



View from The Chair

NP Referendum

Following an above-average* turn-out in the local referendum held on 19th April and subsequent approval by TDBC, I am delighted to report that we and our neighbours in West Monkton finally have our long-awaited joint **Neighbourhood Plan!** The results of the voting were as follows:

In favour – 94%; Against – 5.8%; Spoiled – 0.2%.

Your Parish Council is in no doubt that the NP will play a significant role in ensuring that the wishes of residents in the area are factored in to future local planning decisions.

**For NP referenda already held elsewhere in the UK*

Parish Council Year-end

Your Parish Council's **Financial Audit** submission was signed-off at the Annual Parish Council meeting on 10th May. External audits are a legal requirement on all parish councils to ensure that their finances are properly scrutinized on an annual basis. I am pleased to report that, once again, your Parish Council has managed to discharge its duties and achieve its objectives while maintaining sound fiscal control.

Like parish councils up and down the country, the challenge we face for the future is to continue meeting the reasonable expectations of our community in an environment where cuts in local government funding threaten the standards we have come to expect.

Newsletter deliveries

Two volunteers (one for Barratt Homes, one for DWH properties) are sought to deliver to current and future addresses on the new Northwalls Grange housing estate. This is a bi-monthly publication and our two new recruits will start with the August issue that will be distributed to them at the end of July. If you would like to take this important job on, please contact your Parish Clerk (details on back page).

Denise Webber, Chairman, Cheddon Fitzpaine PC

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***Contributions for the August 2018
newsletter to the Parish Clerk by
16th July please!***



On April 25th, the Inland Waterways Association volunteers for the South West received further official recognition for the sterling work they've done in our parish and elsewhere. Here they are pictured collecting their mayoral Citizenship Award from outgoing Mayor Hazel Prior-Sankey.

First-Aid Awareness Campaign

Ever heard of Community First Responders? Cllr Batsch, who is leading the defibrillator project for the Parish Council and the Memorial Hall, spent an interesting hour chatting to local CFR, Bob Carey. Bob is fully supportive of our campaign and has written the following article for us. (Based on what Mike heard when they met, he feels that Bob's matter-of-fact description doesn't do this vital role full justice!)

COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

I noticed in the last newsletter a reference to first aid training and the planned placement of public access defibrillators. The comments regarding an 'under pressure' ambulance service inspired me to put your local CFRs on the Parish 'radar'.

Taunton has two CFRs: myself and Nic Crocker, with some 70 years' combined experience in policing before we retired from the force. Now employed as volunteers by the South West Ambulance Service Trust, we are fully trained, and have to re-qualify every six months, in all manner of early emergency patient care, including CPR. Equipped with oxygen and AED (defib) plus an endless list of consumables, we operate from home on an on-call basis. While we are based locally, our deployment area is quite vast. We are deployed via an automated despatch system whenever anyone calls 999 for the Ambulance Service and are alerted as well as, rather than instead of, professional crews, very often arriving on scene first,

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hence the title. On attendance we carry out observations, gain medical history and intervene where necessary. We then give a professional handover to attending crews.

Paramedics will always respond to a 999 request for assistance, as will local CFR volunteers such as Nic and myself when on call. However, seconds count when somebody is in cardiac crisis and I know only too well how important early intervention can be in treating a patient who has unexpectedly been taken ill. The Parish resus/PAD campaign is such a valuable contribution towards a patient's likely recovery. Prompt local intervention is especially valuable in more remote communities and so I strongly invite local residents to support the Parish Council's campaign by getting involved in whatever capacity they can. You never know when someone close to you may need your help'.....

Bob Carey, Community First Responder

EDITOR'S NOTE: *If you want to take part in our next resus/defib training session at the Memorial Hall from 10am to 1pm on 20th or 27th June, contact Mike Batsch on 01823 272376.*

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

The annual **Big Spring-clean** of the inside Cheddon Church organised by Ann Pugh duly took place on Saturday 28th April, 2018. Our thanks go to all the volunteers.

The monthly **Churchyard working party** also recommenced on Friday 11th May, the next session being scheduled for **Friday 22nd June, 6-8.30pm**. We will do the regular maintenance work of pruning, weeding and tidying and would love to welcome any newcomers. Please bring your own tools, kneelers, gloves etc. As usual, we will have fun and refreshments will be provided for all the willing volunteers.

As reported in the last newsletter, we eagerly await the arrival of our new team member Tracey Hallet. She is looking forward to leading the all-benefice service on Sunday 29th July, which will be the perfect opportunity for her to share about her role of pioneer ministry in the church and community.

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 - Liz Thompson; £10 - Robert Hughes

May: £50 - Pat Barratt; £10 - Sheila Horton

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

Pauline Stone, Churchwarden

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Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall

As always at this time of year, our attention is focussed on the forthcoming Annual Flower Show. This is a major event for our hall and community, and the organising committee is now well advanced with the planning process that began some time ago.

We have recently welcomed two new groups to our list of regulars:

The **'Powerhoop'** fitness group uses specially designed hoops for waist-trimming and core-strengthening. Classes run every Thursday at 6:15pm and a complementary, free 'taster' session is offered. For full details, phone trainer Dianne Trower on 07850 473428, e-mail funfit.dianne@btinternet.com or visit www.funfithealthandfitness.com

Weekly **Yoga** sessions are held on Friday mornings from 9:15 to 10:45am. Contact: Louise Thomas on 07465 665595.

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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Cheddon Fitzpaine Church School

I regret to report that Headmaster Duncan Gordon is leaving at the end of Summer term for pastures new. His tenure has seen the school move from Special Measures to Good (and very nearly Excellent) and our best wishes go with him to his next position.

Jason Woollacott, Chair of Governors

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Area updates

CHEDDON

While there are a number of significant projects in the frame – the Country Park, the Conquest relocation,

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enhanced broadband and the church re-wiring – we've nothing concrete to report this time. Watch this space!

MAIDENBROOK

The new picnic tables have now been installed by IWA at Waterleaze and are pictured below on either side of our smart replacement bench.



The overdue repair/replacement of the failing gabions on Maidenbrook is now in sight. Following endless communications between Bovis, the Environment Agency, the Parish Council & TDBC, architects are at last drawing up plans to fix this problem adjacent to 26 Barbers Mead. It is also understood that TDBC are prioritising the adoption of the Public Open Spaces on Maidenbrook (Waterleaze) estate and that legal teams are actively working on the matter.

Canal & River Trust – signage on Canal. Discussions have taken place to have increased or better signage particularly in the Swingbridge/Screwfix stretch of the canal.

NERROLS

The new wave of residents at **Northwalls Grange** will soon have their own notice-board courtesy of David Wilson homes. This, together with the extra newsletter delivery round we're starting for the estate, will ensure that our new neighbours are set up on the parish news network.

Footpaths report

There has been some unavoidable disruption to the parish paths due to continuing developments leading to paths being closed and diversions being put in place.

There have also been some issues with the rural paths being extremely muddy due to all the rain and snow but thankfully the weather related issues now seem to be behind us as we move into spring with the summer just around the corner.

The problems we now face are the rural paths becoming overgrown. I will be out and about as much as I can with my trusty secateurs and I would encourage the parishioners to help out by keeping an eye on their local paths and reporting any problems back to me or if they feel able to prune back any overgrowth themselves then it would be greatly appreciated.

We are still suffering from fly tipping which I fear is a battle we will never win. At one point in the early spring I was making 3 reports a week to the council to request they pick up illegally dropped rubbish. Thankfully it seems to have got quieter over the last month but it is always worth being vigilant and reporting anyone that is seen breaking the law.

On a happier note some of the paths look beautiful at the moment. I can particularly recommend the public footpaths to the East of Hestercombe House near Gotton which are carpeted in magnificent bluebells.

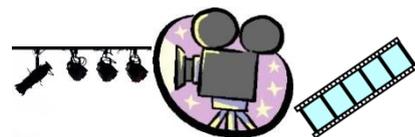
Philip Boyce, Footpath Officer

Highways

Western Relief Road (WRR): SCC is finalising the road design prior to Persimmon building the WRR from Aginhills towards Tudor Park. TDBC will consider the Planning Application and debate continues as to how the work will be paid for.

Crown Roundabout: As with the Maiden Brook gabions, it looks like another long-running saga is coming to an end with the commissioning of the toucan crossings and clearing of the roundabout itself. All that remains at time of writing is the portaloo – at least that's a (public) convenience rather than the inconvenience local residents have suffered over recent months.

***Your* COMMUNITY CINEMA is on its summer break - we look forward to seeing you again on October 26th**



Cheddon & West Monkton Film Club

Italian Evening and Old Time Music Hall

Cheddon Fitzpaine Church, Saturday 30th June, 7:30pm

In aid of church funds, Kate Waldon has put together an impressive line-up including a former winner of the Taunton Young Singer of the Year (now studying at

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Wells Cathedral School) and a former runner-up in the same competition. Music will include Come Back to Sorrento, Core 'Ngrato, Sant Lucia, O Sole Mio and Nessun Dorma. Wine and canapes will be served in the interval. The Old Time Music will include well - known singalong songs and you are encouraged to dress for the occasion. Tickets cost £10 and are available from: Colin Stone, tel. 01823 277637; and Mary Gunning, tel. 01823 412179.

EVENT NOTICE!



The Cheddon Fitzpaine Annual

Flower Show

incorporating 'PARISH IN BLOOM'

Sunday, 28th July

from 2:30pm to 4:30pm at
The Memorial Hall

Flower show schedule/entry forms are available from Pyrland farm shop.

To enter *Parish In Bloom*, e-mail
anna.kirby@hotmail.co.uk

Services at Cheddon Fitzpaine Church

JUNE Sun 10th, 10am Family Service

Sun 24th, 10am Communion Service

JULY Midweek **Holy Communion Services** dates and venues to be confirmed – please check with the Benefice Office (see 'Church Window' on p2)

Sun 8th, 10am Family Service

Sun 22nd, 10am Communion – 12noon baptism

Parish Council Meetings

(All starting 7pm at Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall)

2018: 14th June; 12th July; 9th August, 13th September; 11th October; 8th November; 13th December.

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NOTE: Cllr Fothergill is Cabinet Member for Strategy, Customers and Communities, & Leader of the Council. He 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'. Anyone with questions is invited to attend.