



## View from The Chair

No sooner has the Neighbourhood Plan been put to bed than a couple of other substantial projects are demanding – and receiving – the attention of your Parish Council!

Following on naturally from the NP, the first of these is the setting-up of a Neighbourhood Plan Delivery Group. As the name suggests, the job of the Group will be to monitor development plans in order to ensure that developers are giving due consideration to the provisions of our shiny new Neighbourhood Plan. (In the case of those developments, which had already received outline planning permission before our NP came in to force, this will involve engaging with developers and persuading them to respect the Plan.) As the NP area covers both our own parish and that of our West Monkton neighbours, the Group includes stakeholders from both communities. Not surprisingly, some of these were major contributors to drafting the Plan in the first place. Chief among them is Kelvin Tutill, who chaired the NP Steering Group and has agreed to do the same for the NP Delivery Group. Next project on the list is the Country Park, which, it is hoped, will involve a number of complementary sub-projects in due course. West Monkton Councillor Alan Hall has been nominated for – and accepted – the position of Chairman of the Country Park Steering Group. This appointment is a major coup for us, as Alan is hugely experienced in the management of major projects. At the July Parish Council meeting, he was present to brief us with an outline of the concept and the general sense of direction being followed. Discussions also took place as to who would attend various meetings on behalf of the Parish. It's early days yet and we don't have detailed information to share with you. In view of the bi-monthly frequency of this newsletter, all residents are encouraged to attend future Parish Council meetings and monitor the parish notice-boards and website for breaking news. This project will have a major impact on us all.

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***Contributions for the October 2018  
newsletter to the Parish Clerk by  
16<sup>th</sup> September please!***

## General Data Protection Regulations

The new GDPR legislation came in to force on 25<sup>th</sup> May surrounded by much controversy and surprisingly little understanding of its practical implications – especially for small organisations such as parish councils. Thankfully, the ICO's (Information Commissioner's Office) immediate expectation is that we can demonstrate reasonable progress towards achieving full compliance. So far, our Clerk has attended a GDPR training session given by SALC (Somerset Association of Local councils), and Privacy Notices have been approved by the Parish Council and posted on the parish website. At this stage, GDPR remains a 'work in progress' – watch this space!

## IN MEMORIAM

It was with deep sadness that we learned of the sudden death on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 of Tom Langford, son of David & Jane. The funeral was held on 11<sup>th</sup> July at a packed Cheddon Church, where Tom was laid to rest in the churchyard that he regularly tended. Our hearts go out to his relatives and friends at this difficult time.

## One for the NP Delivery Group?



*More residential development – but this time it's strictly for the birds! House Martins are generally becoming a rare sight but at this property near Maidenbrook four new nests have been constructed this year. Another case for the new Neighbourhood Plan Delivery Group?*

### 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](mailto:kbcparishes@btinternet.com)*

We are pleased to report that the new Bathpool Pioneer, Paul Elliston, began work on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. A welcome service for him and his family was held on 9<sup>th</sup> July at West Monkton School.

Rev Jim Cox has been appointed as our half-time Associate Vicar and will join us this autumn. We hold Jim, his family, and his present parish of St Mary's Selly Oak in our prayers at this time of transition.

Also in our thoughts and prayers is Rev Stephen Jones and his family. Stephen, who has helped us enormously through our various vacancies, has been appointed Associate Priest (house for duty) in the Seven Sowers Benefice just down the road from us. Stephen's last Sunday leading worship was at the United Benefice Service on 29<sup>th</sup> July.

Last but not least, please note my own new address and home phone number:

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### Rev Mary Styles, Rector

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### Musical Evening at Cheddon Church

The performance of Italian Favourites & Old Time Musical Hall songs on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June was a great success and raised an excellent net profit of £800 for church funds. The weather was perfect and the churchyard looked amazing decked out with three gazebos for serving drinks and canapés. The audience also looked fantastic as many were dressed up to complement the Old Time Music Hall theme. Organist / organiser Kate and all the singers and musicians were splendid. In the second half, everyone else was invited to join in the singing and did so with such great gusto that it raised the church rafters! A huge thank you goes out to all who helped in any way.



### Churchyard working party

There is no working party in August so the next one is on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 6-8pm. Please bring your own tools, kneeler, gloves etc. Refreshments will be provided, as pictured below!



### Cheddon church rota

Whenever you attend a service at Cheddon, you find a cosy church with the candles lit, the hymn numbers up, the carpet clean, the communion prepared and a hot drink before you go. Sadly, we are struggling to maintain these standards and need more help. Can you do just one of the following: read the lesson; read the prayers; help with refreshments; be a 'sides-person' (i.e. help set things up for the service - always done with two people so you would never be on your own); vacuum the carpet now and again? If you can, please contact me (Ann Pugh on 01823 412810) or Pauline (see below), who jointly battle with the rota.



**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September**  
**10am Cheddon Church**

Do come along and join us for a wonderful rousing time! If you would like a favourite hymn sung, please tell me by 31<sup>st</sup> August.

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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:*

**June:** £50 Audrey Mead - £10 Gerry Guerrier

**July:** £50 Yvonne Osmond - £10 Rhona Gilmore

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

### **Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall**

I’m happy to report that business at the hall continues at a steady - and healthy - level. The big hall curtains have recently been repaired for a fraction of the cost of replacements and this ‘stitch in time’ should save them for another five years or so.

As usual, The **Annual Flower Show** (this year on **Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> July**) takes place just after this August newsletter goes to print and will therefore be reported in the October issue.

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### **Cheddon Fitzpaine Church School**

I am delighted to report that we have again earned a ‘Good’ Ofsted result - another testament to all the hard work undertaken by staff and pupils. The intake this September will be 150 pupils.

Much of the credit for the turnaround in our school’s performance falls to Head Teacher, Duncan Gordon, and we are sad to report that he will be leaving us at the end of term. We thank him for his contribution and wish him all the best for the future. Paula Goodchild takes over as permanent Head Teacher, with Jo Strawbridge as Senior Teacher (Deputy).

**Jason Woollacott, Chair of Governors**  
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### **Area updates**

**Litter-picking equipment** has been purchased by the Parish Council: 8 sets, each consisting of a trigger-operated litter-picker and a plastic ‘hoop’ for holding bin bags with the top open. 6 sets have already been distributed to local residents to clear ‘hot-spot’ areas. If you would like to be the keeper and occasional user of one of the remaining two sets, please contact your Parish Clerk or Cllr Batsch (details on back page).

*NB: All residents are also allowed – and encouraged – to trim obstructive or unsightly overgrowth in public areas provided they use only hand tools. The more of*

*us who spend a little time on this, the neater our parish will look. This extra effort will greatly assist TDBC, their agent DLO, and our own lengthsman, whose ongoing maintenance has been made more difficult by budgetary pressures and adverse weather patterns.*

FOOTNOTE: The sheep pond is virtually empty of water, so this would be an ideal time for a group of local volunteers to do a mid-year tidy up.

### **CHEDDON**

**Broadband** There is new information on the website at [www.kstm.uk/broadband](http://www.kstm.uk/broadband) about improved connection and service. Kingston are leading on this project which, it is hoped, will benefit some Cheddon parishioners in due course.

### **MAIDENBROOK**

On the afternoon of Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July, a **Summer Street Party** was held on Hale Way. The event was organised by residents Tony & Shona Gregg, who invited the local community to turn out for food, fun and socialising. The weather was on its best behaviour and a memorable time was had by all. We can’t see any reason why such a great idea shouldn’t be more widely adopted!

**Public Open Spaces** Despite the heroic efforts of our Parish Clerk, this project has stalled tantalisingly close to the finishing line. Taylor Wimpey have jumped through all of the hoops presented by TDBC, and it is believed that legal paperwork is being drawn up. Bovis Homes, however, have yet to repair the gabions (wire cages each holding 1m<sup>3</sup> of stones) adjacent to 26 Barbers Mead. Agreed in principle with Environment Agency support, the job now needs the engineering details to be finalised. We expected the work to have been completed by now but it’s looking like the plans have not been sent to the EA yet. Patience!

### **NERROLS**

**New school** The Planning Application\* was approved by SCC in June and builders are expected on site in mid-August to get the school on track for its first intake of pupils for the 2019-20 academic year. (\*Application no: 4/08/18/00040B)

**Apple-tree proposal** A small planting scheme suggested by a local resident on the Summerlease estate has received approval from TDBC. The idea behind the micro orchard is to engage local residents in the creation and maintenance of a pleasing amenity that reflects the heritage of the county we live in.

### **Highways**

**Crown Roundabout** It is a huge relief that work has at long last been completed and both sets of pedestrian

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traffic lights commissioned. Final tidying and re-planting is expected in the near future.

**New footpath** Our application under the Small Improvement Scheme for an asphalted footpath adjacent to the Crown Roundabout has been passed for further consideration. The location is the A3259 leading towards Nerrols Drive, i.e. across Priorswood Road from the recently installed bus shelter. This will benefit those using the bus stop on that side of the road by linking it to the existing footpath.

### **WANTED!!**

Long-term storage in the Maidenbrook area for the tools used by the Taunton IWA Volunteer Group: **EITHER** a minimum 2m x 2m space with easy access to erect a shed or park a box trailer; **OR** a vacant garage / shed / out-building. A small payment could be made.

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### **Services at Cheddon Fitzpaine Church**

**12<sup>th</sup> August Sunday, 10am** Family Service  
**26<sup>th</sup> August Sunday, 10am** Communion Service  
**9<sup>th</sup> September Sunday, 10am** Songs of Praise  
**23<sup>rd</sup> September Sunday, 10am** Communion Service  
**29<sup>th</sup> September Saturday, 12 noon** Baptism

#### **Midweek Communion**

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2pm**  
at The Vicarage, Kingston St. Mary  
**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm**  
at The Vicarage, Kingston St. Mary  
**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm**  
at 4 Garden Close, Northwalls Grange

### **Parish Council Meetings**

*These are public meeting open to everyone. They are held in the Committee Room of the Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall, TA2 8JY and start at 7pm.*

**2018:** 9<sup>th</sup> August; 13<sup>th</sup> September; 11<sup>th</sup> October;  
8<sup>th</sup> November; 13<sup>th</sup> December.

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### **POLICE Contact Details**

*For local contact details of our community PCs/PCSOs, visit your Parish Council website (see front page).*

#### **LATE NEWS!!**

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PASTORAL CARE GROUP: Next coffee morning at 10.30 am on Saturday 8th September in Mary Gunning's cottage behind Cheddon Fitzpaine Church.

The Group are also organising a lunch for those who live alone or would like some lunch- time company on Sunday 26th August at 12.30 pm. at The Maypole, Thurloxtan.

CONTACT PCG Co-ordinator, Liz Thompson, on 01823 451529.