



View from The Chair

Neighbourhood Plan Thanks to all of you who submitted your NP revision questionnaire. While the return of around 10% comes as a disappointment to those of us who put so much work into the project, this level of response is apparently typical for NP consultations in the UK. We can only assume that the other 90% are happy to let the rest of us get on with it – and won't complain if future developments are not to their liking. Analysis of your feedback will soon be under way and will provide the evidence base for future policies aimed at giving you what you want wherever possible.

Would you believe it? The **slipped gabions** on the Maidenbrook estate behind Waterleaze are finally being repaired by developer Bovis! It is anticipated work will be concluded by the end of the year (2019!). It will have to be signed off as per the Environment Agency conditions, after which the legal agreement for the Adoption of the POSs (Public Open Spaces) on Maidenbrook can be concluded between Bovis, Taylor Wimpey & Somerset West & Taunton Council.

Maidenbrook Country Park (MCP) The Licence to Occupy has been re-issued by SWT Council but, regrettably, this only covers maintenance of the existing trees. Further planting is on hold pending the conclusion of discussions between the parishes (Cheddon Fitzpaine and West Monkton) and the District Council regarding the management of the park. This is frustrating as we have a small army of willing volunteers standing ready.

The **MCP logo competition** has so far attracted entries from children in Cheddon Primary School and Nerrols Primary School. Competition winners will be announced in due course.

PLEASE NOTE: *The date of the next monthly Parish Council meeting has been brought forward to Monday, 9th December due to the timing of the general election.*

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

Denise Webber, Chairman, Cheddon Fitzpaine PC
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Site manager David on the Maidenbrook banking, under which the diverted brook now runs through temporary pipes. Behind him against the far bank, the first tier of galvanised-steel gabion baskets is in position ready for filling with stones. Bridgwater Without (sic) Parish Councillor David was keen to talk to CFP Councillor/photographer Mike Batsch about the pros and cons of having a Neighbourhood Plan (they don't have one yet).

Vacancy for HALL MANAGER

The Trustees of Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall are seeking a Hall Manager to act as booking officer and oversee the day-to-day running of our busy and successful hall.

This paid position requires a commitment of about six hours per week and the appointee will initially work in conjunction with current Manager, Marcus Walker, to ensure a smooth handover.

Please contact Malcolm Lown (Chairman of the Trustees) on 01823 4112750 or Marcus Walker on 0758 6413290 for details and job description.

***Contributions for the February 2020
newsletter to the Parish Clerk by
16th January please!***

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Church Window

Cheddon Fitzpaine Church is part of the South Quantock Benefice together with West Monkton, Kingston St. Mary & Broomfield. The Benefice Office is open every week-day (except Thursdays) from 9:30am to 1:30pm. For enquiries about marriages and baptisms, please contact our Administrator, Michele Hardiman, tel. 01823 451257, e-mail: sqbenefice@btconnect.com RECTOR: Rev. Mary Styles tel. 01823 451189; e-mail revmarrye@gmail.com

Christine Winter was licensed as a Lay Reader in a wonderful service at Wells Cathedral on 5th October. Christine and her husband George are on the electoral roll at Cheddon Fitzpaine Church and she will be part of the ministry team for our South Quantock Benefice. There's a **new website** for South Quantock Benefice, so please do take the time to have a look at <https://southquantockbenefice.org.uk/>

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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: £60 John Pugh £15 Gerry Guerrier

November: £60 Annie Durham £15 Geoff Tarr

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

Rev Tracey's community action update

We have had a great Autumn here at Northwalls Grange. Thank you to all who gave generously to the children and families who door knocked whilst participating in a trick-or-treat trail around the new estate. It was lovely to welcome so many people with hot chocolate at the end of the evening.

Our **Advent** journey toward Christmas has started well, with regular gatherings on Wednesday from 9:30 to 11am at The Community House, 4 Garden Close for 'Little Seedlings' – a group for bumps, babies and toddlers. We are planning to continue meeting on a weekly basis and the group will have a formal launch when we move in to Nerrols Primary School in January.

Another new community group is **Take 5**, which initially began in Cheddon Primary School and offered parents a space to stop and share five minutes over a cuppa with like-minded others. We have now

extended this group to **TAKE 5 Extra**, which is open to all in the community and has the intention of helping people get to know each other. There is a rolling monthly programme as follows:

1st Thursday of each month: **TAKE 5** for parents, carers, friends and family members of Cheddon Fitzpaine School: an invite to stop, 'take five', have a cup of tea or coffee and chat with others.

2nd Thursday of each month: **TAKE 5 Extra** breakfast at 4 Garden Close, Northwalls Grange Estate. Arrive from 9am after school drop-off and stay until 10am. Open to All – everyone welcome!

3rd Thursday of each month: **TAKE 5 Extra** meet at Cheddon Memorial Hall and then car-share up to Fyne Court – we attempt a circular stroll whilst chatting and then stop for coffee after the stroll. Open to all – everyone welcome.

4th Thursday of each month: **Take 5 Extra** Quiet Reflective Meditation Space at 4 Garden Close, Northwalls Grange. Arrive from 9am and stay until 10am. Open to all – everyone welcome.

We are also really looking forward to hosting two community Christmas events as suggested by the residents at Northwalls Grange. These are a **Community Christingle Service** for all comers at Cheddon Church on Saturday 21st December from 3:30pm. This will be a very informal service and we will be making Christingles, sharing the light of Christ and getting ready to celebrate Christmas. On 23rd December we will gathering at 6:30pm on the green near the David Wilson Show Homes for **Christmas Carol Singing and Mulled Wine** – all are welcome.

There is a **Northwalls Grange Residents Community Facebook page**, so if you are new to the estate please do look us up and join the page. We try to update it regularly with events and our aim is to share positivity and build a wholesome community.

For more information on any of the above, please contact:

Rev Tracey Hallett

Church in Community Pioneer

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Sunday Seedlings

15 min's of songs, stories & fun for 0-5s & their families to learn about Jesus - then coffee & delicious pastries.

See back page for details!

Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall

The Hall AGM on Monday 11th November occasioned a few changes among the officers and trustees: Mrs Joan Osmond stood down as trustee representative for the Church and, while remaining a trustee, Mrs Pat Walker stood down as Secretary. Sincere thanks were expressed to both for their many years of exemplary service. Mr William Rigby was elected and welcomed as a new trustee and existing trustee Mrs Gabrielle Batsch took on the role of secretary. Otherwise, things remain the same as before and the reports given by me as Chair, Treasurer Stuart Trigoll, and Bookings Manager Marcus Walker underline the healthy state of our affairs.

It is worth mentioning here that anyone reading who would like to become involved with this wonderful community facility is warmly invited to contact me. The task is not onerous, involving 4 or 5 meetings a year, which rarely last over an hour. This is because the day-to-day running of the hall is fully covered by permanent paid staff. This arrangement, together with an ongoing program of maintaining and upgrading the Hall and grounds, ensures that things run to the highest operational standards.

It is general knowledge that we are in the process of purchasing additional land from The Crown Estate to increase the size of our plot at Sandilands. This has been a long and tortuous process, but the light is now visible at the end of the tunnel, and we hope to complete within a couple of months. The acquisition will safeguard the long-term future of the Hall by enhancing the recreational and parking amenity.

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Area updates

CHEDDON Hestercombe's new **Sibyl's Temple** – the re-creation of an 18th-century rotunda in the Landscape Gardens – was officially opened on 29th October. The feature is one of the improvements made possible by the charity's ambitious £1.5m fundraising appeal launched in 2017, the 20th-anniversary year of Hestercombe Gardens' opening to the public. A short inaugural ceremony was held, in which CEO Philip White gave a brief introduction and Mayor Cllr Fran Smith carried out the official ribbon-cutting. Prior to the opening, Hestercombe had organised a competition for 'Young Writers in Somerset' to compose suitable poems for the occasion and the winners were on hand to read their entries.



MAIDENBROOK

The **Western Relief Road (WRR)** from Agin hills towards Tudor Park joining the A3259). The designated contractors are currently working on the new roundabout at Bawler Road, West Monkton, for the Hartnells Development. We are informed that this should be completed by Christmas and they will then move on to the new WRR in the new year.

SUMMERLEAZE, NERROLS/WATERLEAZE & MAIDENBROOK Rest assured that Somerset West & Taunton Council are working their way around all the Public Open Spaces to cut back vegetation. All reports to the Clerk of areas in need of attention are being forwarded to SWTC.

NORTHWALLS GRANGE We have received the following notice from the Project Manager at David Wilson Homes:

"We would like to make local residents aware that from 3rd December we will be installing piled foundations to the future plots adjacent to Nerrols Drive, where the wooded area is currently situated. We will be removing the trees and vegetation and then for a period of approximately 6 weeks (not including 2 weeks off for the Christmas break) a piling rig will be on site. Whilst operational this may cause a noise and vibration disturbance to nearby residents. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused. Do let us know if you have any further questions."

At the time of writing, your Parish Clerk has requested confirmation of:

- the 'build-out' rate on Nerrols 1 & 2;
- the provision of community allotments;
- the provision of dog bins.

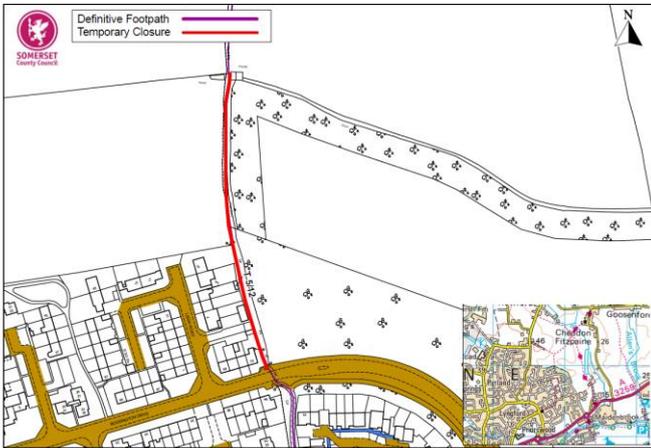
DWH/Barratt are in the process of setting up the new development's Management Company, to which residents will then be able to address their maintenance concerns direct.

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HIGHWAYS

Temporary Closure of part of Footpath T 5/12

A Temporary Closure Order for the 200-metre stretch of footpath to the north of Bossington Drive (shown as a solid vertical line on map below) will take effect from 3rd December. While the TCO is valid for six months, it is anticipated that the path is only likely to be closed for 8 weeks.



Services at Cheddon Fitzpaine Church

December

- 1st 9:30 am Sunday Seedlings¹;
- 4th 2:00 pm Communion Service²
- 8th 4:00 pm Carol Service¹
- 15th 9:30 am Sunday Seedlings³;
- 18th 2:00 pm Communion Service⁴
- 21st 3:30 pm Christingle¹
- 22nd 10:00 am Holy Communion¹;
- 23rd 6:30 pm Christmas Carols & Mulled Wine,
Northwalls Grange on the green
- 24th 9:00 pm Christmas Communion¹

January 2020

- 5th 11:10 am Sunday Seedlings⁶
- 12th 10:00 am Family Service¹
- 15th 2:00 pm Communion Service⁴
- 19th 11:10 am: Sunday Seedlings⁶
11:00 am Plough Sunday West Monkton
- 26th 10:00 am Communion Service¹

VENUE KEY: ¹Cheddon Church ²The Vicarage, Kingston St. Mary, TA2 8HW ³BACH by West Monkton primary school, TA2 8FT ⁴4 Garden Close, Northwalls Grange, TA2 8FZ ⁵Broomfield ⁶West Monkton Church

Parish Council Meetings

Held on Thursdays at 7pm in the Committee Room of the Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall, TA2 8JY, these are public meetings open to everyone.

2019: 9th December. **Note change of date**

2020: 9 January, 13 February, 12 March, 9 April, 14 May, 11 June, 9 July, 13 August, 10 September, 8 October, 12 November, 10 December

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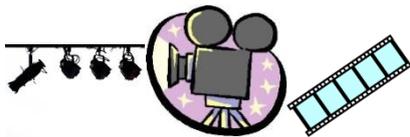
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Cheddon & West Monkton Film Club

It's Christmas 'Party' Night!

13th DECEMBER: Fisherman's Friends

Musical biopic/drama Ten fishermen from Cornwall achieve a Top 10 hit after they are signed by Universal Records for their canny talent of being able to sing a sea shanty or two. Whilst there is definite appeal to coastal venues with strong fishing links, Fisherman's Friends taps into the sense of close-knit communities, middle-age male obsolescence and the commitment of keeping traditions alive. One to keep your audiences swinging and swaying along in the aisles.

Our 1st screening of the New Year will be:

17th JANUARY: The Goldfinch

See club website for details!

All screenings at Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial

Hall. Refreshments: 6:30pm; short film: 7pm

Feature: 7:20pm. Admission is £6 per person at the door.

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