



View from The Chair

New Somerset Wood is taking shape

The New Year heralded the beginning of large-scale planting of the WW1-commemorative Somerset Wood on the site of our new Maidenbrook Country Park. The first lot of 1600 1m-high 'whips' was delivered free-of-charge by the Woodland Trust so the first job was to get these staked out and dug in. By the end of the fourth day, more than 50 local volunteers had kindly donated nearly 200 hours of their time to get proceedings off to a flying start.

To date, support has been received and promised from a wide range of individuals and organisations. Somerset Wildlife Trust has made an experienced work-group co-ordinator available to us; our friends at the Inland Waterways Association have put in a solid shift; and we've even brought in the Marines! A detail from 40 Cdo Norton Manor Camp banged in 700 stakes and planted 200 oaks in just 4 hours! They were also responsible for the first picnic in the wood, when a lunch of chilli and rice was dished out by the Army Catering Corps. Much to the delight of the civilian volunteers, there was enough for them too.

By the time this newsletter drops through your door, all 1600 stakes and at least half of the whips should be in place, with completion expected by the end of February/early March.

So far, so good – but that still leaves 9,681 trees to match the number of 11,281 of Somerset lives lost in The Great War. The plan is to plant as many trees as possible in Phase 1 during January / February 2019. A second phase will be in winter 2019-20 with a third phase the following winter, if necessary.

If you can offer physical, organisational or financial assistance with the planting please contact:

Clr Alan Hall, West Monkton PC, on 01823 410068 or at alanhall@westmonkton.net or;

Jo Pearson, Clerk to Cheddon Fitzpaine PC, on 01823 259478 or at cheddon@live.co.uk

If you would like to donate money, you can pay by:

Paypal using the somersetwood@somerset.gov.uk e-mail address, or;

cheque made out to Somerset County Council, endorsed on the back with the words 'Somerset Wood' and the code 113202 71300, and posted to: Cashiers, Accounts Receivable, Finance, Floor A1E, County Hall Taunton TA1 4DY.



Willing hands make light work - Somerset Wood is rolling out across the fields, where Nerrols Farm once was. (Photo courtesy of Jacqui Budd.)

Precept setting

The 'precept' is the name given to the budget set each year by Cheddon Fitzpaine PC and other parish councils. Before the end of the financial year, we review and preview the activities carried out by your parish council. Despite the general trend whereby parish councils are being asked to do more than ever before, we are pleased to report that the 2019-20 precept equates to a modest increase of 4p per Band D household per week.

This year's **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held at 7pm on Thursday, 28th March 2019 in Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall. Open to all residents within the Parish, this is the public forum where your Chairman presents the Parish Council's business for the forthcoming financial year. Do come along to hear how the Country Park and other projects are progressing and let us have your thoughts.

Last but not least, I'd like to record my personal thanks, as I always do at this time of year, to all the hard-working Parish Councillors, who routinely grapple with our ever-growing work-load for no personal gain other than serving this community. Their support to the Chair and Parish is invaluable.

Denise Webber, Chairman, Cheddon Fitzpaine PC

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***Contributions for the April 2019
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 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

NEW!! Sunday Seedlings

Introduced on Sunday, 6th January, this short service (09:30-10am) offers families with children aged 0-5 years a friendly and informal space to learn more about Jesus. It also provides them with an ideal forum for meeting other similar families and is particularly useful for those considering baptism for their children.

Our first service was lovely! We were delighted to welcome three families as we enjoyed learning new songs, taking part in a story and having creative fun by decorating prayer stars. There was also plenty of time to get to know each other over coffee and pastries.

Sunday Seedlings take place on the **first Sunday** of the month at Cheddon and on the **third Sunday** at West Monkton – see details on back page.

We look forward to seeing you there!



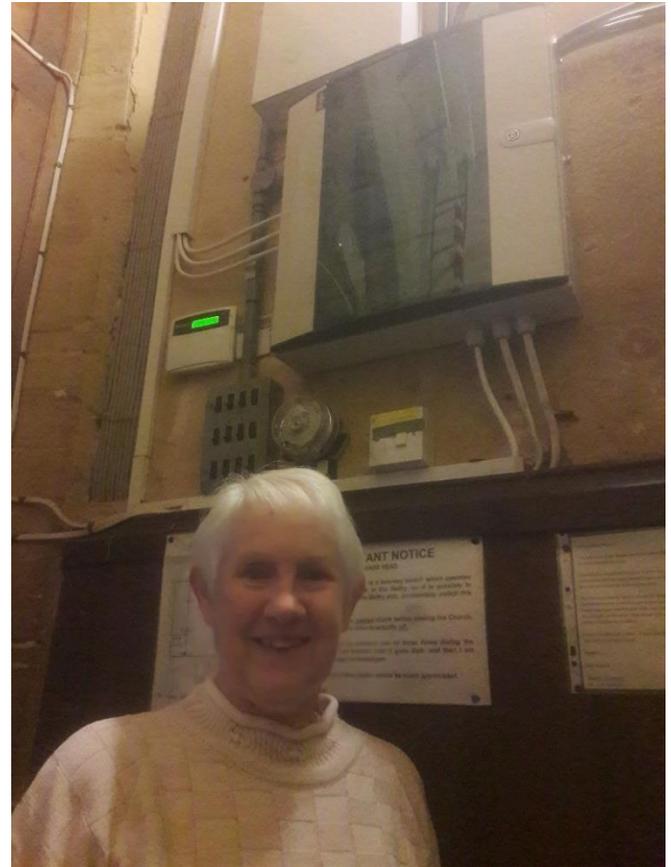
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Church in Community Pioneer Ordinand

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A special Thank You to Churchwarden Pauline and husband Colin for their exceptional effort – this and every year – in putting on such an exceptional Christmas Carol Concert. Every detail was thought of and all present found it an uplifting experience!



A grant was given by the Parish Council towards making the electrics safe in the Church. We now have one very happy Churchwarden!

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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:

December 2018: £60 Joan Osmond, £15 Gwen Dight

Christmas Bonus: £50 Christine & George Winter

January 2019: £60 Hilary Shaw £15 Phillip Cracknell

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

Quiet Day

Mon 4th February, 9.30am-3pm
at Kingston Village Hall

A day of reflective prayer, meditation and the prayerful walking of a labyrinth

Places limited on first-come basis – see flyers in church for details or contact:

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Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall

Undeterred by the unfortunate cancellation of last year's production due to 'white-out' falls of snow, The Cheddoners plan to stage 'Plane Speaking' at the Memorial Hall, TA2 8JY, for three nights from Thursday 28th February to Saturday 2nd March. This home-produced play is from the pen of Dick Macey and produced by Malcolm Lown. The follow-on cabaret will include the 'HOPE Choir' from Musgrove Park Hospital. A raffle will be held at each performance and donations will be sent to our two church charities, The Children's Hospice South West and Love Musgrove. Details are as follows:

Thursday 28th February – All tickets £7 to include interval refreshments of tea/coffee and cake;

Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd March – All tickets £13 to include a fish-and-chip supper. Bring your own drink and glasses.

Tickets available from Thelma Burnett on 01823 412192 and Stuart Triggol on 01823 413459.

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

Marcus Walker, Booking Secretary Tel: 01823 413925 (*messages answered within 24 hours*)
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Local boundary review completed

The Local Government Boundary Commission has published its final recommendations for new electoral arrangements for Somerset West and Taunton (visit <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/>). Somerset West and Taunton are to be served by 59 councillors in total based on 5 three-councillor wards, 14 two-councillor wards and 16 one-councillor wards. At District Council level, Cheddon Fitzpaine is to be conjoined with West Monkton equating to some 6,000 residents served by three District Councillors. Following formal implementation by Parliament, the changes will come into force at the authority's first elections in 2019. The changes will be fully explained on future voting papers.

'Link UP'

For those who don't know, the monthly magazine for the parishes of Kingston St Mary, Broomfield and Cheddon Fitzpaine has been produced and published for many years by Kingston volunteers. Over 800 copies are produced, of which some 160 are delivered to Cheddon residencies. This leaves a shortfall, which has been steadily increasing as new houses are built in our parish. Regrettably, it remains impractical for the volunteers to increase the print-run, so we are

pleased to advise that Link UP is now available online at www.kstm.uk/content/linkup/linkup.php

Area updates

MAIDENBROOK The **Crown Medical Centre roundabout** is finally being restored to its former glory. TDBC's agents DLO (Direct Labour Organisation) have pruned and tidied-up the central shrubs around which David Wilson Homes have planted wild flowers and crocuses in drifts at the outer edge. On **Waterleaze**, willow trees have been pruned (the resultant chippings went to Somerset Wood) and it is hoped that pollarding will become a regular feature.

Call for volunteers! A number of Waterleaze residents are seeking like-minded neighbours prepared to join occasional volunteer work parties on Waterleaze. If you are interested, please contact Parish Clerk Jo (details on back page), who will help get things off the ground.

NERROLS Construction of the new **Primary School** continues according to plan with completion scheduled for September 2019.

In the run-up to Christmas, DWH supplied and installed the **new notice-board** on Northwalls Grange at the entrance to Batt Drive. Once the construction phase has been completed, the notice board will be re-located to a more central spot within the new Nerrols development.



Northwalls has joined the social-media revolution with its own **Community Facebook Page** at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2147333575328105/?ref=share> managed by local residents.

Highways

NOTICE OF OUTDOOR EVENT This year's **Humdinger** road run sets off from Wellsprings Leisure Centre at 11 am on Sunday, 10th February. The King's Hall exit – Pyrlands Farm stretch of road will be closed to traffic between 10:30 am and 11:45 am.

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Cheddon & West Monkton Film Club

FRIDAY, 15th FEB: 'THE CHILDREN ACT'

Drama: Should a High Court judge force a life-saving procedure on a teenage boy?

FRIDAY, 15th MARCH: 'THE SEAGULL' Drama:

Chekhov's play brought to the screen!

See April newsletter for details of our NEXT SCREENING, 'Mamma Mia, Here We Go Again!' on FRIDAY, 12th APRIL!

Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall

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

cwmfilmclub@cheddonmovies.com

Tel. 01823 412278

EVENT NOTICE

At 7:30pm on Friday 8 February 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

3 February 9:30 am Sunday Seedlings

Cheddon Memorial Hall TA2 8JY

6 February 2 pm – Home Communion

The Vicarage, Kingston St Mary, TA2 8HW

10 February 10 am – Family Service

Cheddon Church followed by tea & coffee

17 February 9:30 am Sunday Seedlings

BACH beside West Monkton primary school TA2 8FT

20 February 2pm Home Communion

Chatri, Lyngford Lane TA2 7LL

24 February 10 am – Holy Communion

Cheddon Church

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NOTE: Cheddon Church (this day only)

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Cheddon Church

31 March 10 am Mothering Sunday

West Monkton Church

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 7 pm.

2019: 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: 7 pm, 28th March 2019

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