

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

For details of Parish Church services, please see page 12

APRIL

Sunday 1st, All Fours Farm, 10.00-4.00pm. NGS Open Garden

Wednesday 4th, Parish Hall, 7.30pm: WI meeting 'Birds in Your Garden'

Tuesday 10th, Parish Hall, 7.45pm. Garden Club meeting 'The Edible Garden'

Saturday 28th, Parish Church, 7.30pm. Daleian Singers (Male Voice Choir) concert

MAY

Monday 7th, All Fours Farm, 10.00-4.00pm. NGS Open Garden

Monday 14th, Parish Hall, 7.30pm. Parish Council meeting. All welcome.

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BUDWORTH BULLETIN

April 2018



Photo courtesy of Sue Bootland

*Wishing all our
readers a very
happy Easter*

See pages 7 - 10 for the latest information on War of The Worlds filming

GARDEN CLUB

The weather for gardeners has been very variable and Spring has been very slow to come this year. Our plant stall was full of snowdrops, which should be re planted 'in the green' immediately after flowering. New members were welcomed to the club, and final subscriptions were paid. Members also made payments for the holiday to Suffolk, later this year. Our speaker was Sarah Hopps (pictured) from Thirsk in Yorkshire, who has run a plant nursery, and now escorts garden holidays all over the country. She has a wonderful friendly personality, and extreme garden knowledge, and brought plants and slides to illustrate her talk of 'Plants for all Seasons'. She certainly is one of our best loved speakers and was thanked enthusiastically by June Wilkinson.



The next meeting is on 10th April, when John Woods will talk about the Edible Garden, and members will bring their previously given narcissi bulbs for judging on the night.

For any other information or details, please contact me.

Jean Davies.

01606 892383; 0789 993 7683.

Local Roads (1)

I got a flat tyre travelling down Heath Lane last week - I drove over a pot hole and damaged the tyre and down it went.

Can I claim? [See p4: Ed]

Also, I was driving along Budworth Heath Road on 14th March and a creature - which looked to me like a very young bambi - crossed the road by Crossfields. Have we got deer in that area? Was it a muntjac? Has anyone else seen it? I must say, it didn't look well, but quickly disappeared into the hedge. June Wilkinson 891534



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Local Roads (3)

On the 8 March a meeting was held on site to discuss the closed section of Westage Lane: what was being done, what was planned – and when would we have our road back in use! The meeting was attended by five Parish Councillors, two Unitary Councillors and Highways Engineers from both Cheshire East (CE) and CW&C councils. The following are the main points that emerged:

- Nothing has so far been done and nothing specific is planned: the plates which were originally planned (and, we were informed, ordered) have been abandoned as the ground is too unstable, with evidence that further stretches of road are beginning to sink;
- In any event, the badger activity (the most extensive the CE Highways Engineer had ever seen) was such that many more plates would be needed, thus increasing the load on an already unstable road;
- The badger breeding season lasts from November through to June. Nature England (the key player in progressing matters) will not permit any works to be done during that period.

Parish Councillors complained of the damage being done to Heath Lane as a result of its increased use – and pointed out that the risk of accidents would increase once the Ice Cream Farm business resumed during the school holidays and throughout summer, with many children in the area.

Two weeks after the meeting, with no further sign of action, Cllr. Lynn Gibbon wrote a strongly worded letter of complaint to Mark Swindells, Area Delivery Manager at Cheshire East. Mr. Swindells replied that a ground penetration radar survey (GPRS) was to be carried out during the week commencing 26th March to determine the extent of the tunnelling underneath the road and promised to report back as soon as the GPRS testing had been carried out and analysed. An extract from Cllr. Gibbon's response to that letter is as follows:

"... I find it amazing that after seven months you are only now instigating GPRS – after the question was asked on the 9th March. Surely this should have taken place when you became aware of the problem, as you would need to know the extent of the problem before the offer of ordering plates? This prompts the following questions:

- Who is the 'client' you are referring to? Certainly not CW&C or Cheshire East residents;
- Has a timescale been set for the report?
- Are you exploring the other options put forward at the meeting [*on the 8th March*] while waiting for the report?

You mention working within the law – and quite so – but all of these suggestions merit due diligence to find a solution. The snail speed at which this investigation is progressing is beyond belief and it will be eight months before you know it."

Our thanks to Cllr. Gibbon for her efforts on our behalf.



Your Local Councillors

CW&C Unitary Councillors:

Don Hammond 891397

Lynn Gibbon 784599

Norman Wright 7478

Parish Councillors:

Hilary Brudenell (Chairman) 892404

Rob Collier 891454

Hazel Forwood 891908

Lesley Hopkinson 891391

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In March Angela Davies gave us a talk on her life as a western woman living in Japan. This was an eye-opener about a very different but interesting life. Angela told us that Japanese men spend very long hours at work five days a week and also at weekends. The divorce rate when they retire at 60 years old is very high: have they worked out why, I wonder?

The competition was won by Christine Wyllie, with a Japanese doll.

The walking group did a walk on the Wheelock trail and back along the Trent & Mersey Canal, returning to Elworth and lunch at the Fox. Two days later the canal burst its bank and the water escaped into the River Wheelock, leaving a gaping breach of the bank, so there'll be no more walks along the towpath until the repairs are done. The ladies were very lucky not to be swept into the cut!

We survived the Jumble Sale on the 24th March. Many thanks for all your help and for the Jumble and Good As New clothes. These jumble sales are a lot of work, but they're a worthwhile venture – and, as I said in the last Bulletin, everyone is a winner!

Some members went to the Ballet at the Lowry to see Cinderella, a very grown-up ballet set in wartime. The costumes, scenery and dancing were all amazing and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The book club ladies are reading 'The Wonder' by Emma Donoghue.

Our next meeting on Wednesday 4th April at the Parish Hall is a talk on "Birds in your Garden" by Norman Sadler. The competition is for an ornamental bird. Tea ladies will be Irene Hardy and Sue Allen.

June Wilkinson



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The Parish Council meeting held on 5 March considered a wide range of items:

Pumphouses: Both are in need of some care and attention. A meeting will be arranged with the conservation officer to determine the way forward.

Parking in the centre of the village: We continue to experience problems with car drivers who park inconsiderately. Please do put an approved 'inconsiderate parking' notice on cars which are blocking access or inhibiting driving through the village. Supplies of the notice are available in the George & Dragon.



The Avenue: We hope you are pleased with the new surface on the School Lane to Farthing Lane section of The Avenue. Consideration will be given at our next meeting as to whether we can afford to have the Farthing Lane to Westage Lane stretch repaired similarly

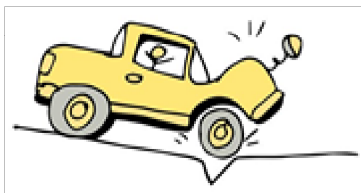
War of the Worlds: The Council discussed progress of the plans to film War of the Worlds in the village in April. The requests for access, parking arrangements, and so on, continue to evolve. There is an article in this Bulletin giving the up to date arrangements

Next meeting: Monday 14th May in the Parish Hall. Do come and join us.

Hilary Brudenell, Chairman

Local Roads (2)

June Wilkinson isn't the only one to have suffered a puncture caused by a pothole in the road (and yes, June, you can claim: see <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/travel/pothole-claims>). Potholes can be more than a nuisance: they can be a danger to all road users. It's estimated that in the UK there's an average of one road defect for every 110 metres of road. Local councils have a duty to maintain the roads, but they can only fill a pothole



if they know about it. If you want it repaired, you have to report it.

This is where Cllr Don Hammond offers a practical suggestion: report the pothole to the council using a special app: FillThatHole. This app, which Don recommends us to download, was originally developed for use by cyclists but can be used by anyone, and makes it easy to report potholes and road defects.

Don advises us to contact him or one of his colleagues (Lynn Gibbon and Norman Wright – contact details listed on page 14) if nothing happens within a reasonable period of time after you have made a report.

Sponsored Sleep Out

"A cold night we had of it....." – but at least it didn't rain! Altogether nine of us braved the elements and, fortified greatly by midnight hotdogs (courtesy of Nid Peters) and breakfast bacon butties (courtesy of the Guides), we got through the night and at least some of us got some sleep! The night sky was breathtakingly beautiful and we could hear foxes crying in the distance, and a dog barking in Marston! And then of course the dawn chorus was wonderful. All in all, a night to remember – thanks to all the rough sleepers, to the very many sponsors, and to the providers of cardboard! The money raised will be going to homeless people in Manchester and to the work of Christian Community Ministries in Romania – so THANK YOU!

Rev'd Alec Brown



'Rough sleepers'
Far left Christina Westwell (Curate) and son Nathaniel; left: Anne O'May (Guide Leader) and Margaret Cross (Church Stalwart); above: Alec Brown (Vicar)

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CHURCH NEWS

Services and Events in the Parish Church in April

Sunday 1st (Easter Day), 8.00am: Holy Communion; at 10.30am Festival Eucharist for Easter.

Sunday 15th, 1.00pm: Point-to-Point Service, Tabley Races

Thursday 19th, 7.00pm St John's Gospel recitation

Monday 23rd 7.45pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Saturday 28th 7.30pm Daleian Singers (Male Voice Choir) Concert

Sunday 29th 10.30am Confirmation Service, with Bishop Keith Sinclair

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Monday 23rd April at 7.45pm in Church

All are very welcome to this annual meeting to review the life, work, worship and witness of the church during the last year. This year there will be drawings on display from the Architect for the improvement and enhancement of the church and its facilities. Please come along with your thoughts, comments and suggestions.

There is also a vacancy for one member of the Parochial Church Council and we are also looking for anyone who may be interested in becoming a Deputy Churchwarden – please speak with the Vicar or either of the Churchwardens if you are interested.

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SCHOOL NEWS

As you're probably aware, we've been busy with building work at school over the last few weeks. Work is progressing well and we're hoping that everything will be finished during May. One part of the work has already been completed: we now have an all-weather track around the edge of the school playing field. This is a fantastic resource that we've been able to buy with our sports funding. The track enables us to be part of the Golden Mile scheme throughout the year. This is an initiative that inspires children (and staff!) to take part in a daily challenge, whatever the weather: to walk, jog or run round the track. The youngest children are encouraged to complete three laps, whilst the oldest pupils do at least eight laps. There is clear evidence that regular participation in physical activity among children provides immediate, and long-term, benefits for physical and psychological well-being. We will soon be planting grass seed and wild flower seeds around the edges of the field next to the track.



The remainder of our building work, which will create a new reception and office area as well as updated toilets, has largely been funded by the Diocese of Chester. The work has been needed to improve safeguarding for our pupils, as well as providing much needed better working conditions for staff. It will also give us an extra room that can be used for one-to-one and small group teaching, providing significant benefits for those pupils who most need extra support. We are very grateful to the residents in the village, and especially to our immediate neighbours, for their patience during the build process. Once the work is complete, you will be welcome to visit the school to see the improvements.

Parking

As a result of the recent improvements to the surface of The Avenue (which can now be used all year round), many families are now able to make much better use of it as a way into and out of school, and thus help to spread out the parking in the village. We are, of course, very aware of the impact of the cars that come into the village each morning and afternoon and want to reassure villagers that the school has put into place several measures to ensure that parking issues can be reduced. One of the key changes has been for us to pay for a member of staff to be on duty in the playground from 8.35am, enabling parents to drop children off and leave promptly, rather than waiting until the bell rings at 8.50am. We know that this has been well received by parents and has helped ensure cars are parked for shorter periods of time. Parents are regularly reminded, via school newsletters, of the need to park considerately. Whilst we appreciate that problems can arise, we know that the vast majority of residents are strong supporters of having the school in the village and enjoy the benefits of the part we play in local events and the life that we bring to this small rural community. We are, therefore, very grateful for your continued patience and understanding.

Teresa Nixon, Foundation Governor
Great Budworth Church of England VA Primary School



1874 Northwich F.C. Lose Their Semi-final in FA Competition

You've never heard of 1874 Northwich F.C.? Then read on ...

Henry Plumer Stedman was the owner and principal of a boys' boarding school in Sandicroft, Great Budworth. His two sons, Harry and

Reggie, were masters at the School. They were graduates of Cambridge University, where they learnt to play a new sport: Association Football.

In 1874 they made up a team from the school and arranged a fixture against locals from Northwich, who were captained by Matthew Earlam: they all enjoyed the game so much that they decided to form their own team, which they called Northwich Victoria, after the reigning monarch.

Northwich Victoria were moderately successful and were one of the founders of the Second Division. The team claimed to have the oldest ground in the world at the Drill Field, Northwich. As a non-league team they were quite successful, until the 1990's, when through alleged mismanagement they went into administration. At that point their ground was sold for housing.

In 2012 a group of supporters, fed up with all that had gone on, decided to form their own team, which they called '1874 Northwich', in memory of the year the original club was founded. In the last five years they have made great strides, given that they started from nothing and do not have their own ground. The Club is fully owned by the supporters.

The main football knockout competition in England and Wales is the F.A. Cup. The next ones down are the F.A. Bowl and the F.A. Trophy, and the fourth competition is the F.A. Vase. This year a total of 619 clubs from all over England and Wales entered the F.A. Vase competition. 1874 Northwich have been very successful, winning through the first seven rounds. In the latest round, on 24th February, they won their quarter final game at Leigh-ton Buzzard and so were in the last four ~ out of 619 teams!

They played the first of two legs of the semi-finals on 17 March, but sadly lost in the second leg, which was played on 24 March. A win would have taken them to the final at Wembley but, sadly, it's not to be - well, not this year ...

Alan Bailey



Great Budworth Cricket Club News

Once again the Great Budworth Cricket Club is preparing for a full programme of fixtures during the coming season, which this year starts on 10th May at 6.00pm with an away match at Eaton. The first match at Arley is on Saturday 9th June at 2.00pm against Antrobus.

As always new members will be most welcome. If you are interested in playing a match then give Peter McAndrew a ring on 01606 891213.

We are holding our start of the season BBQ on Saturday 2nd June from 5.00pm - 8.00pm. Everyone is welcome. Tickets are available from Maggie Blower (01606 891213) at a cost of £10.

Hopefully you will be able to join us at some of this season's matches, which are as follows:

10th May at 6.00pm away at Eaton
17th May at 6.00pm Wyncote Ramblers away at Barnton
20th May at 2.00pm away at Lymm
22nd May at 6.00pm Moss Hey away at Woodford
6th June at 6.00pm away at Lymm
9th June at 2.00pm Antrobus at Arley



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label and gather all bins and transport them to a central location for collection. Bins will be returned to residents at the end of the day.

IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF RESIDENTS COULD PUT THEIR BINS OUT ON THE EVENING OF 11th APRIL SO THEY CAN BE MOVED BEFORE FILMING BEGINS ON 12th

It is possible that the schedule may alter during our time in the village. If so, we will let every household know as quickly as possible, by letter.

Matt Plant, the Location Unit Manager, will be present in the village throughout the process. He can be contacted at any time on 07527 478229.

Other key location personnel are as follows:

Andrew Bainbridge:	07785 343023	(Location Manager)
Mark Valentine:	07944 976527	(Assistant Location Manager)
Danny Treanor:	07590 977745	(Location Assistant)
Davey Fraser:	07769 316775	(Location Assistant)

Matt, Danny and Davey will always be on set on filming days. If you wish to speak to them face to face just ask any member of the crew to point out the location team.

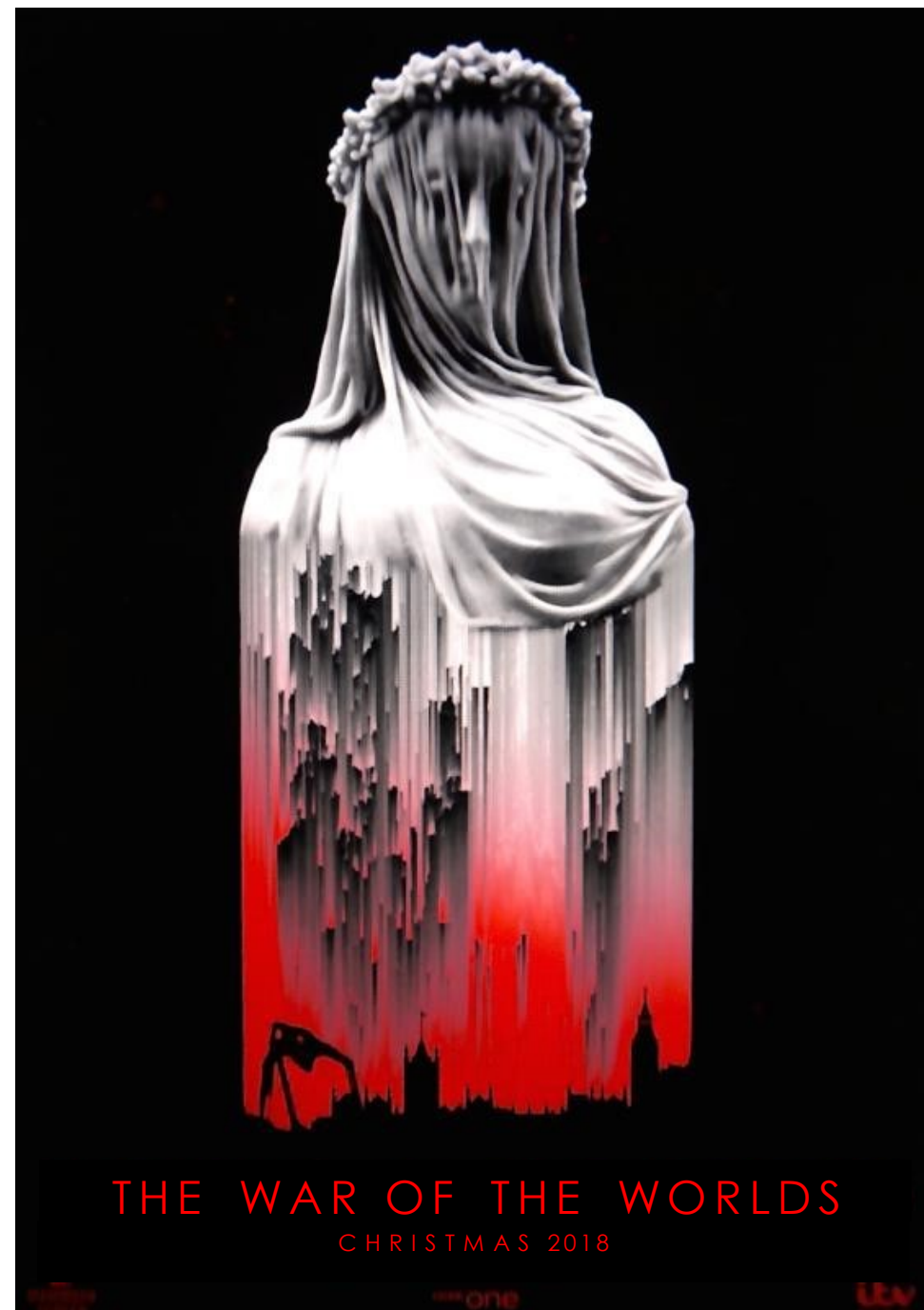
Mammoth Screen are delighted to be able to come and film in your beautiful village. The welcome we have received has been very friendly and enthusiastic and rest assured that the location team will be working very hard to keep it that way. We look forward to meeting you all very soon.

ANDREW BAINBRIDGE
Location Manager

STOP PRESS:

Here are a few more points about traffic and parking:

- The barrier on Westage Lane will be positioned between the junction with Church Street and the first property on Westage Lane. No Westage Lane driveway will be in the cordoned off area.
- Parking on Westage Lane will not be restricted.
- In High Street the barrier will be just above the junction with the The Mount.
- Parking will be prohibited on High Street between the barrier and the A559.
- The idea (mooted at one time) of putting cones along Heath Lane has been dropped, but a section of Heath Lane will have sensor traffic lights to manage the free flow of vehicles.
- There will be a pedestrian crossing in Heath Lane at the Ice Cream Farm.
- The residents of School Lane, and those on High Street and Church Street who do not have off-street parking, are requested to park on the parish field throughout.
- Those in High Street and Church Street who have who have their own off-street parking will not be asked to use the car park for the first week. In the second week, however, while access to driveways will be maintained, the route through the centre of the village will be much harder and people may find it easier to park in the parish field. (Mammoth are overlaying the tarmac with ground cover, which becomes quickly marked as vehicles drive on it: this then takes some time to put right and they are trying to protect it as much as possible.)
- Residents of Southbank and High Street are requested to use the High Street access. Everyone else should please use Heath Lane/Westage Lane.



THE MARTIANS ARE COMING!

Residents of Great Budworth, it is my duty to advise you to brace yourselves for an imminent Martian attack. The following information should assist you all to best prepare yourselves for the impending invasion. The drill is detailed below:

Monday 26th March – Friday 30th March and Monday 2nd April

- The props team and art department will be in the village throughout the week preparing for the filming.
- They will concentrate predominantly on Providence Cottage and environs but will also be adding window plugs to certain houses and preparing door plugs for others.
- Planters and other street furniture will be moved as necessary
- All residents will be contacted individually about relevant work.
- There will be activity in and around the Parish Field and the field beyond as the production sets up a technical support base.

Tuesday 3rd April – Filming begins: 1400-2300

- The road through the village will be closed from 8am at the junction of Church Street and Westage Lane and part way up High Street. These closure points will be manned throughout the closure, which will remain in place until 6pm on Saturday 14th April.
- During the morning the road will be covered with a fine gravel.
- 1300 - Filming on Church Street and outside Providence Cottage.
- 1800 approx. - School Lane. A quad bike will be used to film characters on bikes
- 2100 approx. - Church Street at Providence Cottage
- 11pm – Wrap

Wednesday 4th April: 1300-2200

- 1300 –Providence Cottage
- 1500 approx – The junction of Church Street and School Lane
- 1700 approx – Between the pub and Providence Cottage
- 2030 approx – Providence Cottage
- 2200 – Wrap

Thursday 5th – Saturday 7th April inclusive: 0800-1800

- The village will be dressed for the post invasion scenes. This will involve laying detritus and rubble (fake) on the road. The road will become a single twisting lane

Monday 9th April: 0800-1700

- 0800 – Providence Cottage
- 1000 – Stunt sequence filmed between Providence cottage and the top of High Street. Involves a horse and tracking vehicle.
- 1700 – Wrap

Tuesday 10th April: 0800-1700

- 0800-1700 – Continuation of stunt sequence at top of High Street.
NB: The road will be completely blocked here for the day.

Wednesday 11th April: 0800-1700

- 0800-1200 approx - Completion of stunt sequence at top of High Street.
- 1200-1500 approx – Church Lane. **NB: The road will be blocked here for the morning and during the filming period**
- 1500-1700 – Providence Cottage

Thursday 12th April: 0800-1700

- 0800-1000 approx – Providence Cottage
- 1000-1300 approx – Centre of village and High Street
- 1300-1700 – High Street

Friday 13th/Saturday 14th: 0800-1800

- There will be a complete clear up and reinstatement of the village. The closure will lift at 1800.
- If any further reinstatement is required this will happen during the following week.

ROAD CLOSURE & TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

- The road restrictions will be in place from 3rd – 14th April inclusive
- Heath Lane and Westage Lane will not be closed.
- Sensor traffic lights will be installed at a narrow section of Heath Lane to assist with smooth traffic flow.
- The closure will be manned 24/7 during the period.
- From 5th April – 13th April there will be traffic lights installed at the closure points to allow vehicles to travel safely through the village.

PARKING AND ACCESS

- A car park will be created on the Parish Field for residents to use. All residents are politely requested to use the car park to keep the village clear of modern vehicles. Heavy duty matting will be laid to protect both vehicles and the grass.

RESIDENTS WHO ARE REQUESTED TO PARK IN THE PARISH FIELD (SEE 'STOP PRESS' ON PAGE 10) ARE ASKED TO MOVE THEIR VEHICLES TO THE PARISH FIELD ON THE EVENING OF 2 APRIL OR BEFORE 8am ON THE MORNING OF 3 APRIL

- All residents will always have pedestrian access to their properties except for very brief periods during a “take”.
- There will be a dedicated vehicle and driver to transport residents to and from their homes if necessary. Where possible it would help to know a day in advance if the vehicle will be required and at what time. Please call Matt Plant to arrange (see below for number)
- Access will always be afforded to emergency vehicles.

LIGHTING

- Portable flood lights will be installed and operated as necessary to illuminate the route to and from the car park.

RUBBISH COLLECTION

- Rubbish will be collected as normal on Thursday 5th April. On Thursday 12th April, we plan to