



## View from The Chair

**Welcome to Northwalls Grange 'newbies'!** With the completion of the last few houses by Barratt, Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish has grown by some 25%, or 260 houses, in the past couple of years! All of which prompts us to extend a warm welcome to the latest influx of new parishioners. For you, our new neighbours (and anyone else who doesn't know or has forgotten), here's a short-list of sources of parish information:

Your **Parish Council** meets monthly (see back page for venue and dates) with agendas posted on Notice Boards (see below) 3 working days in advance. Draft minutes appear on the Parish website a week after each meeting ([www.cheddonfitzpaine-pc.org.uk](http://www.cheddonfitzpaine-pc.org.uk))

**Parish Newsletter** Published bi-monthly – hand delivered to your door by local volunteers.

**Welcome Letter** delivered to your door by volunteers, or found on every notice board.

**Link Up** is the long-established community magazine for the parishes of Broomfield, Cheddon Fitzpaine and Kingston St. Mary. Unlike this parish newsletter, it carries local advertising as well as editorial.

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*NOTE: Regrettably, the limited print-run of Link Up does not cover every property. For those who don't get it but want it, it's available online at:*

<https://www.kstm.uk/content/linkup/index>

*(just choose the desired month)*

## Parish Notice Boards are located at:

**Upper Cheddon** – on triangle of land TA2 8LD

**Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall** entrance TA2 8LG

**Cheddon Fitzpaine Church** – by Lychgate TA2 8JU

**Maidenbrook** – on RHS of entrance road TA2 8PX

**Nerrols** – Summerleaze TA2 8QE

**Northwalls Grange** – by Barns Close TA2 8FX

(to be relocated to middle of development site near future play area in due course).

## Locations of Play Areas:

### Maidenbrook:

- Barbers Mead U5 Play Area TA2 8PY
- Adjacent to Waterleaze football pitch U5 Play Area TA2 8PX

### Nerrols:

- Stoney Furlong TA2 8RY
- Standfast Place U5 Play Area TA2 8QG
- Summerleaze Crescent Under 5 Play Area TA2 8GG
- Warres Road Under 5 Play Area TA2 8QF
- Cashford Gate Under 5 Play Area TA2 8QB

### Northwalls Grange: - To be built

The **Precept/Parish Council Tax for 2020-21** has been set at £36.33 based on Band D properties. While a small increase has been necessitated by changes in the duties and responsibilities of our parish council, the amount has been mitigated thanks to the larger number of properties now sharing the financial burden.

We can all take comfort from the following examples of what other areas pay!

£118 per year for Sevenoaks

£124 for Chard

£47 for Bishops Lydeard

We hope you'll agree that ours is pretty good value for money!

### Denise Webber, Chairman, Cheddon Fitzpaine PC

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***Congratulations to Freddie from Cheddon Fitzpaine Church School on his winning entry (above) in the recent competition to find a logo design for the new Maidenbrook Country Park!***

**Contributions for the April 2020 newsletter to the Parish Clerk by 16<sup>th</sup> March please!**

## Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish Newsletter – February 2020

### 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](mailto:sqbenefice@btconnect.com) RECTOR: Rev. Mary Styles tel. 01823 451189; e-mail [revmarrye@gmail.com](mailto:revmarrye@gmail.com)*

*For the latest information on all events, services etc., visit our website [www.southquantockbenefice.org/](http://www.southquantockbenefice.org/)*

### 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:

**December 2019:** £60 Jan Church

£15 Caroline Spencer

£50 Corrine McMylor (Christmas bonus)

**January 2020:** £60 Sheila Horton

£15 Liz Thompson

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

### Pauline Stone

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### Rev Tracey's community action update

There is a **Northwalls Grange Residents' Community Facebook page**, so if you are new to the estate please do look us up and join the page. We try to update it regularly with events and our aim is to share positivity and build a wholesome community.

For more information on any of the above, please contact:

### Rev Tracey Hallett

**Church in Community Pioneer**

Tel. 07854 489753 e-mail: [tracey.hallett@icloud.com](mailto:tracey.hallett@icloud.com)

### Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall

It's been 'business as usual' over the last couple of months, the one extra-ordinary item being that Marcus Walker's tenure as Hall Manager is finally coming to an end. While his contribution has been huge over the years, the good news is that we have found a suitable replacement in Bill Rigby. To ensure a smooth transition, the two will be working together for the next couple of months. Many thanks to

Marcus for his pivotal role in making the Hall such a success – and welcome aboard Bill!

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

**Marcus Walker, Booking Secretary** Tel: 01823 413925 (*messages answered within 24 hours*)  
Email: [info@cheddonfitzpainevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:info@cheddonfitzpainevillagehall.co.uk)

### Look at our new school!

Nerrols Primary School and Nursery has had a wonderful first term and Head Teacher, Rhian Locker, has issued an open invitation for the local community to have a look round the school building and grounds. According to Rhian, the children have settled in well and are really enjoying their learning. The school currently has two classes open – a Reception class with 30 pupils, a mixed Year 1/2 class with 15 pupils – and the nursery is nearly full. All are looking forward to welcoming the next class of 30 Reception children in September.

If you are interested in a guided tour, please present yourself at the pedestrian entrance at the address below for **10am on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March**.

*Nerrols Primary School and Nursery*

*Nerrols Drive TA2 8GS Tel. 01823 792655*

### Area updates

#### CHEDDON

The Parish Council has enabled the filling-in of the **potholes at Cheddon School**. Although the holes are on unclassified land, it was felt that our involvement was justified on the grounds that the defects were a hazard to the local community.

#### MAIDENBROOK



***The lovely new gabions as finally re-instated by Bovis at considerable expense to developer. This should at long last expedite the process of SWTC's adoption of the public open spaces on Maidenbrook.***

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*Before..*



*...and after. It may have taken 5 years but our tenacious Clerk finally managed to push through the above transformation at Cranes Close.*

**Maidenbrook Country Park** Work on the ground is on hold pending resolution of various issues with Somerset West and Taunton Council. Prior to the changeover from Taunton Deane to SWTC, we received assurances that continuity on this prestigious project would be maintained. In the event, this did not happen and the project team from the two parishes has struggled to re-connect with the new authority. The MCP **logo competition** held in autumn 2019 has been judged. The winner's £15 book-token went to eight-year-old Freddie with £10 tokens for runners-up Poppy, Lottie and Eleanor. All the above-named children are students at Cheddon Fitzpaine Church School.

### **NERROLS**

**Summerleaze** residents have rightly complained about the state of **footpaths and overgrown areas** and, as before, we keep speaking up for our area hoping there will be a dramatic improvement in matters by the end of January. A couple of large

willow trees have been removed to avoid damage to nearby property.

**Nerrols Drive tree clearance** We were all shocked at the excessive removal of trees for Phase 2 of new Nerrols. We have received assurances from the SWTC Tree Officer that this was approved at the planning-application stage and new trees will be planted nearby to offset this action. Watch this space!

**Northwalls Grange** The Parish has provided suggestions for the street names for Phase 2 of Nerrols. If you have any ideas for future areas please send suggestions to the Clerk.

Since **Nerrols Primary School** opened in September with no signage or road markings in place, Parish Councillors and local residents have repeatedly expressed their concerns over road safety on Nerrols Drive. We are pleased to report that, in a recent meeting with local resident and SCC Cllr Giuseppe Fraschini, SCC Highway Officers admitted that the necessary measures were simply overlooked at the time of the initial planning application. Thankfully this omission has now been remedied and the correct signage and markings will be in place as soon as a suitable contractor is available. These will include 'Wigwags' (flashing lights) reducing the speed limit from 30 to 20mph at school times, new roadside railings and upgraded bollards on the central traffic island. We thank Cllr Fraschini for his involvement and persistence in ending this unfortunate saga.

### **HIGHWAYS**

As we all know, there were significant problems over the Christmas period caused by prolonged rainfall. All issues reported to the Parish Council were duly forwarded to SCC Highways by our Clerk, who is still chasing them for responses to Maidenbrook Lane flooding, and Wessex Water regarding sewage problems in Cheddon village.

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

The review is progressing nicely based on specialist advice and the responses from the recent questionnaire. Thank you if you took part as your comments have been taken on board.

### **SWTC Local Plan 2020**

Consultation is now live until March and can be accessed via [yoursay.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk](https://yoursay.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk) This exercise in democracy will shape the future of our town up to 2040, so please find the time to take part and have your say. While this may seem far away over the distant horizon, future generations will thank us for getting it right.

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### SCC Volunteering in 2020

Somerset residents looking for a New Year's resolution would be warmly welcomed to join the growing army of volunteers in the county. There are roles to suit almost everyone, from supporting the local library to driving people to appointments or supporting the Duke of Edinburgh Award. All you need is a little bit of spare time; lots of enthusiasm and a 2020 vision to give something back to your community. Opportunities can be found at [www.volunteering.somerset.gov.uk](http://www.volunteering.somerset.gov.uk)



### **Cheddon & West Monkton Film Club**

*You are cordially invited to attend our next screenings:*

#### **21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY: Downton Abbey**

**Drama, romance** The Crawleys and their intrepid staff prepare for the most important moment of their lives. A visit from the King and Queen of England will unleash scandal, romance and intrigue that will leave the future of Downton hanging in the balance. A film with wide appeal to the fans of the TV series and the Monarchy.

#### **20<sup>th</sup> MARCH: Judy**

**Biopic drama** Winter 1968 and showbiz legend Judy Garland (**Renee Zellweger**) hits London on a five-week sold-out run at The Talk of the Town. It is 30 years since she shot to global stardom in *The Wizard of Oz*, but if her voice has weakened, its dramatic intensity has only grown. As she prepares for the show, battles with management, charms musicians and reminisces with friends and adoring fans, her wit and warmth shine through. Even her dreams of love seem undimmed as she embarks on a whirlwind romance with Mickey Deans (**Finn Wittrock**), her soon-to-be-fifth husband. Featuring some of her best-known songs, the film celebrates the voice, the capacity for love, and the sheer pizzazz of "the world's greatest entertainer."

**All screenings at Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall. Refreshments: 6:30pm; short film: 7pm  
Feature: 7:20pm. Admission is £6 per person at the door.**

[cwmfilmclub@btinternet.com](mailto:cwmfilmclub@btinternet.com)

01823 412278

### Services at Cheddon & the Benefice

*NOTE: Sunday Seedlings<sup>6</sup> is held regularly on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month*

#### **February**

- 5<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm Wednesday Communion <sup>2</sup>
- 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am All Age Service<sup>1</sup>
- 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Meditation Prayer<sup>2</sup> (in Benefice Office)
- 19<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm Wednesday Communion <sup>4</sup>
- 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 am Communion Service<sup>1</sup>
- 26<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Healing Prayer<sup>2</sup> (in Benefice Office)
- 26<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am Ash Wednesday Service<sup>3</sup>  
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service<sup>?</sup>

#### **March**

- 4<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm Wednesday Communion <sup>2</sup>
- 8<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am All Age Service<sup>1</sup>
- 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Meditation Prayer<sup>2</sup> (in Benefice Office)
- 18<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm Wednesday Communion<sup>4</sup>
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 am Mothering Sunday Service <sup>1</sup>
- 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Healing Prayer<sup>2</sup> (in Benefice Office)
- 29<sup>th</sup> 10.00am United Benefice Service<sup>6</sup>

**VENUE KEY:** <sup>1</sup>Cheddon Church <sup>2</sup>The Vicarage, Kingston St. Mary, TA2 8HW <sup>3</sup>Kingston St Mary Church TA2 8HR  
<sup>4</sup>Garden Close, Northwalls Grange, TA2 8FZ  
<sup>5</sup>Benefice Office TA2 8HW <sup>6</sup>West Monkton Church

### 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.*

13<sup>th</sup> February, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 9<sup>th</sup> April, 14<sup>th</sup> May,  
11<sup>th</sup> June, 9<sup>th</sup> July, 13<sup>th</sup> August, 10<sup>th</sup> September,  
8<sup>th</sup> October, 12<sup>th</sup> November, 10<sup>th</sup> December

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