



NP REFERENDUM Special Issue!!

WHEN? 19th April, 2018 from 7am to 10pm
WHERE? Your local polling station (details on the Voting Card you will receive by post) **WHO?** Anyone named on the Electoral Roll at 3rd April, 2018 **HOW** you vote is entirely up to you - your vote is valuable so please ***USE IT!***

View from The Chair

We're nearly there now, and this is the last Parish Newsletter you will receive before the all-important referendum to decide whether we and our neighbours in West Monkton finally have our **Neighbourhood Plan** in place. We're so close, in fact, that we have entered the official period of 'purdah' during which your Parish Council is no longer allowed to 'campaign'. What we do want to repeat, however, is that a small army of volunteers from this community have worked tirelessly to get us to this point; the very least we owe them is to make the effort to vote, thereby ensuring that the result represents the will of the majority.

The 'purdah' rule does not apply to the independent NP Steering Group, and its Chairman will soon be sending out a leaflet reminding every voter about key information relating to the Neighbourhood Plan and referendum. In addition, the relevant documents, including the policies at the very heart of the plan, are now available to view in the following places:

Taunton Deane Borough Council Offices:

- Deane House, Belvedere Road Taunton, Somerset, TA1 1HE (reception hours Mon-Thurs 08:30-17:00, Fri 09:30-16:30).

Taunton Library:

- Taunton Library, Paul Street, Taunton TA1 3XZ;

Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish & environs:

- Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall, Rowford, Cheddon Fitzpaine, Taunton TA2 8JY;
- Cheddon Fitzpaine Church School, Rowford, Taunton TA2 8JY;
- The Crown Medical Centre, Venture Way, Taunton TA2 8QY;

- Priorswood Community Centre, 13-14 Eastwick Road, Taunton TA2 7JW;
- The Clerk of Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish Council*

West Monkton Parish:

- West Monkton Village Hall, Monkton Heathfield, Taunton TA2 8NE;
- Brittons Ash Community Hall, Bridgwater Road, Bathpool, Taunton TA2 8FT;
- West Monkton Primary School, Bridgwater Road, Bathpool, Taunton TA2 8FT;
- Heathfield Community School, School Road, Monkton Heathfield, Taunton TA2 8PD;
- Tacchi-Morris Arts Centre, School Road, Monkton Heathfield, Taunton TA2 8PD;
- Heathfield Drive Community Room, Monkton Heathfield, Taunton TA2 8PG;
- Monkton Elms Garden Centre, Monkton Heathfield, Taunton TA2 8QN;
- The Monkton Inn, Blundells Lane, West Monkton, Taunton TA2 8NP;
- The Merry Monk, Monkton Heathfield, Taunton TA2 8NE;
- The New Mill, 102 Bridgwater Road, Bathpool, Taunton, TA2 8BE;

**See back page for Clerk's contact details*

Everyone on the Electoral Roll at 3rd April will receive a Voting Card as at other Election times with their Polling Station details. The last date for Registration at the Electoral Office in TDBC is 3rd April, 2018. Visit <https://www.tauntondeane.gov.uk/elections-voting/register-to-vote/> with your National Insurance Number, date of birth and full address details to hand. If you are unable to *register* online, e-mail elections@westsomerset.gov.uk or call the Electoral Services team on 01984 635276 so that a *registration* form can be sent out. Postal votes are being sent out from 6th April, 2018. Proxy vote applications must be received by 5pm on 11th April, 2018.

Denise Webber, Chairman, Cheddon Fitzpaine PC

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Contributions for the June 2018 newsletter to the Parish Clerk by 16th May please!

First-Aid Awareness Campaign

First-aid knowledge and skills are key assets in any community - especially relatively remote ones like our own, where ambulance response times can be slow. Sudden Cardiac Arrest happens around 140,000 times a year in the UK, making it one of the nation's biggest killers. SCA events are on the increase; they can happen to anyone, anywhere, at any time, and are not age-related. We have therefore decided to initiate a campaign to raise levels of first-aid awareness, expertise and resource - including the installation of public-access defibrillators at key locations. As just announced at our Annual Parish Meeting, the first step is a free resuscitation/de-fibrillation training session delivered by Christine Curtis of Akesis on **8th May from 10am to 1pm in the Memorial Hall**. If you are interested in joining this or future training sessions that could help you save somebody's life, please contact your nearest Parish Councillor or our Parish Clerk for a chat (see contact details on p6)

Vacancy to Co-opt a Parish Councillor

We have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor and would love to hear from anyone interested in joining the Cheddon Fitzpaine team. The role is, of course, unpaid but otherwise extremely rewarding and not very onerous. It consists of attending monthly meetings and keeping up to date with the information circulated by our Parish Clerk in-between-times. If you want to make a contribution to your local community in this way, please contact your nearest Parish Councillor or our Parish Clerk for a chat (see contact details on p7).

Thank You!



Pitchers Hill, 3rd March 2018

During the recent onslaught by 'the Beast from the East', many local residents benefitted from the generosity of drivers of tractors and a variety of other 4-wheel-drive vehicles. On behalf of everyone who,

as a result, managed to make an urgent journey, we'd like to thank those kind souls, whose selfless actions helped their communities to beat 'the Beast'. The fact that some were featured in television news bulletins is another fitting tribute.

Church Window

Cheddon Fitzpaine Church is part of the South Quantock Benefice together 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

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Tracey Hallett to our team at Cheddon Church. She is currently studying and training to be ordained in the Church of England and already has lots of experience! Her specific calling is as a 'Pioneer Minister' working outside the walls of the Church building.

Pioneer ministry involves reaching out into areas, where the Church has little meaningful contact. The primary aim is to focus on those outside the Church to help them connect with God and find answers to their spiritual concerns and questions.

Mary (Reverend Styles)

The Rectory, 16 Bishop's Close, Taunton TA2 8DS
Tel: 01823 410089

The Big Spring-clean inside Cheddon Church

SATURDAY 28TH APRIL, 2018

Once again, it's time to ask all of you who are free, able and willing, and have a duster, broom and useful things like that to join us in helping to Spring-clean our church at Cheddon. As usual, we aim to start at 9:30am and have generally had enough by mid-day. A few extra people can make all the difference, especially as one or two of our regulars may not be able to manage it this time. So please do come – if only for an hour. You will be made incredibly welcome and coffee and cake will be provided.

We look forward to seeing YOU.

Ann Pugh

Cheddon Fitzpaine Churchyard

The monthly Churchyard working parties are also due to begin again, the first ones being on **Friday 11th May & Friday 22nd June** from **6pm-8.30pm**. We will do the regular maintenance work of pruning, weeding and tidying and would love to welcome any newcomers. Please bring your own tools, kneelers, gloves etc. As usual, we have fun and refreshments will be provided for all the willing volunteers.

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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 - Jan Church; £10 - Caroline Spencer

March: £50 - Gerry Guerrier; £10 - Joan Osmond

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

Pauline Stone, Churchwarden

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pauline.stone@live.co.uk

Pastoral Care Group

FOOD BANK: In addition to the West Monkton food box Cheddon Fitzpaine PCG is also supporting Taunton Food Bank (www.taunton.foodbank.org.uk). There is a box in the church to receive donations for delivery to the food bank and distribution to those in need. There is a particular demand for instant mashed potato, small jars of instant coffee, long-life fruit juice and long-life milk.

Liz Thompson, PCG Co-ordinator Tel: 01823 451529

Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall



The new outlook from the Memorial Hall: The latter stages of the recent tree-clearance programme in Sandilands Wood on land currently leased to Hestercombe House & Gardens.

As many of you know, the severe weather at the end of February regrettably caused the cancellation of this year's Cheddoners annual variety show. Not only has the Hall lost over £1000 of valuable revenue but also two local charities have missed out on donations from the profits. Last but by no means least, the local community has been deprived of the joy that is always part and parcel of this much-loved event. We feel

particularly sorry for all the cast and crew, who had worked so hard since Christmas to get the production ready. However, cancelling was undoubtedly the right call, as the roads around Cheddon were virtually impassable for anything other than 4x4s. In addition, problems with the hall's heating system (now resolved) would only have compounded the misery; some things are just not meant to be. It was initially hoped that a short postponement would be possible but the production has now been put 'on ice' until next year. Thanks to the Hall's popularity, there are no Thursday-Saturday slots in the near future.

Here is a listing of weekly events with contact details:

Dancing Classes Mon 3:30-10pm, Tues 4:30-10pm

Martyn Knight Tel: 07851351011

Email: stepintime@hotmail.co.uk

Chi-gung Tai chi Wed 10:15am-12:15pm

Clive Tempest Tel: 01823 430061

Email: clive.tempest@btinternet.com

Dog Training Wed 6-9pm Jo Williams, Paws4teaching

Tel: 07919157201

Email: info@paws4teaching.co.uk

Cheddon Sewing Bee Mon 2-4pm Pat Walker

01823 412230/Janet Smith 01823 412418

Yoga – New Class starting April 2018

Fri 9:30-11am Louise Thomas Tel: 07465 665595

Beadweavers 2nd Thurs of month 10am-4pm

Maggi Goode Tel: 01643 862067/07813996135

Parkinsons UK Support Group 4th Tues of month

Diane Smith 01823 400830/Richard Hill 01984 656628

Taunton Vale Decorative & Fine Arts Society

3rd Tues of month Helen Foster 01984 667207

Taunton Decorative and Fine Arts Society

1st Tues of month Fiona Blackwood 01823 451628

Hazel Lake 07823 278185

Cheddon Fitzpaine & West Monkton Film Club

Oct – May 7pm 3rd Friday of month

Chris Dalton 01823 412278/07976 641301

cwmfilmclub@btinternet.com

Mother and Toddler Group

1st & 3rd Thurs of month 10am-12noon

Kirri Zelazik 01823 971251/07710 532500

Equilibrium (Bipolar Support Group)

Every six weeks Fridays 1:30-4pm

Phil Cracknell 01823 323363

Malcolm Lown, Chairman, Cheddon Fitzpaine

Memorial Hall Trustees Tel: 01823 412750

Marcus Walker, Booking Secretary Tel: 01823

413925 (*messages answered within 24 hours*)

Email: info@cheddonfitzpainevillagehall.co.uk

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Cheddon Fitzpaine Church School

I take this opportunity to share the following link as a group of children from our school were invited to help with the planting of trees at Sandilands:

<http://cheddonbwm.org/tree-planting/>

As you will see, they really enjoyed themselves.



The Class Four children were invited to help Hestercombe House with their project to reinstate a beautiful avenue of trees along a section of the old 'Portman Drive' through Sandilands Wood. It was a wonderful experience to be able to plant the trees and discuss why trees are important to us and for nature. The discovery of many worms was a big discussion point. We will be creating reports about worms in our future learning.

Jason Woollacott, Chair of Governors

Tel: 01823 350663; Mob: 07940 277413

April litter-pick

The next organised attack on litter in this fair parish will be on **Saturday, 14th April**. Volunteers are invited to meet at **10am on Stoney Furlong**, where litter-picker-upper-thingsies, hooped bin-bags and hi-viz waistcoats will be provided. We have a few pairs of work-gloves too but bring your own if you can as you can be sure they'll fit you. We can assure you from experience that you'll spend a satisfying hour or two – the ideal 'ad-hoc' opportunity for anyone who wants to do something community-minded but doesn't necessarily want to make a habit of it.

Area updates

CHEDDON

Taunton Deane Borough Council is well on the way to purchasing the two fields at the lower section of Maidenbrook Lane (see map on page8) from the Crown in order to create a **Country Park**. This exciting new amenity would be a tremendous asset to the local community and entirely in keeping with

Taunton's 'Garden Town' status. (Planning ref: 08/17/0044 Land at Maidenbrook Lane.) The rural aspect of the area would be further enhanced by the planned relocation of The Conquest Centre (previously known as Riding for the Disabled) from its present home at Norton Fitzwarren on to the fields bordering the north side of the Country Park. Details are currently being discussed between Conquest and the Crown Estates and it is anticipated that a Consultation will be held for all parishioners or interested parties prior to the Planning Application being submitted to TDBC. This could happen prior to the next newsletter in June, so please look out for information on the parish notice-boards and website.

MAIDENBROOK

Following the recent clearing works, we have received - and now pass on to those involved - the following message from Cllr Vivienne Stock-Williams, Executive Member for Sports, Parks & Leisure at TDBC:

"Many thanks for organising a community group to assist our DLO team with the essential annual clearance of Maidenbrook – and please pass on my thanks to all those community spirited people who took part. Great partnership working! Kind regards, Vivienne."

NERROLS/Northwalls Grange

Somerset County Council has confirmed the provision of a new, 14-class **primary school at Northwalls Grange** to meet demand arising from the significant demographic growth in the area. Extra-ordinary measures had to be invoked in order to ensure that the school would be completed in time to meet the target opening date of September, 2019.

Footpaths

Those who like to get away from the madding crowd should find something of interest here:

<http://www.somersetwildlife.org/wildwalks.html>

Three of the 14 suggested walks are in Taunton – intriguingly entitled 'A Criss-Cross of Bridges', 'River and Canal', and 'Blackbrook Meander' – while the remainder will take you further afield.

Highly recommended!

Knightstone now Liverty

Local housing association Knightstone Housing has merged with DCH (Devon & Cornwall Homes) to form Liverty. The new e-mail address for Stoney Furlong's Community Empowerment Officer, Shona Stone, is:

shona.stone@liverty.com

Her landline and mobile numbers remain the same as before (01934 526358 and 07921 387227).

INLAND WATERWAYS

The gift that Nature gave us

We're always on the look-out for volunteers to help us take care of this great natural amenity – as we have done in your parish. So why not come and join us? You'll have great fun whilst looking after the area you live in!

Mike Slade.

Volunteer Co-ordinator



West Country Branch

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www.waterways.org.uk/westcountry/west_country

Highways

Our normally cheerful Parish Clerk Jo is fed up. Why? Because of the constant stream of phone-calls and e-mails she receives from residents concerning thoughtless parking outside their houses. While it's understandable that folk may be reluctant to talk to their offending neighbours direct, the fact is that the Parish Council has no powers in this respect. Or have we? It's got to the point where we're actively considering measures successfully adopted elsewhere, along the following lines: cars causing obstruction or nuisance have a polite notice placed under their windscreen-wipers and are photographed for the record; details of persistent offenders are 'named and shamed' in community newsletters and their details forwarded to their local PCSO for possible action. Does it really have to come to this? Is it not obvious to the careless parkers in our midst that they are inconveniencing their neighbours, making life difficult for drivers of council refuse/recycling and other HGVs – and potentially restricting access to the emergency services?

Only time will tell. In the meantime, here are a few handy tips that may enable the problem parkers to identify themselves:

DO NOT park across, on, or near road junctions – including on residential estates; DO NOT park on corners obstructing the view of approaching vehicles; DO NOT block the light or view from someone else's front window with a large commercial van or lorry; DO NOT park on pavements or grass verges.

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

Passing through Cheddon on

Sunday 13th May 2018

For details of route please visit

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

Volunteer Drivers sought

SCC require volunteer drivers across the county to help people get to medical appointments, day-care centres etc. Drivers must be over 18, have a four-door car, current driving licence, and commit to one hour per week. Mileage expenses will be reimbursed at up to 50p per mile. www.somersetvolunteer.co.uk

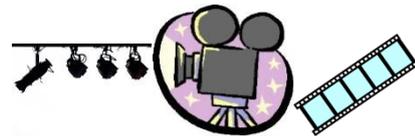
Coming to your COMMUNITY CINEMA on

Friday 20th April:

THE DEATH OF STALIN

Not all audiences will find this to their taste, but Armando Iannucci's black comedy has garnered rave reviews. It follows the Soviet dictator's last days and depicts the chaos of the regime after his death. Standout performances from Simon Russell Beale (Beria), Michael Palin (Molotov) and Andrea Riseborough (Stalin's daughter Svetlana). *The Death of Stalin* is superbly cast, and acted with icy and ruthless force by an A-list line-up. There are no weak links. Each has a plum role; each squeezes every gorgeous horrible drop."

Biography / Comedy



Cheddon & West Monkton Film Club

The venue is Cheddon Memorial Hall

Every 3rd Friday of the month, 6:30pm for 7pm

Admission £6 per person

cwmfilmclub@btinternet.com

Tel: 01823 412278

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Services at Cheddon Fitzpaine Church

APRIL

Wed 4th, 2pm Home Communion at The Rectory, Bathpool

Sun 8th, 10am Family Service

Wed 18th, 2pm Home Communion at Chatri, Lyngford Lane

Sun 22nd, 10am Communion Service followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting

MAY

Wed 2nd, Home Communion – venue tbc (contact Kingston St Mary Benefice Office)

Thurs 10th, 7pm Ascension Day Service

Sun 13th, 10am Family Service

Wed 16th, Home Communion – venue tbc (contact Kingston St Mary Benefice Office)

Sun 27th, 10am Communion Service

Parish Council Meetings

(7pm, Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall)

2018: 12th April; 10th May; 14th June; 12th July; 9th August.

13th September; 11th October; 8th November; 13th December.

LOCAL COUNCIL Contact Details

CHEDDON FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL

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NOTE: Cllr Fothergill is available on the second Thursday of each month at Brittons Ash Community Hall (BACH) in West Monkton from 8:30 to 9:30am for a 'community surgery'. If you have any questions, you are invited to attend.

POLICE Local Contact Details

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Charles.Gear@avonandsomerset.police.uk *

Simon.Parry@avonandsomerset.police.uk

WEST MONKTON, MAIDENBROOK, NEROLLS & RURAL BEAT

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Scott.Windsor@avonandsomerset.police.uk

David.Rowe@avonandsomerset.police.uk*

Dean.Chedzoy@avonandsomerset.police.uk*

*The above are PCSOs unless marked * for PC*

For **EMERGENCIES**, dial 999; to make a formal/ logged report or request police action, dial 101; to report on-line, visit the regional HQ website

<http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk>

To report anonymously via the independent charity **Crimestoppers**, call 0800 555 111

Link Up Directory of Organisations

(for the 3 parishes of Cheddon Fitzpaine, Kingston St. Mary and Broomfield)

<http://www.kingston-st-mary.org.uk/download/Directory-of-Village-Activities-2018.df>

NATURAL FOOTNOTES



The **Gold Crest** (pictured above) is a pretty rare bird but one was spotted in Tudor Park on 24th February. Other recent sightings have got ‘twitchers’ twitching around Maiden Brook: a **Kingfisher** along the stream beyond the pond; two **Greater Spotted Woodpeckers** fighting for territory between Waterleaze notice board (along the brook towards Barbers Mead on 19th December); four **Teal** and a **Snipe** in the stream by Crown Medical Centre (3rd March). Please keep sending us your local wildlife news – if possible accompanied by lovely photo’s like the one above.

LIVING ON YOUR OWN?

If you are, and feel the need for some company from time to time, then we’d like to help. Maybe you fancy a game of Scrabble.... or a coffee-morning.... a bit of knitting.... or going out for a good meal or a nice walk.

Simply contact our Parish Clerk, Jo, or any one of your Parish Councillors for a chat (see contact details listed on page 7 of this newsletter). Let us know what your interests are and we’ll do our best to put you in touch with like-minded people in the same situation.

‘PARISH IN BLOOM’ COMPETITION



Following last year’s successful launch of PiB, let’s give our Parish a lift again this Summer with those colourful **pots, hanging baskets** or other **elevated floral displays** at the front of our properties! There are more Monkton Elm Garden Centre £10 vouchers up for grabs for the three category winners.

To enter, please e-mail your name, address and telephone number to anna.kirby@hotmail.co.uk (or give the same information to any Parish Councillor or our Parish Clerk) before the end of June, 2018. Judging will take place in July and winners will receive their prizes at the Flower Show on the 28th.

Rules: Entries must be free-standing floral displays set above ground level and clearly visible to anyone passing by; Judges will visit the address given by each entrant at any time they (the judges) choose and judge the best eligible display they can see on arrival; the decisions of the judges will be final.

(*Flower show latest*)

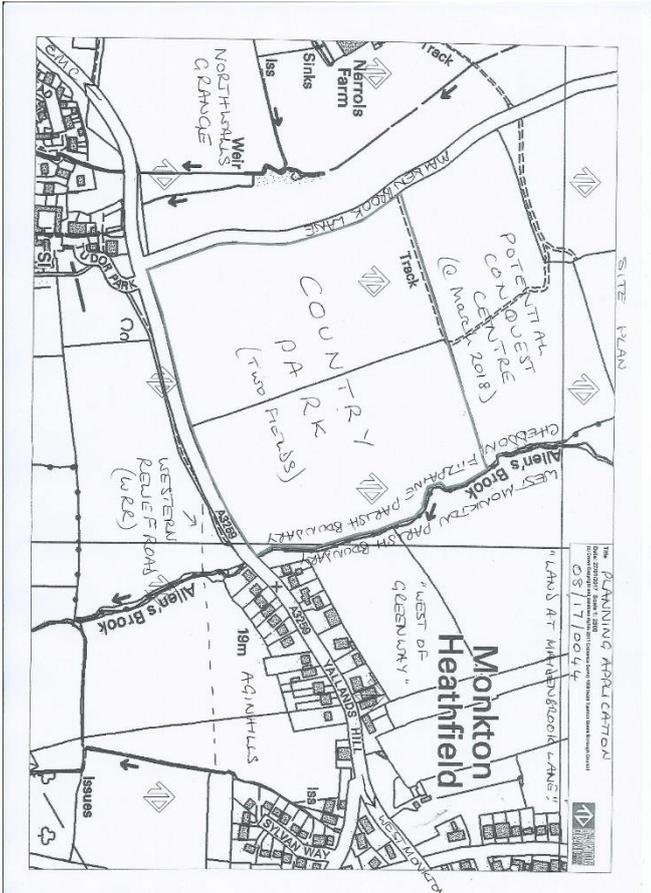
the schedule/ entry form for this year’s show on 28th July is now available from pyrland farm shop!!

Ways to pay your TDBC bills

We have received the following information from Dianne Blackmore, Member Case Manager at TDBC:

From the 29th March, the cash machines in Deane House and Wellington Community Centre are to be removed and we are providing, as an alternative, a more modern system which is more convenient for customers, therefore if you still wish to pay cash for a Council Service then you will be able to use one of the many shops and convenience stores who are signed up to the Paypoint network or any post office.

All you will need to do is take your bill which will have a bar code on it to one of the outlets and pay cash in the normal way. Alternatively, it may be easier for you to pay your bill over the phone, we have a 24/7 payments line 01823 356598 or you can pay at any time online at www.tauntondeane.gov.uk



Map enlarged on final version which went to printers

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(clerk was away, and will place full size on website)