpaine Church Report

Cheddon Fitzpaine Church is part of a United Benefice with West Monkton, Kingston St. Mary and Broomfield. The Benefice Office is open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30am to 1:30pm. For marriage and baptism enquiries, please contact the office. Tel: 01823 451257, E-mail: kbcparishes@btinternet.com

There will a Church spring-cleaning morning on **Saturday 22nd April from 9:30am to 12noon**. Please bring your own cleaning materials, polish/dusters/wipes etc. Refreshments will be provided. Many hands make light work so please help if you can spare an hour or two.

Also, the monthly Churchyard working parties will resume on **Friday 5th May from 6pm-8.30pm** to do the regular maintenance work of pruning, weeding & tidying. Please bring your own tools, kneelers, gloves etc. Refreshments will again be provided for all the willing volunteers.

Pauline Stone, Churchwarden

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Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish Church '100 Club'

The '100 Club' raises funds to help maintain the Parish Church. Winners of the latest draws are:

February:	£50	Debbie Saunders
	£10	Gerry Guerrier
March:	£50	Gwen Dight
	£10	Ann Pugh

MESSY CHURCH

The next event will be held on Sunday 21 May 2017 from 4 to 6pm at Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall

NB: No Messy Church on 16 April (Easter Sunday)

Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall

As usual, March saw the annual Cheddons production, this year's show featuring a one-act farce - 'Trouble in Waiting' - in an A & E waiting-room, where none of the patients are quite what they seem. Ironically, real-illness almost spoiled proceedings when one of the cast was struck down at the last minute. Thankfully Annie Trolley stepped in to take on the not insubstantial roll at very short notice and save the day. The interval was filled with a fish-and-chip supper and superb musical entertainment from local 'supergroup' 2Fargone. The second half was more of what we have come to expect: fun, frolics and

slapstick from assorted members of the cast.

Everyone seemed to go home with smiles on their faces, so another job well done! The final figures have not yet been released, but somewhere in the region of £1500 was raised. This money will go towards new heaters in the Hall and there will be donations to 2 local charities – see next newsletter for final details.

We are hoping to have a Quiz Night at the Hall on Friday 5th May. Invitations are invited to teams of up to four people at £6 per head to include ploughman's supper. These popular quizzes are run by our own Dick Macey to generate Hall funds and are great fun and always fun. Please ring me (Malcolm) on 01823 412750 to book your places.

The role of Hall Manager is becoming available. This is a paid position, and involves the day-to-day management of bookings and lets at the Hall. The number of hours is variable, but is somewhere around 35 per month, payable at a rate of £10 per hour. The first few months will be a job-share with the current Manager to ease the transition. A full job description is available from either myself or Marcus.

Malcolm Lown, Chairman Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall Trustees 01823 412750

Marcus Walker, Hall Manager 01823 413925
Email: info@cheddonfitzpainevillagehall.co.uk

Flower Show 2017

At Cheddon Memorial Hall

Flower Show committee members now have the schedules for the show on **29 July 2017** with local celebrity to open the event. Schedules also available from the Parish website. Please enter as many classes as you can to fill the hall with colour and scent; also newest handicraft classes for the Sewing Bee ladies to enter. Many children's classes too as well as from the school pupils.

Nena Carter Tel: 01823 331977

Area updates

NERROLLS/NORTHWALLS GRANGE

The road access on Nerrols Drive to Northwalls Grange is receiving finishing touches. Work on the access from A3259 (with traffic-flow disruptions) seems to be progressing slowly, while the houses grow at an astonishing rate.

MAIDENBROOK

Taylor Wimpey is working its way through the TDBC snag list to comply with the Borough Council's requirements for adoption of the estate. Bovis has begun vegetation clearance, but we await the

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finalised boundary map that will allow the job to be completed. (Although your Clerk has found the Title Deed for the ditch adjoining the Crown Medical Centre, ownership is unclear as land has been sold and subsequently leased over the years!)

Highways

SCC Heritage ‘Finger’ Sign-posts

We recently asked for volunteers to renovate and maintain the three historic signposts with triangular ‘hats’ on top of the post within the Parish. In the absence of any offers, we have commissioned our Lengthsman (highways odd-job man!) to do the work.

No. 2 bus route extended via Crown Medical Centre to West Monkton

From Tuesday 30 May 2017 The Buses of Somerset will extend their bus service number 2 from Priorswood to the new West Monkton Primary School. The service which forms part of the Buses of Somerset Taunton Town Bus network will operate from the bus stop outside West Monkton Primary School to Taunton Parade on a half hourly frequency on Mondays to Saturdays with the first journey departing West Monkton Primary School at 0712 with a last journey from Taunton Town Centre at 1843.

The route will operate via Hardys Road, Thornash Close, via A3259 to the bus shelter close to The Crown Medical Centre. The service will then continue along Priorswood Road turning left into the Crown Industrial Estate to a new bus stop on Venture Way, opposite the Crown Medical Centre then across the roundabout into Nerrols Drive then via Selworthy Road, Priorswood serving Taunton Town Centre via Taunton Rail Station.

The Buses of Somerset Taunton Town flat-fare scheme will apply to this service (£2 single, £3 return) and English National Concessionary Bus passes will be valid from 0930 Monday to Friday and all day on Saturdays. The service will be operated using low-floor, single-deck buses.

Footpaths report

“I’m pleased to report the parish paths are in reasonably good order. As the parish paths liaison officer I try to wander the pathways of our lovely parish as much as I can to check they are not too overgrown and ensure all the styles, gates and signs are in good repair. I am also extremely grateful to all those I see out and about who also try to maintain the paths by trimming back any overgrown sections or reporting any issues to myself or directly to the council. If there are any issues with the paths

which need to be reported: please contact myself or the council directly on 03001232224.

One of the main bugbears and causes of annoyance to many is the needless fly-tipping that constantly occurs



throughout the parish. Lots of rubbish left down our lanes seems to be dumped by unscrupulous builders who won’t pay to take their waste to the tip so just leave it on the roadside late at night for the council to clear up. To report any fly-tipping either use the online form on the Taunton Deane website or phone Customer Services on 01823 356356. The council are quite quick on clearing it up but that’s no excuse for leaving this blot on our landscape. It is also a criminal offence punishable by a fine or in some circumstances a prison sentence. It is also a threat to our health and that of wildlife and pets. If you see anyone dumping anything, please contact the police on 101 and give as much detail as possible including a description of those responsible and their vehicle number plate. By working together, we can send a message to those who don’t care about our countryside that this parish will not tolerate their illegal behaviour.”

Philip Boyce, Footpath Officer

BRIDGWATER & TAUNTON CANAL Our local branch of the Inland Waterway Authority has organised 100 work parties since May 2016. An impressive 3,121 volunteer-hours have been clocked-up by over 100 hard-working, enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers registered with the branch. Much has been achieved in maintaining and significantly improving the areas in and around the canal for waterway users, local walkers and visitors to enjoy. Regular sessions at Bathpool/Swingbridge and Firepool Lock focus on tasks such as litter-picking and rubbish removal, towpath and footpath clearance, painting of railings, trimming of over-hanging branches and removal of vegetation. For more on our future activities, visit www.waterways.org.uk/westcountry or contact me:

Mike Slade, Volunteer Co-ordinator on 07977263840



West Country Branch
Email mike.slade@waterways.org.uk

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Parish Council Meetings in 2017

All at 7:00pm in the Memorial Hall's Committee Room:

30th March Annual Parish Meeting; 13th April;
11th May Annual Parish Council Meeting; 8th June;
13th July; 10th August; 14th September; 12th October;
9th November; 14th December.

Services at Cheddon Fitzpaine Church

April

- 5th 2.00 pm Home Communion,
The Rectory, 16 Bishops Close, Bathpool**
- 14th 1.00 pm Good Friday Reflection
(stay for coffee / walk to West Monkton)**
- 16th 10.00 am Holy Communion Easter Sunday**
- 19th 2.00 pm Home Communion Chatri" Lyngford Lane**
- 23rd 10:00 am Holy Communion
11:00 pm Annual Parochial Meeting in Church**
- 30th 10.00 am United Benefice Communion Service**

May

- 3rd 2.00 pm Home Communion,
The Rectory, 16 Bishops Close, Bathpool**
- 14th 10.00 am Family Service**
- 17th 2.00pm Home Communion @ "Chatri" Lyngford
Lane (Pauline Stone's house)**
- 21st 4-6.00 pm Messy Church at Cheddon Memorial
Hall**
- 28th 10.00 am Holy Communion (includes a Baptism)**

Mini Olympics 2017

Come along to **Stoney Furlong at 2pm on Tuesday 4th April** and take part in your very own Mini Olympics! Try loads of different activities and see if you can reach the top of our leader board - there may even be some Easter Eggs up for grabs on the day!

For further information contact Shona at Knightstone on 07921 387227 or at shona.stone@knightstone.co.uk.

We look forward to seeing you there!

DORSET & SOMERSET AIR AMBULANCE Coast-to-Coast Cycle Challenge

Passing through **Cheddon** on **Sunday 14th May 2017**

For details of route please visit

<http://www.bikely.com/maps/bike-path/dsaa-coast-to-coast-1>

Newsletter Deliverer required

From April for Warres Road & Standfast Place
on the Summerleaze/Nerrols estate

Please contact the Parish Clerk

ALZHEIMERS AWARENESS

Paul King from the Alzheimer's Society will give a presentation at **2pm on Wednesday 10th May at Cheddon Memorial Hall.**

This is an issue which already touches many of us – either directly or indirectly – and will sadly affect more of us with the passage of time. Even the more lucky ones amongst us can benefit from becoming more aware about this growing problem and its impact on our society.

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MAIDENBROOK WARD

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**NB: Dial 999 for emergencies or 101 to make a formal/
logged report or request police action**