



View from The Chair

While we have resisted the temptation of calling this newsletter a 'covid-19 special issue', that's essentially what it is. We are not going to repeat the wholesome advice that we are (hopefully) all now familiar with. What we want to do here is share the contact details of community groups and organisations, who are offering our community practical and wide-ranging assistance – typically shopping, posting mail, chats 'behind glass', friendly phone-calls, the loan of books & magazines – at this time of exceptional need.

Our **Pastoral Care Group** can be contacted via Group Co-ordinator Liz Thompson on 01823 451529 or Rev Mary on 01823 451189. (By the time you read this, every household in Cheddon village, Rowford, Northwalls Grange, Waterleaze and Summerleaze should have received leaflets with further details on the above.) Covering the same area with their **Coronavirus Community Support Group** on **facebook** are local residents and co-ordinators Annie Durham and Luke Knight working closely with Northwalls Grange co-ordinator Rev Tracey Hallett. Join the group to request or offer help, or you can call Annie / Luke on 07943 536736 / 07791 652798 respectively.

Some of our residents bordering on Priorswood have already received a note from Rev Debbi Turley of **St. Peter's Church** offering all the help listed above. While not wishing to step on the toes of those in Cheddon offering the same, Rev Debbi is happy to hear from those living on her side of our parish.

The '**Mindline**' service of mental-health charity **Mind in Somerset** is geared up to offer emotional support to anyone, who is finding the current pandemic too just much to bear. Their coronavirus help-line on 01823 276892 is open from 9am to 11pm Monday to Friday or from 8pm to 11pm at weekends. Carolyn Cooper, who volunteers for the charity and lives in our parish, has kindly offered her mobile number (07899 068108) as an alternative point of contact.

In addition to the group efforts, we know that many community-spirited individuals are actively helping their immediate neighbours, often via posting hand-written notes through their doors. In order to minimise the risk of writer's cramp, we have some pre-printed cards available (see below) kindly gifted to us by Character Graphics, who print our newsletters (proprietor Graham lives on Summerleaze). If you want any, call Mike Batsch on 01823 272376.

Hello! If you are self-isolating, I can help.

My name is

I live locally at

My phone number is

If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19 I can help with:

Picking up shopping Posting mail Chat through closed window

A friendly phone call Urgent supplies Books or Magazines

Just call, text or pop this card in your window and I'll do my best to help you (for free!)

Corona virus is contagious. Please take every precaution to ensure you are spreading only kindness. Avoid physical contact (2m distance), Wash your hands regularly. Items should be left on your doorstep

A5 cards to which helpers add their contact details and tick the relevant boxes showing what they can do.

Last but by no means least, our very own Parish Clerk, Jo Pearson, is happy to act as your point of entry and help you navigate the covid-19 help network – see back page for her contact details.

Moving from parish to county level, the following information is from SCC's latest covid-19 briefing:

Emotional health & wellbeing Visit the webpage at <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/coronavirus/covid-19-mental-health-information/> for advice on maintaining a healthy lifestyle and staying connected, coping strategies, self-isolation and helping children cope.

Spark has launched '**Corona Helpers**', a free online platform on which COVID-19 support groups can recruit and manage volunteers and individuals can pledge their support. Visit www.corona-helpers.co.uk

Somerset Businesses Heart of the SW Growth Hub (<https://www.heartofswgrowthhub.co.uk/>) offers businesses assistance and can sign post to additional help. By registering with the Growth Hub, businesses can receive updates as more information and details on support emerges. Alternatively, you can email info@heartofswgrowthhub.co.uk or phone – 03456 047 047. There is also support for anyone self-employed available on 0300 456 3565.

Denise Webber, Chairman, Cheddon Fitzpaine PC
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***Contributions for the June 2020
newsletter to the Parish Clerk by
16th May please!***

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The bright-yellow daffodils are out in front of Cheddon Fitzpaine church – and pretty much everywhere else! Let's hope that they, and the sunshine that brought them, can do something to lift our spirits at this difficult time.

Church Window

Cheddon Fitzpaine Church is part of the South Quantock Benefice together with West Monkton, Kingston St. Mary & Broomfield. The Benefice Office is open every week-day (except Thursdays) from 9:00am to 2:00pm. For enquiries about marriages and baptisms, please contact our Administrator, Michele Hardiman, tel. 01823 451257, e-mail: sqbenefice@btconnect.com RECTOR: Rev. Mary Styles tel. 01823 451189; e-mail revmarrye@gmail.com For the latest information on all events, services etc., visit our website www.southquantockbenefice.org/

Public Worship is suspended. However, our clergy and lay ministers are praying in our church buildings and at home, so please join us in a 'virtual' way at 9am and 5pm daily, wherever you are. In any way that remains open to us, we, the staff team, continue to be available for support or just a chat. Please do keep in touch.

With love and prayers,

Mary and the team

Tel 01823 451189; e-mail revmarrye@gmail.com

NOTICE OF CANCELLATIONS

**Cheddon church cleaning morning (4th April)
Men's Group (until further notice)**

REV TRACEY'S SPACE

Our **Seedlings Group** is now cancelled until further notice. This is a sad development as the group was going from strength to strength and had recently re-located to Nerrols school.

Rev Tracey Hallett, Church in Community Pioneer

Tel. 07854 489753; e-mail: tracey.hallett@icloud.com

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:

February £60 Mary Gunning £15 Geoff Tarr

March £60 Camilla Redpath £15 Diana Taylor

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

Pauline Stone

Tel. 01823 277637; Mob. 07984 055574

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Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall

Another **Cheddoners'** annual performance has been and gone, boosting hall funds and leaving behind the usual happy memories. This year's play, '**Amusin' Crusin'**', was co-written by Dick Macey & Malcolm Lown, and very amusing it was too. After the break, it was the turn of the variety acts to delight us all – which they duly did!! There was the usual good turnout and the three convivial evenings were enjoyed by all. Our thanks go out to the small army of dedicated performers and helpers.

I am pleased to report that our new **Bookings Secretary**, Bill Rigby, is now solely in charge and has taken over the reins most ably.

While we are all 'at home' please make this year's **Flower Show and Dog Show – 25 July 2020** a great success by making items in your spare time. Schedules on the Parish Website.

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

Bill Rigby, Booking Secretary

Tel. 01823 413925 (*messages answered within 24 hours*)

Mobile: 07586 413290

Email: info@cheddonfitzpainevillagehall.co.uk

Email address: (all one word) **Bill Rigby - CFMH**

Manager <memorialhall@hotmail.co.uk>

Area updates

CHEDDON

Sewage in Cheddon Village Meetings have been held with the Area Manager of Wessex Water, and we understand that the new pump has made a positive contribution. Since it was installed, there have been no cases where the tanker lorry was required to come to pump out. Again, in partnership with other agencies, drains are being monitored on an ongoing basis to find long-term solutions.

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MAIDENBROOK

Maidenbrook Country Park Progress has paused due to a combination of the awful weather and unexpected delays in formalising legal ownership of the land, although we continue with the dialogue.

Somerset Wood There's limited tree maintenance only by a few volunteers observing 'social distancing'.

Flooding: Maidenbrook Lane Eureka! After months of telling Highways that this really needed doing, the plug was finally pulled a few days ago – by a very big digger (see before and after pictures below). This followed a major investigation, in which all involved parties looked at the causes of the flooding and the Farming and Wildlife Group (FWAG) applied their specialist knowledge to come up with viable remedies. With the help of our local farmers, it is expected that all will be kept fully under control in future years. We are also working with County Flood Team to ensure that the Sustainable Urban Drainage Schemes (SUDS) on the new housing estates are fit for purpose.



TOP: Maidenbrook Lake; BOTTOM: Maidenbrook Lane

NERROLS

U5 Play Areas on 'old' Nerrols All the rubberised play surfaces have been pressure-washed in recent weeks and this has enhanced the overall look of these areas (do go and see for yourselves!). However, the waste bins at these sites remain in a shocking state and we await information from the new SWT Council regarding their replacement.

Nerrols Primary School and Nursery held an open morning on Saturday, 7th March. About 15 people attended and enjoyed their tour of the new building led by Head Teacher, Rhian Locker.

Northwalls Grange We now have an indication regarding timing of the installation of the Play Area and Open Space at the northern end of the estate and should be able to publish full details soon.

Northwalls United: Men's football

The Parish Council has agreed to support this new group with a grant, which we hope will be able to be in action soon.

New Bus Timetable for No. 2 & No 2A

and routes effective from 6th April. The No. 2 will service Taunton/Priorswood/Nerrols and No. 2A will offer an express route from West Monkton to Taunton. SCC say that the timetable should appear at each bus stop the weekend before commencement. Meanwhile, view the new timetable on CFPC website.

HIGHWAYS

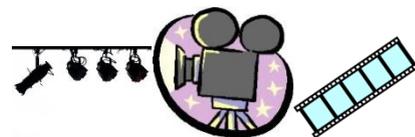
Creech Castle, Toneway Work is due to commence on 14th April with the A38 being closed for the first 100 yds from the traffic lights towards Aldi. Sadly, a meeting explaining how this will work was cancelled but we have been told that the A3259 will be 'traffic-light-free for a year!'

SCC Traffic Management There's a new traffic management website – www.One.Network.com – dealing with traffic management, road safety & parking services.

Somerset County Council, TA1 4DY

Contact Centre Tel: 0300 123 2224

email: ttro@somerset.gov.uk



Cheddon & West Monkton Film Club

All showings now cancelled until further notice!

cwmfilmclub@btinternet.com

01823 412278

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This improvement on the A3259 Priorswood Road is courtesy of SCC's 'Small Improvement Scheme'. The new pavement south of the Crown Roundabout accesses the north-bound bus-stop and links to Nerrols Drive – just in time for the new bus service!!

PCSO changes

PCSO **Sam Bushen** moves from West Monkton area to a new role in admin. **Tony Wearmouth** takes over from Sam covering Cheddon village area:

tony.wearmouth@avonandsomerset.police.uk

PCSOs **Catherine Richards** and **Lyndsay Smith** take over from Tony:

lyndsay.smith@avonandsomerset.police.uk

catherine.richards@avonandsomerset.police.uk

We have received the following message of reassurance from PCSO Sam: “Good morning everyone. As members of the community, I thought you might like to know how we are planning and preparing for policing over the coming days and weeks. I know that people and organisations are planning round the clock and the situation is constantly changing in our respective organisations and communities. You will see the police maintaining our core and emergency functions but scaling back appropriately on our non-urgent work. We are still open for business and reassure the public that they should still call when they need us. We have various contingency measures which can be scaled up and down as required while maintaining a sense of normality in our community. Throughout the next few weeks our PCSO teams will continue to provide a highly visible policing presence on foot and in cars across towns and villages within the Taunton area. Please let me know if you have any concerns or become aware of any tension in the community and I will keep you updated on the developing situation.”

sam.bushen@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Services at Cheddon & the Benefice

Regrettably, for the first time in 700 years, all acts of public worship have been suspended – see 'Church Window' on page 2.

Parish Council Meetings – 2020

Held on Mondays at 7pm, these are public meetings open to everyone. As a result of the covid-19 restrictions, they will now be held as conference calls until further notice. Members of the public wishing to take part by dialling-in should contact our Parish Clerk well in advance so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

Note new dates of Parish Council meetings – moved to second Mondays from second Thursday!

20th April (to avoid Easter Monday), 18th May, 8th June, 13th July, 10th August, 14th September, 12th October, 16th November, 14th December

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Wanted!

***Two newsletter deliverers to cover
Barbers Mead and Stoney Furlong.***

**If you are able to help on a regular,
bi-monthly basis, please contact our
Parish Clerk.**