



View from The Chair

Changes at CFPC

While the make-up of your Parish Council generally (and thankfully) remains pretty constant, we do have one change to report. After five years in office, Liz Thompson decided not to stand for re-election this time so she can focus on her other Pastoral Care calling within the local community. We would like to record our thanks to Liz for all her work and support.

The flip side of that particular coin is that we are pleased to confirm the addition of new Councillor Alan West, who was co-opted to replace Liz and joined the other existing Councillors – namely myself, Lee Baker, Mike Batsch, Rob Isaacs and Jason Woollacott – following the recent uncontested election. We know that a number of Rowford and Cheddon village residents were sorry to lose Liz and so we are pleased that we have been able to replace like with like. Due to increasing work commitments, Rob has handed the role of Deputy Chair over to Jason.

As was widely reported in advance, the new **Somerset West & Taunton Council** (SWTC) came into effect on 7th May 2019, replacing the old Taunton Deane Borough Council. Cheddon Fitzpaine is now 'warded' with West Monkton Parish in an area with approximately 6,000 residents and **three District Councillors** representing some 2,000 residents each. The newly-elected District Councillors are: Cllr. Ray Tully, Cllr. Andy Pritchard and Cllr. Norman Cavill.

You will find the **new contact details** for everyone listed above the back page of this newsletter. They will soon also be displayed on parish Notice Boards.

The new local authority faces a challenging time as new staff and District Councillors all feel their way around a new organisation. While there are many reported matters requiring attention, we will clearly have to exercise a degree of patience. Your Parish Clerk is also under pressure from her increasing workload and, while willing to assist within the confines of her limited time, she cannot reasonably be expected to progress every issue reported by parishioners. If, however, you are willing and able to report things directly to SWTC and SCC using their online systems, this will be much appreciated. For those of you who have never done this, the routine is as follows: Google 'Somerset West & Taunton Council'; once on the SWTC website's home page, go to top RHS and click 'MY SWT Account'; register (it

takes 2 mins) and 'Sign In'. You will now have access to 'SERVICES/General Enquiry', where you should select 'something else' from the choices in the dropdown menu and type in your request. This will then appear with a reference number under 'MY Requests', where it will remain until actioned and closed. If you do not have a computer, you can always contact SWTC by phone using their new reception number **0300 304 8000**. In any event, please be assured that your Parish Clerk will always do her best to assist anyone in need.

Priorswood/Lyngford Lane development Planning Application 38/19/0129 straddles the Priorswood-Cheddon boundary and residents from both sides were present when it was considered at the May CFPC meeting. The formal Parish response was to object on highways matters, poor design, and over density.

The 2018-19 **Parish Council accounts** have now been passed by the Internal Auditor, approved by CFPC resolution, and will be forwarded to the External Auditor for ratification.

Denise Webber, Chairman, Cheddon Fitzpaine PC
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Good Friday's Easter Walk from Broomfield via Kingston St Mary and Cheddon Fitzpaine to West Monkton.

**Contributions for the August, 2019
newsletter to the Parish Clerk by
16th July 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

PLEASE NOTE: The Benefice Office will be closed for 2 weeks from Monday, 17th June, re-opening on Monday, 1st July.



**Tracey Hallett's
Ordination Service will be
held at Wells Cathedral on
Sunday, 30th June
at 10 a.m.**

All are welcome and a coach has been booked so that church members without their own transport are able to attend this very special occasion. There will be two collection points for coach passengers:

The Green, Kingston at 8 a.m.

**Monkton Heathfield, opposite the
village hall at approx. 8.15 a.m.**

Return time will be approximately 3 p.m.

Tracey has arranged light refreshments after the service in the museum opposite the cathedral, where there is also a garden area for anyone wishing to bring their own picnic. To book a seat on the coach, please contact Julia on 01823 451642 or the church office on 01823 451257.

Men's Group – next meeting

A bird-watching trip has been organised for Saturday, 8th June at the RSPB reserve at Ham Wall, where we will meet in the car park for 10am. The address is Meare, Ashcott, Glastonbury BA6 9SX. It is relatively flat walking, so do come along - it would be great to see you there.

For further details, contact Rev Jim Cox on 01823 333377

The big spring-clean

A very big thank you to the fourteen adults and two children who came to help at the Cheddon Church clean on Saturday 13th April. We all worked so well together and the church looks sparkling clean.

The first churchyard working party of 2019 was also well attended on Friday 10th May. Once again, thank you to those who came and worked so well; and to Sue C-B for providing refreshments.

The regular churchyard working parties will be continuing on the following Fridays:-

7th June, 12th July both at 6pm-8pm

13th September, 11th October at 5pm-7pm

We will do the regular maintenance work of pruning, weeding and tidying. Please bring your own tools, kneeler, gloves etc. Refreshments will be provided.

Please do come and join in these activities, you do not need to be a church member but just someone who likes to help look after and maintain the beautiful building and church yard.

Thank you!

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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:

April: £60 – C & G Winter £15 – P Barratt
May: £60 – L Thompson £15 – C Spencer

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

Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall

Your village hall continues to run so smoothly that its remarkable success has become almost unremarkable. There has, however, been a single cause for concern that has been ticking away in the background like a potential time-bomb – and I am delighted to report that, subject to the completion of formalities, this has now been de-fused! The issue in question relates to the land on which the Memorial Hall stands. For reasons now obscured in the mists of time, a decision to reshape our plot to the mutual benefit of the hall Trust and The Crown Estate was agreed by both parties but was never formalised. The fact is that no-one knew the exact shape and size of what we actually owned and, while this never caused any practical problems for most of the 20-year life of the hall, the situation was clearly unacceptable. I and my fellow Trustees have been trying to resolve this with The Crown Estate for years and things finally came to a head when The Crown decided to dispose

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of the land it owns around the hall. At this point it became essential for both parties to agree, formalise, and more importantly legalise who owns what, hence the final – and long overdue – resolution of the problem. At long last, we will soon be able to prove ownership of the land we believed we owned. Even better, as part and parcel of this exercise, we have been able to purchase some additional land from The Crown that will enable us not just to consolidate but to further enhance our wonderful Memorial Hall.

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Area updates

As the saying goes: “A picture is worth a thousand words”; so here are a couple showing bird’s-eye (or, rather, drone’s-eye) views of two important new features that are currently emerging from the local landscape. The first is of the school on Nerrols Drive, the second of earth-works for the Western Relief Road (WRR) that will cross the A3259 to the west of Monkton Heathfield.



Theft and vandalism in Cheddon

Several incidents have been reported to us, so residents should be vigilant and report crimes via 999 (if still in progress) or 101 so that they are logged.

Parents, please...

advise children walking to school to take extra care when in the area of the Western Relief Road construction traffic.

Dog owners, please...

do not take your dogs into children’s play areas, especially those frequented by the under-fives. **What the NHS says:** Roundworm parasites are most commonly found in cats, dogs and foxes, and usually affect young children. This is because children are more likely to come into contact with contaminated soil when they play and put their hands in their mouths. Please ensure your dogs are wormed regularly and consult your vet for advice and tablets.

New Priorswood Recycling Centre times

With effect from 1st April, 2019, weekend opening hours will be from 9am to 4pm year-round. Later closing times will apply on week-days as follows: April-September – 6pm; October-March – 5pm.

Cheddon Fitzpaine Church Services

2nd June 9:30am: Sunday Seedlings¹ **5th June** 2pm: Home Communion² **9th June** 10am: Family Service¹
16th June 9:30am: Sunday Seedlings³ **19th June** 2pm: Home Communion⁴ **23rd June** 10am: Holy Communion¹ **30th June** 10am: United Benefice Communion⁵ **3rd July** 2pm: Home Communion²
7th July 9:30am: Sunday Seedlings¹ **14th July** 10am: Family Service¹ **17th July** 2pm: **No** Home Communion
21st July 9:30am: Sunday Seedlings³ **28th July** 10am: Holy Communion¹ **4th Aug** 9:30am: Sunday Seedlings¹

VENUE KEY: ¹Cheddon Church ²The Vicarage, Kingston St. Mary, TA2 8HW ³BACH beside West Monkton primary school, TA2 8FT ⁴Garden Close, Northwalls Grange, TA2 8FZ ⁵Broomfield

CHEDDON FLOWER SHOW

**Saturday, 27th July from 2:30pm
at the Memorial Hall, TA2 8JY**

Schedules available from committee members or Pyrland Farm Shop and the entry deadline is **23rd July**. The featured **Fun Dog Show** is **ENTRY ON THE DAY**, so just come along with your canine ‘best friend’!

Nena Carter, Flower Show Committee
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Parish Council Meetings

Held on Thursdays at 7pm in the Committee Room of the Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall, TA2 8JY, these are public meetings open to everyone.

2019: 13th June, 11th July, 8th August, 12th September, 10th October, 14th November, 12th December.

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*NOTE: You should always call **999** if you or someone else is in immediate danger, or if a crime is in progress; otherwise please call the police on 101.*

Police Beat Surgeries:

10:30-11:30am on Thursdays at Monkton Heathfield Village Hall, Main Road, Monkton Heathfield.

These coffee-morning events are the ideal opportunity to meet your local Beat Team in informal surroundings and discuss any concerns or issues you may have.



Country Park 'Springs' into life!

*Taken towards the end of May in the new Somerset Wood, this picture shows that the oak by the dedication stone has burst into leaf, as have the many other recent plantings in our
NEW*

Maidenbrook Country Park. This really is a magical spot and we just can't wait until it's fully open to the public!