



View from The Chair

NP update I am pleased to report that the Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents have been forwarded to Taunton Deane Borough Council following approval by both Cheddon Fitzpaine and West Monkton Parish Councils at their recent meetings. Under the provisions of Regulation 16, TDBC will send the NP documents to an external Independent Examiner for a six-week period. Following on, any comments or amendments to the NP documents by the Examiner have to be actioned, and then the NP goes to Referendum (i.e. a vote by the local parishioners). It is anticipated that this will be concluded by the end of this year. This NP milestone was greeted by simultaneous sighs of relief from the Parish Clerks of Cheddon Fitzpaine and West Monkton, and we thank them for their Herculean efforts. Equally deserving of our thanks are the Chair and members of the NP Steering Group plus all others who have contributed to this worthwhile project.

The fact that our NP is a joint effort with **West Monkton** is just one example of the close relationship and interests we have in common with our immediate neighbours. It follows that much of what is contained in their (more substantial) parish magazine The Village News is relevant to residents of our own parish, and we are therefore inviting our readers to become their readers also. You can browse their magazine on-line at <http://westmonkton.net/the-village-news/> where you will also be able to request to receive future electronic issues by e-mail.

By the time you read this, the three lucky winners of our **Parish In Bloom** competition will have received their prizes at The Cheddon Flower Show! We are delighted that so many residents have gone out of their way to brighten up the public aspects of their homes - and thus the parish - with flowers. The entries were so impressive that the judges decided to award three additional 'highly commended' prizes to the original 'Best Basket Display', 'Best Pot Display' and 'Best Overall' categories. Our thanks go to local resident Anna Kirby for coming up with the idea and to Monkton Elm Garden Centre for sponsoring it. Our contribution is the splash of colour you see in this newsletter, which we hope does everyone proud. Sometimes a little effort really does go a long way!

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A selection from the winning and highly-commended entries in the inaugural Parish In Bloom competition. For details, see 'Stop Press' on back page or Cheddon Flower Show report in the next newsletter.

Explore the walks & cycle routes of the
SOUTH QUANTOCK HERITAGE TRAIL

On Saturday 9th September
From 10am to 5pm

Collect your free booklet from the churches of Cheddon Fitzpaine & West Monkton and set out on your journey of discovery!

Light refreshments available all day

Contributions for the October Newsletter to the Parish Clerk by 16th September please!

Church Window

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

As featured on the front page, the **South Quantock Heritage Trails** are due to be launched on the Ride and Stride Day on Saturday 9th September and our churches are supporting this healthy and informative family event. Four different walks and two cycle rides will be starting from either West Monkton or Kingston St Mary churches, where you'll find ample parking on arrival and be able to collect your free Heritage Trail information booklets from inside the church.

Whether you are walking, cycling, driving or maybe just browsing around one or more of these fascinating places, you will find something to interest you. From the nationally important restoration of Gertrude Jekyll's gardens at Hestercombe to searching for 'hunky-punks' at St. Mary's, Kingston; from the stocks in West Monkton churchyard to the woods and streams at Fyne Court; from the fascinating Industrial Heritage of the Taunton-Bridgwater Canal, with part of a National Cycle Route on its towpath, to the beauty of the Quantock Hills, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty; or from the five-century Warre family history that links the parishes to Hestercombe... there is something for everyone, so go and explore!

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A new **road sign** to 'Cheddon Fitzpaine Church' has been commissioned from SCC Highways to be erected on the A3259 at Tudor Park. This will be of great assistance to visitors using that road to access the previously un-signed Village and Church.

Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish Church '100 Club'

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

June	£50	-	Rhona Ashton
	£10	-	Audrey Mead
July	£50	-	Sheila Horton
	£10	-	Joan Osmond

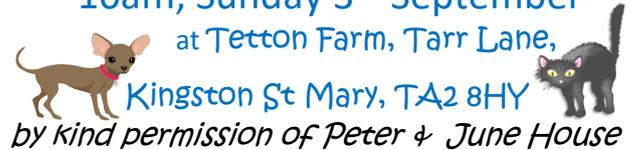
PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Messy Church meeting in August as we are currently looking at the way ahead. Please see our website or Facebook for further details.

BENEFICE ANIMAL SERVICE

10am, Sunday 3rd September

at Tetton Farm, Tarr Lane,

Kingston St Mary, TA2 8HY



by kind permission of Peter & June House

Animals large or small warmly welcome – do bring ponies, dogs or any other pets. (For animal health reasons cloven footed animals cannot be included.)

If the weather is wet, the service will be held under cover at the farm. Straw bales will be provided for seating. Wrap up warm!

Do come - with or without your animals!
(The church mice are already on their way!!)



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Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall

Regular readers of this column will already know how popular the Hall is. While this is generally good news, there is occasionally a down-side. Recently, we have had to turn down several bookings from local people because the dates they were looking for had already been booked. Thankfully such occasions are relatively rare and we are keen to encourage more local bookings. If you are planning an event that you would prefer to hold in the Hall, please help us to help you by contacting us as soon as you've set the date – and do bear in mind that, if it's short notice, there's always a chance that we may not be able to help.

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If you're reading this a week after The Flower Show, you may be wondering why there's no report on what is one of our biggest annual events. Because of the time it takes to produce the newsletter, I've had to submit my report well in advance of the show but there'll be a full report in the next issue.

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Cheddon Fitzpaine Church School

The school has had another strong year and we wish the year-six children good luck as they move onto the next stage of their educational journey. Following on from the year-end tests, the older children visited Minehead via the West Somerset Railway. The evacuations are part of their World War 2 history curriculum and the trip included some time on the beach and an ice cream. I'd like to express a big thank you to all the dedicated staff at the school, who never fail to put the children first. We look forward to welcoming our new reception children in September as they begin their journey.

Jason Woollacott, Chair of Governors

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Area updates

Vegetation in the wrong place continues to be a great source of nuisance to many residents. The Parish Clerks both report numerous issues; to assist please report using the information below, and copy the Clerk.

Maidenbrook Public Open Spaces remain a problem as DLO manage them on behalf of the Developers. Strong dialogue is being undertaken at the present time on your behalf, but it is complicated!

Accessing TDBC: what they say

“Taunton Deane Borough Council aims to keep grass and hedges in public areas tidy. Grass is cut from March to October, 7-12 times a year, depending on the ownership of the land. Cuttings are blown off footpaths and pavements, but are not collected. Most of our hedges are cut once a year. Due to bird nesting season we trim hedges only in September and October, but if the hedge causes a health and safety hazard we will attend to it also outside of this timeframe. To report **overgrown grass or hedges** on Taunton Deane Borough Council land please fill out the online [report overgrown grass/hedges](#) form or call 01823 356356. To report **overgrown verges** by A-roads please contact Somerset County Council on telephone 0300 123 2224 or email countyroads-tdeane@somerset.gov.uk. To report **overgrown vegetation** obstructing public footpaths please contact Somerset County Council Rights of Way on 0300 123 2224 or rightsofway@somerset.gov.uk”

Priorswood Recycling Centre

Somerset Waste Board claim that their vehicle permits scheme has proved so successful that they have decided to allow vans, pick-ups and car-towed trailers access whenever recycling sites are open,

including all weekends. A report on the scheme's first six months found that it achieved all its aims: to cut congestion, control illegal commercial users, bar out-of-county visitors from holding permits, maintain safety and improve services. Recycling site staff have seen a decrease in commercial users taking advantage of busy sites to sneak in waste they must legally pay to dispose of, while many out-of-county visitors have been barred from using sites. The amount of waste brought in by illegal and out-of-county users has been cut significantly, saving hundreds of thousands of pounds, but forecasts of a rise in fly-tipping proved wrong, with overall dumping figures for Somerset falling to a five-year low.

Walk on the wild side



Waterleaze residents snapped this beautiful adult deer in the wild area on the east side of the canal on their regular walk from the Crown Industrial Estate to Bathpool bridge. We like to receive pictures like these and will always include them when our newsletter column space allows!

Services at Cheddon Fitzpaine Church

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE **NO WEDNESDAY 2pm
COMMUNION SERVICES DURING AUGUST**

August (No Messy Church this month)

13th 10am Family Service **27th** 10am Communion

September

6th 2pm Home Communion, The Rectory, Bathpool

10th 10am United Heritage Service

20th 2pm Home Communion at Chatri, Lyngford Lane, TA2 7LL

24th 10am Communion Service

Website: <http://southquantockbenefice.org.uk>

Facebook name-change:

<https://www.facebook.com/South-Quantock-Benefice-West-Monkton-Cheddon-Kingston-Broomfield-churches-242102696183594/>

**TAUNTON AMATEUR OPERATIC
SOCIETY presents:**



Murder On The QE2

***A Murder Mystery Evening at
The Memorial Hall, Cheddon
Fitzpaine***

On Saturday 28th October, 2017

It is our great privilege and pleasure to announce a **malign evening of murder, mystery, music and mastication** in the capable care the prodigiously-talented ship's company, **TAOS**.

As soon as you embark upon the good ship Cheddon Hall, you will be welcomed aboard as a fully-participative passenger on a thrilling journey of suspense. Throughout the evening, you will see the action unfold as you hear stories related back to you by the motley crew of characters, each of whom has a plausible motive for committing this most foul of nautical deeds. The evening reaches its climax when you will be invited to cast your vote on who is the actual perpetrator of the dastardly crime.

Tickets for the cruise are £12/10s per passenger inclusive of a two-course supper at the Captain's table. Formal dress is optional but encouraged for those wishing to enter into the full spirit of the proceedings!*

**For further details and tickets, contact Ship's
Steward Stuart Triggol on
01823 413459**

***The performance is a joint fund-raiser for the
Taunton Amateur Operatic Society and the
Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall***

**£12.50 if paying in decimal currency*

Parish Council Meetings in 2017

All in the meeting room of The Memorial Hall; members of the public are welcome to attend.
10th August; 14th September; 12th October;
9th November; 14th December.

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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** on 0800 555 111

STOP PRESS!!

'Parish In Bloom' Competition Results:

Best Overall Display - Alison Singh

Best Basket Display - Julie Holley

Best Pot Display - Dawn Hallett

Highly Commended: Lesley Niblett (Basket Display); Dave Ross (Pot/Window Display); Richard Sparks (Overall Display)