



View from The Chair

Country Park We are pleased to report that Taunton Deane Borough Council has completed its purchase from The Crown of two fields at the bottom of Maidenbrook Lane. The acquisition secures the future of this impressive leisure and recreational amenity.

Somerset Wood to commemorate WW1 Linked-in with the Country Park, this substantial new plantation will honour all those from and of our County, who fell in 'The Great War'. A high-profile, public dedication ceremony took place on 9th November, 2018. Cllr Mike Batsch was there, and here is his report:

"Something very special happened in our parish on Friday the 9th of November, 2018: an event, which so deeply moved all who attended – old and young – that it will surely never be forgotten by a single one.

The special event was the dedication ceremony and inaugural planting of the First-World-War commemorative Somerset Wood. Located within the broader landscape of an extensive new Country Park to the south-east of Cheddon village, the woodland will eventually contain 11,281 broad-leaved trees – one for every service man and woman associated with our county, who fell in The Great War.

A large audience braved the elements to pay their respects and were told by Mrs. Anne Maw that the dedicating of Somerset Wood was the greatest official duty she had ever performed in her capacity as Lord Lieutenant of Somerset.

Although this major project is still in its infancy, it is already clear that it is striking a chord across the county and taking on a life of its own. There will be plenty of well-publicised opportunities for local residents to become involved. Do what you can, and feel proud! This looks set to become the jewel in the crown of our Garden Town."

Four trees were planted at the ceremony – which leaves a balance of 11,277. If you can help with planting one or more of them, please contact your Parish Clerk or project manager Alan Hall on 01823 410068 or at alanhall@westmonkton.net

**With Best Wishes for a
Happy & Joyous Festive Season
and a Prosperous New Year!**

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Somerset Village Agent

Village Agents (VAs) help to bridge the gap between isolated, excluded, vulnerable and lonely individuals and the statutory / voluntary organisations offering specific solutions to identified needs. VAs are paid, part-time, highly trained individuals living in the parish 'clusters' they support. The project is run by the Community Council for Somerset (CCS) and now covers half of the county. Linda Burton is our new VA and you can come and meet her at our next Parish Council meeting at the Memorial Hall on 13th December at the Parish Council meeting. If you need to contact Linda in the meantime, her details are: Tel. 01823 331222, Mob. 07931 018019, e-mail linda@somersetccc.org.uk



The Somerset Wood memorial stone bearing a short dedication 'to the Somerset Fallen in the Great War' and the famous 'They shall not grow old...' verse from Binyon's poem 'For the Fallen'. This, together with the inaugural planting of four trees, marks the modest beginnings of what will become a country park of national importance.

In Memoriam

It is with deep regret that we report the untimely loss of parishioner Richard Sparks, who died in a fire at his home in Cheddon village on Sunday, the 4th of November. Our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.

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**Contributions for the February 2019
newsletter to the Parish Clerk by
16th January please!**

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 daily (except Thursday) from 9:30am to 1:30pm. For marriage and baptism enquiries, please contact Michele Hardiman, Administrator, Tel: 01823 451257, e-mail: sqbenefice@btconnect.com

Two Remembrance Services were held on 11th November: the first was in Cheddon Fitzpaine Church in memory of all who fell in both World Wars; the second in the new Somerset Wood included the dedication of a South Quantocks Benefice oak tree, beside which are pictured (l-r) Rev Jim Cox, Bathpool Pioneer Paul Elliston (with wife and son), Rev Mary, Parish Clerk Jo and Ewen Huffman, Lead Pastor at Creech St. Michael Baptist Church.



SHOCKING NEWS (or hopefully just the opposite)!!

We are delighted to report that the **electrics within Cheddon Church** have received their long-awaited upgrade. The system is now fit for purpose and the inconvenience of continually resetting the fuse-box when it could no longer cope with demand should thankfully be a thing of the past.

Pioneering activities

The **Take 5** drop-in group from 08:45 to 10:15 on Monday mornings is for parents, carers and friends of Cheddon Fitzpaine Church School to grab a breathing space. Join us in the hall. The **Couch to 5k** running group are doing well! Based on Northwalls Grange, we meet on Thursday evenings and are now half-way through the programme. We are keen to encourage others to join us and you are welcome to do this at any stage. **Informal Communion** We are hosting an

informal service at 4 Garden Close, Northwalls on Wednesday 19th December at 2pm. This is a quiet time of prayer, a short bible reading and reflection, followed by communion. We are a very friendly, open group and we would love to welcome you. **Christmas Carol Singing** Please come and join us at 4 Garden Close, Northwalls on Friday 21st December at 6pm. Mince pies and mulled wine will be on offer before singing our way around the local community stopping at various points around the neighbourhood.

We are keen to help build a strong community on and around the new **Northwalls Grange** estate so, if you have any suggestions, I'd love to hear them. Please do not hesitate to call me if you would like to chat or learn more about forthcoming events.

Tracey Hallett, Pioneer Ordinand

Mobile: 07865 489753

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:

October: £50 Jan Church, £10 Jane Lown

November: £60 Colin Stone, £15 Gerry Guerrier

December will include a £50 Christmas bonus!

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

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e-mail revmarye@gmail.com

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Pastoral Care

We are delighted that the South Quantock Benefice are offering a series of three relaxing Quiet Days. They will be held on Monday November 26th, Monday February 4th and Saturday March 30th from 10am to 3pm at Kingston St Mary Village Hall. The day will be facilitated by Dr Ruth Sewell who has a wealth of experience in leading sessions in relaxation, Christian meditation and labyrinth walking. If you would like to find out more or book a place please contact me or Tracey Hallett (07854 489753). Please note that there will be no charge for these days (although donations are always welcome) but numbers are very limited and must be booked in advance please.

Liz Thompson, PCG Co-ordinator Tel. 01823 451529

Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall

The following is a summary of the report presented by Chairman Malcolm Lown at this year's Trustees' Annual General Meeting held on 12th November:

Another successful year saw Hall usage continuing at almost full capacity, and thanks are due to Hall Manager, Marcus Walker, Secretary, Pat Walker, Treasurer, Stuart Triggol and Cleaner, Andrea Stapleton, for their extremely hard work. A professional 'deep clean' was done in September to include the less-accessible areas, where a scaffolding tower was required.

The main curtain fabric and rails have had a makeover to extend their life for a further 10 years or so.

The heating problem from 2017 was finally traced to a faulty water pump and resolved.

An Automatic Electronic Defibrillator has been installed in the foyer to benefit all users of the hall.

The Flower Show was well attended but unfortunately the Cheddoners production was cancelled for the first time ever due to extreme weather. Some of the lost revenue was recouped with a Quiz Night in conjunction with the Parkinson Society at the beginning of November raising over £600 to be shared between both parties.

Ms Kelly Weston joined the trustees in November as the second representative of our Church School. The Hall Manager has met with the school's new Head Teacher to review our interaction to mutual benefit.

The Chairman's main preoccupation has been negotiating with The Crown Estate over the surrounding land at Sandilands. After many e-mails and several meetings with agent Savills, an agreement has been reached to buy an area of adjacent land, which will increase our holding to just under an acre. This deal is still subject to legal formalities but no problems are foreseen by either side. This will safeguard the future of the Hall and resolve all car-parking and amenity issues. Thanks go to fellow Trustee, Robert Hughes, for his specialist help and support, and to James Read for generously clearing, levelling, seeding and rolling our land to the west of the drive.

In conclusion, the Chairman thanked all his fellow Trustees, whose support and advice was vital in running the charitable trust.

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Area updates

MAIDENBROOK It is hoped the notice-board for Northwalls Grange will be installed shortly by DWH near their sales office and show-homes. Once building has completed, the board will move to a more central location.

NERROLS It's only 8 weeks since construction began but the new **Primary School** is already shooting skywards. Sponsor Richard Huish Trust held a consultation on 25th October at Brittons Ash Community Hall. Thanks to Trevor Rolph for the wonderful image below.



Knightstone Housing (as was) have recently had another name change — from Liverty to **LiveWest!** Their contact is still Community Empowerment Officer **Shona Stone** on 01934 526358 / 07921 387227 but her e-mail address is shona.stone@livewest.co.uk

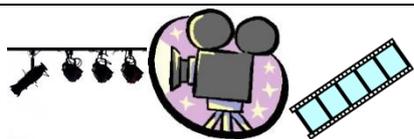
Highways

IMPORTANT ROAD-SAFETY NOTICE! The 'safe route' to Monkton Heathfield school from Nerrols and Northwalls Grange is via the controlled traffic lights at the Crown Medical Centre and through Waterleaze estate. Using the new footpath on the west of the A3259 and then crossing the busy 40mph main road to the cycleway at Tudor Park is NOT designated as a 'safe route'. Your Parish Council has tried to get signage installed but SCC inform us that this is not possible. We therefore ask parents and guardians to advise the children in their care accordingly. The school will be issuing the same advice to parents/guardians and will also speak directly to their students.

WASTE /RECYCLING

Details of collections over the festive period can be found on parish notice boards & website and in the local press

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Cheddon & West Monkton Film Club

FRIDAY 14th DECEMBER: The Bookshop

!!Christmas 'Party' Night!!

Drama: England, 1959. In a small East Anglian town, Florence Green decides, against polite but ruthless local opposition, to open a bookshop. As her obstacles amass and bear suspicious signs of a local power struggle, she is forced to ask: is there a place for a bookshop in a town that may not want one?

Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall

Every 3rd Friday (except this month), 6:30pm for refreshments, 7pm for short film, 7:30pm for feature. Admission £6 per person at the door.

18th January, 2019: programme TBC

cwmfilmclub@btinternet.com Tel. 01823 412278

EVENT NOTICE: On Friday 8 February, 2019 at 7.30pm in Cheddon Fitzpaine Church, Peter Triggs presents an evening of colour slides and stories entitled: 'Escape to the West Country'. Refreshments served. Donations towards Church funds.

Services at Cheddon Fitzpaine Church

9 December, Sunday, 4pm, Carol Service

24 December, Monday, 9pm, Christmas Communion

13 January (2019), Sunday, 10am, Family Service

27 January, Sunday, 10am, Communion Service

Midweek Communion –

5 December, Wednesday, 2pm

at The Vicarage, Kingston St Mary, TA2 8HW

19 December, Wednesday, 2pm

at 4 Garden Close, Northwalls Grange TA2 8FZ

2 January - none

16 January, Wednesday, 2pm

at 4 Garden Close, Northwalls Grange TA2 8FZ

NOTE: NEW BENEFICE OFFICE E-MAIL ADDRESS:

sqbenefice@btconnect.com

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: 13 December.

2019: 10 January, 14 February, 14 March, 11 April,

9 May, 13 June, 11 July, 8 August, 12 September, 10 October, 14 November, 12 December
Annual Parish Meeting: 28 March 2019

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Cabinet Member for Strategy, Customers & Communities; Leader of the Council. David holds a monthly 'community surgery' on the 2nd Thursday at Brittons Ash Community Hall (BACH) in West Monkton from 8:30am to 9:30am.