



View from The Chair

Another round of local elections has been and gone and we welcome a new County Councillor, **Giuseppe Fraschini**. He has been elected to Taunton North, which includes the Maidenbrook Ward covering Nerrols and Northwalls Grange. For Cllr **David Fothergill**, it's a case of 'welcome back'; he has been re-elected to stand as County Councillor for Monkton & North Curry, which includes Cheddon Village area. Their contact details can be found on the insert page in this Newsletter.

While we're on the welcoming theme, let's extend one to you, the first wave of **Northwalls Grange residents**, who we expect will start moving in to your new homes during this newsletter month. You may not know it yet, but you'll also be moving in to the parish of Cheddon Fitzpaine – and we're very glad to have you as neighbours! We hope the information contained in this and future newsletters together with our parish website will give you an insight into our local community and provide you with some useful contact information.

The Cheddon Village annual flower show is always a popular event. Running in parallel with the show for the first time this year, we're pleased to announce our '**Parish In Bloom**' competition. It's the initiative of local resident Anna Kirby and is aimed at encouraging the more widespread use of hanging baskets, tubs, and any other free-standing floral displays positioned above ground level so as to be easily seen by everyone using the roadways and footpaths of this parish. So, if you already have such things in place, then all you need to do is make sure they're looking their best. If you haven't, then it's off to the garden centre at the earliest opportunity to choose something colourful to display in a prominent location at the front of your property! You'll find full details of the competition and how to enter on the back page of this newsletter.

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STOP PRESS!

WE HAVE BROUGHT THIS JUNE'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FORWARD BY A WEEK TO THE 1ST OF JUNE, SO AS NOT TO CLASH WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION ON THE 8TH OF JUNE



The first two of our repainted highway finger-post signs have been commended by SCC – and favourably reviewed by our neighbouring parishes. In addition to preserving our rural heritage, they certainly look smart and enhance the highways of this parish!

CHEDDON FLOWER SHOW

This year's event will be held on 29th July from 2:30pm at the Memorial Hall, TA2 8JY. Entrants please collect your schedule from any committee member or the Pyrland Farm Shop - enter as many classes as you can!

ENTRY DEADLINE: 25TH JULY, 2017

There are classes especially for the children from the primary school to enter. Remember the best exhibit in last year's show was from the school; can you repeat this?!!!!

We are holding a **Fun Dog Show** too. It's ENTRY ON THE DAY, so just bring your 'best friend' groomed and on their best behaviour!

Nena Carter, Flower Show Committee
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Contributions for the August Newsletter to the Parish Clerk by 16th July please!

Church Window

Cheddon Fitzpaine Church is part of a United Benefice 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

“Thy Kingdom Come” - such familiar words from the Lord’s prayer; I expect many of you reading this will pray these words from time to time, or even every day. We often forget - or perhaps we have never known - how powerful this prayer can be. To pray “Your Kingdom Come” asks God to bring His rule and reign into our own lives and into the world in which we live; and when we pray sincerely from the heart, God answers - maybe not in the way, or at the time that we expect, but He answers.

Perhaps there’s something in your own life that you would love to be different, more in line with God’s Kingdom - then why not simply start to pray those 3 words? Perhaps we look at our local community, our country or the world and wonder how it would be if they lived by God’s ways - then why not start to pray those 3 words for the people and places dear to you?

I believe that if we pray, we will see lives and communities transformed. And that is why our Benefice is joining in a world-wide wave of prayer focused on those 3 words “Thy Kingdom Come”. Our Archbishops (Justin and John) have called us to pray particularly in the 10 days between the church festivals of the Ascension (25th May) and Pentecost (4th June) for more people to know the love of God in their lives. It is so easy to forget to pray, or to become disillusioned in prayer - or perhaps to never start because we don’t know how. One way of praying is to repeat those words, “Thy Kingdom Come,” gently and quietly as a meditation. This helps us focus on God - and then we pause to listen to God’s response to us. And as our mind wanders (as it surely will!) we come back to those words again to help us re-focus on God. Jesus describes God’s coming Kingdom as a place where we can live life to the full (John10:10). He is not talking about the next life - but this one. He tells us that we will have troubles in this life - but He also promises an abundant life when lived with Him. I know I need more of that - what about you? Will you join me in praying “Your Kingdom Come?”

Please let me know how you get on!

Mary (Reverend Styles)

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Pastoral Care Group

Come and enjoy coffee (or tea) and cake! Dates, times and venues are as follows:

Saturday 8th July, 11am, 2 Waterleaze TA2 8PX (home of Hilary Shaw); Saturday 23rd September, 10:30am, 89 Cheddon Fitzpaine (home of Mary Gunning).

All are welcome to come and chat to neighbours old and new. It’s a lovely social occasion and a good opportunity to find out what’s going on in our community. If you would like a lift or need any other information then please just ring me.

Liz Thompson, PCG Co-ordinator Tel: 01823 451529

Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish Church ‘100 Club’

The ‘100 Club’ raises funds to help maintain the Parish Church. Winners of the latest draws are:

April: £50 Denis Bridel, £10 Sheila Horton
May: £50 Dick Macey, £10 Diana Taylor

Messy Church

Our next session held from 4-6pm at
Broomfield Village Hall on 18th June
will be a **‘Father’s Day Special’!!**

PLEASE NOTE: No meetings in July & August

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Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall

In the last newsletter, I reported that the position of Hall Manager was becoming vacant and we were looking to recruit in the following months. I am happy to report that we have successfully resolved the situation by splitting the position into two separate jobs as follows: **Hall Caretaker** Andrea Stapleton (currently our hall cleaner) has now taken on full responsibility for the day to day running of the Hall; **Booking Secretary** Marcus Walker continues his involvement in a more limited capacity and all hall-related enquiries should still be directed to him. In this way, we have ensured continuity and the Hall continues to be run by the same experienced and reliable officers.

The **Quiz Night** was extremely enjoyable as all quizzes hosted by Dick Macey are, but unfortunately several of the regular teams were unable to attend. We did,

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however still manage to make a profit for hall funds. The next quiz will be held in the Autumn, probably in conjunction with The Parkinson Society.

There was a good turnout for the final **C&WMFC** Film Night of this season on 19th May. Thanks are due to Chris Dalton and his team for all their efforts in making these popular sessions so successful. Normal service will be resumed in the Autumn.

As already reported, the **Cheddoners Production** in March was well attended as always but the final accounts were not yet available. I can now announce that just over £1600 profit was made, of which £200 is being donated to SURE and £200 to the Children's Hospice SW with the balance going to Hall funds.

A group of volunteers carried out a **Clean & Tidy** session in the grounds surrounding the Hall last week. The Hall and its immediate environs now look much more presentable, so thanks are due to all who turned up on that wet Monday evening and worked so hard. In a similar vein, we have had several complaints from members of the public concerning the current state of **Sandilands** (the larger area of woodland beyond the Memorial Hall plot). I wish to make it clear that the Hall Trustees are responsible only for the Hall building, car-park and the small patch of ground that borders them. Any queries relating to land on the other side of the driveway and further up should be addressed to direct to Hestercombe Gardens Trust.

Our next big event will be the **Flower Show**, which this year incorporates a canine dimension (see below). Be sure not to miss out!

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Cheddon Fitzpaine Church School

The academic year is fast reaching its conclusion, and the year 6 students are reaching the end of their passage through the school. Having again shone in the KS2 tests, they have been a real credit to the school and to themselves. We wish them well on the next stage of their journey as they go on to secondary education.

As one year group leaves, we welcome a new generation in September. We will again be taking on a full complement of children, and we will welcome them into our family as they begin their voyage of discovery. If your children are below school age and you are thinking about their education, please make an appointment with the office, and they will be happy to show you around the school.

Finally I'd like to pay a big thank you to all the staff at the School: you have all stood up and shown what it takes to make this school shine.

Jason Woollacott, Chair of Governors
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A note from our Village Agent

I have been involved over the past few months in the snappily entitled, 'Dying Matters' awareness week. This event has certainly focussed my attention on matters that are going to happen to all of us one day. Benjamin Franklin said: *"In this world nothing can be said to be certain except death and taxes."* It can be a very difficult conversation starter with your family but if you don't talk about now, just when do you? Everything from making a will, planning a funeral, the music you would really like - right through to how are you going to afford it? There are numerous agencies out there who can give you information on how to talk about all those things and one of these is independentage.org. They have lots of different leaflets and they also have a support line number 0800 319 6789. I always have a selection and can give advice on where to go for support or advice.

On a different theme, I have been contacted by some residents who have had property stolen from their garages while they were working in the rear garden or they because they have left it open while they went to the shops. Always remember to close the garage door if you are not there; yes it can be time consuming but better than losing your lawn mower and having to buy another. Further advice can always be given by your local PCSO or myself if you give me a call.

On a lighter note, Bluebells are around everywhere and this is the time to get out, fill yourself with fresh Somerset air and enjoy life. Enjoy that walk!

Gary Larsen, Village Agent

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Area updates

NERROLS

The broken post and rail fence on **Nerrols Drive** is awaiting repair by the Crown, though the motorbike nuisance appears to have reduced. // The damaged lettering on the **Crown Industrial Estate sign** has now been replaced.

MAIDENBROOK

Estate adoption: This matter moves on with the boundary identified between the Crown Medical Centre and the Attenuation Pond at Waterleaze. The CMC have undertaken to trim the brambles subject to establishing the protection protocol for the resident water voles. // Bovis Homes have been working hard

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to establish their boundaries/legal ownership, and as such have a meeting with TDBC DLO to confirm the snag list at the end of May; it is understood that the gabions along Maiden Brook will be repaired.

Highways

Somerset County Highways have a really useful website if you need to check for traffic hold-ups, report potholes, or find planned roadworks. Just visit www.somerset.gov.uk/roads or contact them at enquiries@somersetccg.nhs.uk

Country Lanes Due care must be exercised while driving on these narrow roads at all times of the year, but especially when large tractors are likely to be busy. Remember that observing the 30mph speed limits is often not slow enough.

'New' No. 2 Bus Service, start date 30th May 2017

The re-routed, half-hourly service runs from West Monkton via The Crown Medical Centre and adjacent industrial area past the station and on into the town centre. Full service details are posted on bus-stop display boards.

Accessing TDBC

Taunton Deane Borough Council have a new website: www.tauntondeane.gov.uk This is much more user-friendly than before and a variety of information can be easily accessed. 'Report It' gives a range of options to report things such as dog waste, fly-tipping and overgrown vegetation. TDBC can be contacted on line at enquiries@tauntondeane.gov.uk or by 'phone on 01823 356356

'PARISH IN BLOOM' COMPETITION

Let's make our Parish more attractive this Summer by displaying a **pot**, **hanging basket** or other **elevated floral display** at the front of our properties! Monkton Elm Garden Centre has kindly gifted a £10 voucher for the winner of each of those three categories.

To enter, please e-mail your name, address and telephone number to anna.kirby@hotmail.co.uk (or give the same information to any Parish Councillor) before the end of June, 2017. Judging will take place in July and winners will be notified before the Flower Show on the 29th, where they will receive their prize.

Rules *Entries must be free-standing floral displays set above ground level and clearly visible to anyone passing by; Judges will visit the address given by each entrant at any time they (the judges) choose and judge the best eligible display they can see on arrival; the decisions of the judges will be final.*



This tug-of-war was one of many events in an afternoon of fun and games for all who attended Stoney Furlong on 4th April. The 'Mini Olympics' were staged by Knightstone Housing. Parish Clerk Jo (pictured at the front of the line) thanks you for a great afternoon.

Parish Council Meetings in 2017

1st June (re-arranged for General Election on 8th June); 13th July; 10th August; 14th September; 12th October; 9th November; 14th December.

Services at Cheddon Fitzpaine Church

JUNE

- 7th 2pm Communion, The Rectory, 16 Bishops Close, Bathpool
- 11th 10am, Family Service
- 18th 4-6pm, Messy Church, Broomfield Village Hall (*light meal served*)
- 21st 2pm Communion, Rowford Cottage, Cheddon TA2 8JY
- 25th 10am, Communion Service

JULY

- 5th 2pm Communion (*venue as 7th June*)
- 9th 10am, Family Service
- 19th 2pm Home Communion (*venue as 21st June*)
- 23rd 10am Communion Service
- 30th 10am United Benefice Communion, Kingston St Mary

military wives

Choirs Taunton

**Perform at Kingston St Mary Church
7:30pm, Saturday 1st July, 2017**

Entrance by ticket only (£10) includes nibbles & drinks during the interval.

Tickets are available from Jean Alger-Green on 01823 451732 & John Manning on 01823 451244

In aid of the Friends of St Mary Church reg'd charity 289906 & the Military Wives Charitable Trust