



View from The Chair

Neighbourhood Plan milestone! I am delighted to report that, subject to a number of amendments, the Independent Examiner has given the all-clear for our NP to go forward to the referendum stage.

The **Referendum** on the WM & CF NP will be held around Easter this year. **WHEN?** The date is not yet finalised but will be published in good time. However, the referendum may well happen before our next newsletter comes out, so please look out for information coming through your letter-box and appearing on parish notice-boards.

WHERE? Voting will take place in the usual polling stations within both parishes. **WHY?** The Neighbourhood Plan is your way of influencing future development in the community in which you and your family live. It will also result in additional revenue being made available to your parish council - funds that we can spend on community projects for improving the parish.

WARNING! Voting **against** the Neighbourhood plan **will not stop** further development (which is governed by planning rules and regulations); voting **for** the NP will give us all a **significant degree of control** over the nature of future development. **BE AWARE!** Anyone wishing to vote in the referendum will first need to be registered on the Taunton Deane Borough Council Electoral Roll. If you haven't already done so, there are two ways you can do this. You can either **register online** as follows:

Visit www.tauntondeane.gov.uk; go to 'Elections and Voting'; choose 'Electoral Register'; register to vote on line (you'll need to provide your National Insurance Number, date of birth and full address).

Or you can **register by phone** on 01984 635 276, where the Electoral Services team (based at West Somerset Council offices) will be able to provide a form to complete.

If you have formed an opinion – either for or against – do turn out and exercise your democratic choice. In the meantime, if you have any comments or queries, please do not hesitate to contact your parish clerk.

NOTE: The examiner's favourable report on the joint West Monkton and Cheddon Fitzpaine Neighbourhood Development Plan was received just before the editorial deadline for this newsletter by both parish councils and Taunton Deane Borough Council, who has published in full on the TDBC website at:

<https://www.tauntondeane.gov.uk/planning-policy/west-monkton-and-cheddon-fitzpaine-neighbourhood-development-plan/>

According to the examiner: "The Plan is clearly and well presented with policies clearly defined and supported by helpful explanatory text". This positive comment is a ringing endorsement for all the hard work put in by the NP Steering Group, the clerks of both parishes, and everyone else involved. Our thanks also go out to those local residents who took the time to engage in the consultation process.

Last but not least, I would like to record a big THANK YOU to the newsletter distributors, bus-stop and phone-box cleaners, litter pickers, vegetation clearance volunteers, Parish Councillors – and everyone else, whose voluntary work, community spirit and good-will makes such a big difference to the quality of life in this parish of ours.

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The new 'kissing gates' between the church and the primary school (ref. T5/10) – just one example of the many worthwhile additions and improvements made along the length and breadth of the parish in 2017

**Contributions for the April 2018
newsletter to the Parish Clerk by
16th March please!**

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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 thrilled that the new road-sign to 'Cheddon Fitzpaine Church' has been installed at the southern end of Maidenbrook Lane on the A3259 (opposite Tudor Park).



Many thanks are due to the Parish Council for arranging with County Hall Highways for this work to be undertaken, and for underwriting the cost.

Please come to find us!

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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:

December £50 - Neil Church, £10 - Ann Pugh

Christmas Bonus (£50) - Corrine McMyllor

January £50 - Clyde Rossiter, £10 - Liz Thompson

Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall

Happy New Year to all who supported and visited our wonderful Hall in 2017. It was our most successful year ever, and we are looking forward to an equally good 2018. The regular slot vacated by Ranju Roy (yoga) has not as yet been filled, but we are in discussions with a couple of potential lets.

We have, over the last few months, had problems with the heaters in the main Hall, and we were faced with a potential bill of £10K+ to replace them. However, the problem (although tricky to diagnose) was eventually revealed as an intermittently-faulty water pump, which I am pleased to report has now been replaced and the hall is now warm again.

Sandilands (the woodland area surrounding the Hall) is still undergoing a massive transformation. These works are the responsibility of Hestercombe, not the Hall, but we apologise to all our users for any inconvenience.

The Film Club is now back in full flow, and The Cheddoners will have their annual Cabaret Night in early March (see notice below). Can I encourage anyone who has never been to a Cheddoners show to come along and enjoy the evening? This and the Flower Show in July are the biggest and best village social events of the year – and should not be missed.

Malcolm Lown, Chairman, Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall Trustees Tel: 01823 412750

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The Cheddoners Variety Show 2018

Our very own Cheddoners are proud to present this year's show incorporating 'Plane Speaking', another play from the pen of actor/director Dick Macey with additional material from Malcolm Lown. Dates for your diary are:

Thursday 1st, Friday 2nd, Saturday 3rd March

Tea & cake will be served on Thursday @ £7 per head, then Fish & Chip supper on Friday and Saturday @ £13. Please bring your own drinks. Tickets available from:

Thelma Burnett 01823 412192

Stuart Triggol 01823 413459

This time, advance payment is needed to secure tickets (fish suppers will be ordered accordingly). Book early to avoid disappointment. Raffle donations gratefully received!

ESCAPE TO THE WEST COUNTRY

Another Peter Triggs Picture Show

Friday, 9th February, 2018

7:30-9:30pm at Cheddon Fitzpaine Church

Refreshments will be served mid-way

Donations to Church Funds

Area updates

CHEDDON

Hestercombe Humdinger and Hurtle Road Run takes place on 11th February. The road from Pyrland Hall to Lyngford Lane will be closed from 10:30 to 11:45am in the interests of public safety.

MAIDENBROOK

Adoption Once again, a new contact at Bovis has resulted in fresh impetus – possibly resulting in gabions being repaired by the Spring. This would finally clear the way for the adoption of the POS to take place. We inch slowly forward.

A **new bench** has arrived and will be installed shortly at the Waterleaze football pitch site, along with two picnic tables that have been offered to the Parish. Please let the clerk know if you have a preference for location of the picnic tables.

NERROLS/Northwalls Grange

Knightstone Housing have re-instated the fence-line at Stoney Furlong: a great improvement! Looks like it's time for a litter-pick though – any volunteers?



Highways

Crown Medical Centre roundabout update The information received in time of the December 2017 newsletter was published in good faith. However, the unexpected continues to happen on this project, and new obstacles encountered are proving difficult to overcome. County Hall Highways Department continue to seek solutions and, in the meantime, have expressed their sincere regret in response to feedback regarding disturbance experienced by local residents. Temporary tower lighting remains in place until the location of the fault in the permanent highway lighting system can be traced. Further temporary systems, such as traffic lights, will be installed as and when required to meet the requirements of safety legislation. This saga truly is trying the ingenuity of the contractors and the patience of local residents.

*Coming soon to your COMMUNITY
CINEMA!!*

FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY (DRAMA/MYSTERY):

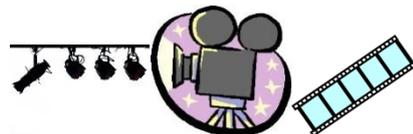
My Cousin Rachel

A young Englishman plots revenge against his late cousin's mysterious, beautiful wife, believing her responsible for his death. But his feelings become complicated as he finds himself falling under the beguiling spell of her charms.

FRIDAY 16th MARCH (BIOGRAPHY):

Goodbye Christopher Robin

A rare glimpse into the relationship between beloved children's author A. A. Milne (Domhnall Gleeson) and his son Christopher Robin, whose toys inspired the magical world of Winnie the Pooh. Along with his mother Daphne (Margot Robbie), and his nanny Olive, Christopher Robin and his family are swept up in the international success of the books; the enchanting tales bringing hope and comfort to England after the First World War. But with the eyes of the world on Christopher Robin, what will the cost be to the family?



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

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Services at Cheddon Fitzpaine Church

FEBRUARY

Wed 7th, 2pm Home Communion at The Rectory

Sun 11th, 10am Family Service

Wed 21st, 2pm Home Communion at Chatri

Sun 25th, 10am Communion

MARCH

Wed 7th, 2pm Home Communion – venue tbc

Sun 11th, 10am Mothering Sunday service with West Monkton

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Wed 21st, 2pm Home Communion at Chatri,
Lyngford Lane, Cheddon

Sun 25th, 10am United Benefice Service
12 noon Baptism

Parish Council Meetings (7pm, Memorial Hall)

2018: 8 February, 8 March, 12 April, 10 May,
14 June, 12 July, 9 August, 13 September, 11 October,
8 November, 13 December

The **Annual Parish Meeting** in the Main Hall:

22 March 2018 – open to all members of the parish

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.

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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

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**at 7pm, 22nd March 2018 in Cheddon Fitzpaine
Memorial Hall, TA2 8JY**

This is an open, informal (not stuffy!) meeting for all residents in the Parish of Cheddon. Parish, District & County Councillors will be present, so new residents at Northwalls and elsewhere in the parish are encouraged to come and meet their representatives. New plans are afoot for a number of developments within the parish (e.g. a brand-new school at Nerrols) and this is an ideal opportunity to find out more. Free light refreshments will be available.

LOCAL COUNCIL Contact Details

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NATURAL FOOTNOTES



***Out on safari in Cheddon Fitzpaine!
Recently sighted from Waterleaze was this herd
of ruminants grazing peacefully on the far side
of the canal. Bison, okapi, Hartebeest – or are
they perchance gnu? It's difficult to tell from
this opportunistic snap-shot.***