



View from The Chair

Maidenbrook If you've been following this saga, then you'll already know what a complicated issue the long-delayed 'adoption' of the Public Open Spaces (POSs) on Maidenbrook/ Waterleaze has turned into. Since the estate was completed, the Developers have been paying an agreed annual sum to TDBC* for the council to mow, strim or cut-back vegetation. Because the assumption was that adoption would take place within a reasonable time-frame, that sum has remained fixed ever since. Over the intervening 17-year period, the purchasing power of the fixed sum has been gradually reducing due to inflation and, in turn, the maintenance carried out has also reduced year on year. The end of this regrettable saga is now thankfully in sight and it shouldn't be long before TDBC take over the on-going maintenance of Maidenbrook and Waterleaze.

However, the fact is that some areas have degenerated into such a sorry state that we need an exceptional, one-off effort to kick-start the rehabilitation process. To this end, TDBC have undertaken to clear the overgrown hedges and shrubs, local IWA volunteers are already assisting with ditch clearance, and a number of residents from the immediate area have kindly volunteered for specific projects that have been scheduled to fit in with the overall plan. The first of these residents' working parties will take place on **Saturday, 28th October** between 10am and 12:30pm, when volunteers will meet at the **Public Open Space opposite nos. 37-51 Waterleaze**. If you are free to take part, please do! Just turn up in your old gardening clothes and bring your own work gloves and garden tools. If you wish to help but are unable to work, perhaps you could supply some tea and cake to keep the workers happy.

The aim is a thorough 'make-over' that will transform the area between now and the end of next year - and we just can't wait to see it!

**Taunton Deane Borough Council*

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Very many thanks are due to the community-minded residents on this section of the canal for setting such a high standard of care - we salute you!

CHEDDON FITZPAINE FLOWER SHOW

The Flower Show was once again a great success and we were blessed with a dry afternoon despite the weather forecast of persistent rain. New to the Show this year a 'Parish in Bloom' competition; the prizes kindly given by Monkton Elm Garden Centre were presented by Councillor David Fothergill when he opened the Show. Another 'first' was the small Family Dog Show judged by paws4training; this was well attended and much fun. The hall was full of great exhibits including art work from Cheddon Fitzpaine Primary School.

The **TROPHY WINNERS** on the day were:

Vegetables, points - Mr R Brooks
Best Exhibit - Mrs K Musgrave
Flowers, points - Mrs A Bishop
Best Exhibit Cut Flower - Mrs A Bishop
Pot Plants - Mrs A Bishop
Floral Art, points - Mrs. L Keitch
Fruit, points - Mrs K Musgrave
Domestic Jams and Chutneys, points - Mrs T Burnett
Baking - Mrs M Clatworthy
Best Exhibit - Mrs R Ashton
Children under 8 years, points - Amity Hill,
Best Exhibit - Oscar Sanderson,
Children 8-12 years, points - Sullivan Cornwall
Best Exhibit - Sullivan Cornwall,
Handicrafts, points - Mrs N Carter and Mr M Lown
Male, Cake - Mr N Holley
Male, most points overall - Mr S Triggol
Cheddon Fitzpaine Primary School Best Exhibits:
Boy - Charlie Hopkins; Girl - Jennifer Donnelly
Best Exhibit in the Show overall (chosen this year by

***Contributions for the December
Newsletter to the Parish Clerk by 16th
November please!***

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Mr Fothergill) - Floral Art containing fruit, flowers & vegetables by Mrs L Keitch.

I would like on behalf of the committee to thank our judges and sponsors of the raffle Alan Hembrow Fresh Farm Meats, Stream Farm Broomfield, and The Silver Pantry Monkton Heathfield; also to thank everyone else who helped put on this show and, last but not least, all who attended to make it such a lovely afternoon and help raise £810 on the day.

Nena Carter: Flower Show Committee

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

Just a quick reminder about the South Quantock Heritage Trails that were launched on 9th September. You can collect a copy of the free information booklet (also available on the parish website) from inside the churches at Cheddon Fitzpaine, West Monkton, Kingston St. Mary & Broomfield which are open during daylight hours. The trails link the four churches, Hestercombe Gardens, Fyne Court and the Taunton-Bridgwater Canal. There are four walks and two cycle rides which start from either West Monkton or Kingston St. Mary, where there is ample parking. Whether you follow a walking, cycling or driving route – or maybe just browse around these fascinating places – you will find something to interest you.

LIGHTS IN THE RECTORY GARDEN



(indoors if wet)

31st October 6.00pm – 7.30pm

On this dark night – come and light a candle in the Rectory garden and say a prayer for someone if you wish.

“Treats” for the children

Mary (Reverend Styles)

The Rectory, 16 Bishop's Close, Taunton TA2 8DS
Tel: 01823 410089

Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish Church ‘100 Club’

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

August: £50 - Stuart Triggol; £10 - Diana Taylor
September: £50 - Liz Thompson; £10 - Richard Stone

Messy Church

Please note that Messy Church events are on hold until further notice.

Pauline Stone, Churchwarden

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Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall

With the Flower Show report taking pride of place on the front page and up-coming events advertised elsewhere in the newsletter, there’s not much in the hall report this time. What is worth mentioning though is that Mike Batsch produced a discussion paper for his fellow Trustees on the subject of Public Access Defibrillators (PADs). This was on the agenda at our September meeting, where agreement was reached in principle that this could be a worthwhile addition to the hall’s facilities. With this in mind, we would like to invite the views of hall users and others with an interest in – or experience of – PADs. Please contact Mike direct using the details you’ll find in the parish councillor listing on the back page.

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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Area updates

NERROLS

Update on building work at **Northwalls Grange: Piling** is booked to re-commence on 1st November, 2017, and will last for approximately 5-6 weeks (this will depend on whether the rig is available). With regard to **work times** on site, there is a voluntary Consortium agreement that workers do not start moving plant on the site before 8am.

If you have any further questions, please contact **Joshua Morgan, Sales Adviser**, for Northwalls Grange at Barratt Homes (Bristol Division) by telephoning him on 01823 253202 or on-line at northwallsgrangebh@barratthomes.co.uk

Highways

Update on the planned **Western Relief Road (WRR)** from Milton Hill, West Monkton, past Aginhills and joining A3259 between Tudor Park and Yallands Hill: the necessary technical drawings are currently being prepared – see TDBC website for further information about the WRR.

Tree adjacent to footpath by Crosslands at A3259

Although we tried to save the tree, SCC Highways decided that they had no alternative but to put Health & Safety first for pedestrians using the pavement from Nerrols Drive to the Northwalls Grange entrance.

Toucan Crossings The first across Nerrols Drive was due to open for the start of the School term. A second across the A3259 to Maidenbrook will follow. The latest roadworks are understood to be the high-friction surface planned from 18 September. Visit www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-transport/road-closures/roadworks-street-works-and-network-management/ for further information.



Cheddon & West Monkton Film Club

NOTICE OF AUTUMN SEASON SCREENINGS

**20th OCTOBER: The Levelling
An Independent local production**

Somerset England: Trainee vet Clover Catto returns home after hearing of her brother Harry's death – in what appears to be a suicide. Finding the family farm in a state of horrendous disrepair following the devastating 2014 floods, Clover is forced to confront her father. Her discoveries send her on an emotional journey of reckoning – with her family, her childhood and herself.

17th NOVEMBER: Another Mother's Son

On Nazi-occupied Jersey during World War II, Lou takes in – and hides – an escaped Russian POW. As the community spirit begins to fray under pressure of hunger, occupation and divided loyalty, Lou fights to preserve her family's sense of humanity and to protect the Russian boy as if he was her own.

**FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER: Whiskey Galore
*!!Christmas 'Party' Night!!***

In this remake of the classic Ealing comedy, Scottish islanders try to plunder whisky from a stranded ship after running out of local supplies!

The venue is Cheddon Memorial Hall

Every 3rd Friday of the month, 6:30pm for 7pm

Admission £6 per person

cwmfilmclub@btinternet.com

01823 412278

**TAUNTON AMATEUR OPERATIC
SOCIETY presents:**



Murder On The QE2

**A Murder Mystery Evening at
The Memorial Hall, Cheddon
Fitzpaine**

On Saturday 28th October, 2017

All Aboard at 7:30pm

At only £12/10s per passenger inclusive of a two-course supper at the Captain's table, tickets for the cruise are running out fast! Formal dress is optional but encouraged for those wishing to enter into the full spirit of the proceedings!*

**Contact Ship's Steward Stuart Triggol on
01823 413459**

*The performance is a joint fund-raiser for the
Taunton Amateur Operatic Society and the
Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall*

**£12.50 if paying in decimal currency*

Services at Cheddon Fitzpaine Church

OCTOBER 2017

Wed 4th, 2pm: Home Communion at The Rectory, Bathpool

Sun 8th, 11am: Harvest Festival Service, then Harvest Ploughman's Lunch & Pudding served in church (*no ticket needed and no charge for the lunch*). Do come & share in the Harvest celebrations!

Wed 18th, 2pm: Home Communion Chatri, Lyngford Lane, Cheddon TA2 7LL

Sun 22nd, 10am: Holy Communion

NOVEMBER 2017

Wed 1st, 2pm: Home Communion at The Rectory, Bathpool (*celebrating All Saints Day*)

Sun 12th, 10am Remembrance Service

Wed 15th, 2pm: Home Communion at Chatri, Lyngford Lane, Cheddon

Sun 26th, 10am United Benefice Holy Communion

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HOME STUDY GROUP



Weds 4th & 18th Oct., 7:30 – 9pm
Weds 1st & 15th Nov., 7:30 – 9pm
Phone Rev Mary on 410089 or the
Benefice Office on 451257 – e-mail
at kbcparishes@btinternet.com

ALL SAINTS DAY Service at The Rectory Weds 1st November, 2pm

We will incorporate All Saints Day during the
Home Communion service at The Rectory

ALL SOULS SERVICE at West Monkton Thursday 2nd November, 6:30pm

*Come along with your friends and family - you
will have the opportunity to light a candle to
remember a loved one.*

This year's **Memorial Hall AGM** is on 20th November
at 7pm in the Committee room; all are welcome.

18th November, 2017: 'Ladies' Night'
Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall
Advance notice: look out for Posters!!

Parish Council Meetings

*All in the meeting room of The Memorial Hall;
members of the public are welcome to attend.*

2017: 12th October; 9th November; 14th December.

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

Annual Parish Meeting: Main Hall, 22nd March 2018

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For **EMERGENCIES**, dial 999; to make a formal/
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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

NATURAL FOOTNOTES



***Would you believe it? A local hedgehog caught
eating the cat-food in a Waterleaze residency!***

***Has anyone else heard the swans, gliding down
the canal at night, 'chattering' to each other?***