

BUDWORTH BULLETIN

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“So it’s Goodnight from him ...”

The Parish Council elections to be held on May 7th mark the end of an era for Great Budworth, when three of its longest-serving Councillors step down. Bob Wilkinson, Bill Anderson and Peter Davies have clocked up more than 80 years of service to the community between them and we’re sure we speak for all Bulletin readers when we express our sincere thanks for all they have done on behalf of the parish. At a presentation held in their honour, attended by past and present Parish Councillors, a number of guests spoke appreciatively of the hard work all three men had undertaken on behalf of the Parish over the years. That said, all three remain very active in village life! On behalf of us all: thank you Bob and Bill and Peter!

See inside for details of candidates in the forthcoming Parish Council elections

GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

A Proposal to Introduce Restricted Parking into High Street and Church Street

Summary Notes of a Public Consultation Meeting – 20 April 2015 – Great Budworth Parish Hall

Restricted Parking Zones

Restricted parking zones are areas where there will be no parking but where no lines have been painted on the road. In places where parking is permitted alternative methods of demarking bays are used e.g. road studs. Signs will advise motorists of the restrictions. This is in accordance to the 2011 amendments to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002. Lines are not painted, either to reduce the negative aesthetic impact on a street or because the road surface makes using paint impractical or inappropriate.

Reasons for the Proposal

- To make the village safer and accessible to emergency vehicles at all times.
- To attempt to overcome some of the difficulties experienced by local residents gaining access to and egress from their off-road parking spaces.
- To be able to take some action against parking that causes significant risk to our village.

The Proposal for Restricted Parking

The proposal (which has been put together after meetings with the Highways Department and Cheshire Police) is to place restriction signs in High Street and Church Street stating that vehicles can only be legally parked in the designated areas. The areas will be marked with studs or other markings that are highly visible but are sympathetic to the environment of the village. Areas that are not marked would be designated no parking areas and would be passing areas for vehicles. If supported, the scheme will be submitted for approval by the Department of Transport and, when approved, will be enforceable.

Summary of the Public Consultation Meeting

There was some agreement that action should be taken to restrict parking but that other complementary action is needed to provide a complete solution to parking problems in the village.

The main concern was to attempt to protect those residents who do not have any off road parking and it was felt that concessions should be considered to accommodate these residents’ vehicles.

Other options suggested included: the introduction of a one way street traffic system in the village; identification of specific parking places for residents who do not have off road parking; purchasing land to provide additional parking (although this could be a costly option); requesting the School to donate some of its land for parking to help alleviate some of the parking issues; encouraging visitors to the village to use the parish field at busy times; encouraging those with off road parking to use it; and a community scheme whereby those who have unused off-road parking share it with those who do not.

Some of the concerns raised included: who will ‘police’ the parking issues if a scheme of restricted parking is put in place; that introducing restricted parking on Church Street and High Street will just move the parking issue elsewhere in the village; whether the parking on Church Street warrants a restricted parking scheme; that including any kind of signage, double yellow lines etc. would ruin the aesthetics of the village and future filming opportunities; and, more use of the Parish field will cause more traffic congestions as the road leading to it is a single track and private road.

The Way Forward

1. To inform residents of the plan and consultations through information presented in the Budworth Bulletin and the Parish Website.

2. To hold a public consultation meeting to outline the plan with local residents, to attend to any issues arising and to gauge if there is a will for the plan to be implemented.
3. To invite residents to make comments and present views to the Parish Council.
4. To determine if the Department of Transport would approve the restricted parking scheme.
5. For the Parish Council to consider all the available information and to make a decision about whether or not restricted parking will be implemented in High Street and Church Street at the **Parish Council Meeting on 11 May 2015**, when residents will be invited to make further comments in the Public Forum.

7th MAY - ELECTION DAY!!

by Jenny Bowman

May the 7th will see many of our readers coming to the Polling station in the Parish Hall in Great Budworth – to be faced with the names of a myriad of candidates, contesting no fewer than three Elections. To give people some time to think about how they wish to cast their votes, I thought you might find it helpful to have an advance list of the candidates, before you are in the Polling Booth. Many of you will already have received leaflets from candidates for the Tatton Parliamentary Constituency and for Cheshire West and Chester – so the list for these two elections just gives their names and the Parties they represent.

Tatton Parliamentary Constituency – one vote

Stuart Alex Hutton	UKIP
George Osborne	Conservative
David Pinto-Duschinsky	Labour
Tina Louise Rothery	Green
Gareth George Wilson	Lib Dem

Cheshire West & Chester Council – Marbury Ward – three votes

Debbie Dalby	Labour
Michael Falzon	Labour
Lynn Joyce Gibbon	Conservative
Don Hammond	Conservative
Sez Ismael	Green
Annie Makepeace	Lib Dem
Jo Morlidge	Labour
Norman Geoffrey Wright	Conservative

Great Budworth Parish Council – eight votes

There are eleven candidates standing for election and all have provided a short statement.

Hilary Brudenell	Marie Kershaw
Robert Collier	Anna Lee
Dave Davenport	Peter McAndrew
Hazel Forwood	Ben Parrott
John Hickey	Malcolm Torrance
Lesley Hopkinson	

Hilary Brudenell

I have been a resident of Great Budworth for 16 years, drawn here by its obvious charm and character. I have served as Clerk to the Parish Council, a member of the Parish Plan Group, a Trustee of the Church Restoration Fund and as an active Governor at the School. I am well acquainted with the people and places that constitute the Parish. I believe in actively seeking the views of all so that the Parish Council can formulate policy and decisions that reflect local views and enable us to move forward whilst preserving the best of the past.

Robert Collier

My wife and I moved to Great Budworth in February 2004, we have two daughters aged 9 and 7. We enjoy life in Great Budworth, we have good friends and neighbours and appreciate the strong sense of community. On a professional basis I am a chartered surveyor with over 20 years experience in the property sector. My current role involves aspects asset management including regeneration as part of improving neighbourhoods and communities. Should I be fortunate enough to be elected to the Parish Council I feel my personal and professional experience will afford me the opportunity to provide a positive contribution to the Great Budworth community.

Dave Davenport

I've lived in Great Budworth for over 10 years and I am a Director of a large F.E. College in the Midlands. Whilst we have a fantastic history and environment which must be preserved and enhanced, there will inevitably be pressure for change which must be sustainable and in keeping with the village. I hope to help the Parish Council with this.

Hazel Forwood

Who could live in as nice a place as Great Budworth and not like it? I moved into the area just over 30 years ago, and moved into the centre of the village several years ago. It is without doubt a very special place of great historical interest, and has some of the nicest residents, with a very caring community. So, having said that, it would be my wish to keep it unspoilt and to help deliver projects which benefit our area, if I am elected to serve on the Parish Council.

John Hickey

I have lived in Great Budworth for 36 years and have grown to love and care for the Village, its environment, heritage, and architecture. I am proud to have been on the Parish Council team which lobbied for interactive signs and speed limits on our roads and together with the Amenity Society have led and funded many initiatives, including cobbling and restoration projects, the Village Christmas tree and Carols, and other projects, including the Village Hall. I continue my keen interest in our community and hope to assist with ongoing environmental issues including parking and restoration works.

Lesley Hopkinson

As a Parish Councillor for the past four years, I acknowledge the responsibility we have to preserve and protect this unique and special village. Just as important, in my view, is to preserve and nurture the sense of community, care and safety that we are fortunate to have here. There are many unsung heroes in this village who run activities, societies, clubs and uphold traditions for the benefit of us all. If elected, I pledge to do my best to strengthen and expand the Parish Council's role in supporting these efforts - together with its duty of care to our environment.

Marie Kershaw

I have lived in Great Budworth for 11 years. I am married to Richard and have four grown up children. Now I have the time I wish to be more involved in the village. I have always been an active volunteer at various levels. I was Secretary of St Paul's Church PCC in Over Tabley for 15 years. My working background has been secretarial/PR mainly in the public sector. We have held various village social and charity functions at our home. I enjoy fund raising and our family have a history of supporting The Christie Hospital.

Anna Lee

I've been involved in village life since moving here on retiring as a university business school lecturer in 2007: I put the Bulletin together each month and am Secretary of the Heritage Society, as well as a Parish Councillor. One of my main interests is the impact on the parish of the modern planning regime: last year I arranged a talk on Neighbourhood Planning and persuaded a planning inspector to give an insider's view at a public meeting. I'd like to do more and hope you'll give me the opportunity to serve the parish as a councillor for another term.

Peter McAndrew

Born and educated locally, Peter returned from Yorkshire to the North West as Head of Nursing at Salford University, where he developed a strong research profile and became influential as a senior officer in the nursing statutory bodies. He still works as a consultant for the Nursing and Midwifery Council as a lead investigator assuring public protection and has returned to clinical practice in Manchester. Peter has been a Councillor for eight years and Chair for the last four years. His major focus is protecting the unique environment of our beautiful village and making the village roads safer.

Ben Parrott

I am standing for election, as I am extremely proud to be a resident of Great Budworth and wish to do my bit and represent the community. I have lived in Great Budworth for 10+ years with my wife Suzanne and children, Georgia and Thomas. I am a chartered accountant with 19+ years' experience of working with businesses. I have previously represented the village as trustee of the Heritage Society and treasurer for the Jubilee project. If I am fortunate to be elected I believe that I will bring strong business and financial skills and fundamentally a common sense approach.

Malcolm Torrance

Thank you for giving all candidates an opportunity to "market" their aspirations to join the Parish Council. For me it's simple: I have been lucky to be in a caring profession. My nature is to help folk after retirement. I hope to provide continuity from the previous council, whilst looking forward to new challenges. I welcome the safeguards provided by the Local Plan, but I am fully aware that we have changing needs throughout our lives in accommodation, transport and local services. Our new council needs to conserve not only the central village but also our local environment for future generations.



Mark Bevan gave an excellent talk on the fortunes and misfortunes of the Gray Egertons of Oulton Hall and Park (*pictured below*), Little Budworth, right up to the present day, now that it is a racing circuit. His research was reflected in the quality of the talk and the slides he has collected over the years.

The draw for the invitation to the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on the 2nd June was won by Heather Bailey so she will be there with the big hat representing us – have a good day

Heather!

Many thanks for the help and jumble which arrived at the Parish Hall on 17th April. We had plenty of jumble and help but maybe not enough buyers, so the Jumble Sale needs a rethink. What was left went to various charity shops and to the clothing shop destined for Africa.

The next meeting of the WI is on Wednesday 6th May in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. We will be voting on the resolution which is:-

“This meeting calls for HM Government to remove the distinction between nursing care and personal care in the assessment of the needs of individuals, in order to advance health and wellbeing”. This concerns the inequality in how needs are assessed, leaving vulnerable patients being denied their right to NHS Continuing Care.

The voting is followed by a gift-wrapping demo with a difference by Elaine Cuzner and the competition is to bring along an unusual gift.

GARDEN CLUB

At least the weather has become spring-like and every day new flowers open in our gardens, giving us a riot of colour everywhere. It's wonderful. The speaker at our last meeting, Peter Evans, from Derwyn College, near Oswestry, recently of Reaseheath College, gave us the story of propagation of *Streptocarpus*, which grows wild in its native country. The plant has large, long leaves, and can be prepared then laid in compost and after about three weeks will throw up many more plantlets. Most of his *Streptocarpus* come from Dibleys nursery, where they propagate with modern methods, producing thousands of plants. He was thanked by Geoff Lomas, who himself attended and worked at Reaseheath.

We have now obtained another slot for Highgrove in the autumn, and this is now booked up. Our summer coach trip to Jacqueline Iddons, followed by Stones and Roses, is on 24 July and you can bring friends on this occasion. The cost is £28 for a full day, totally inclusive of transport, tours, coffee, lunch and afternoon tea, which will be a great day out.

The next meeting is on 12 May, when Chris Mortimer will share his Gardening Dreams. Our club membership is full, but you can come to some events as a guest.

All Fours Farm, Aston by Budworth, will be open for NGS on Bank Holiday Monday 4 May.

Please contact me in the first instance: Jean Davies 01606 892383 or mrsjeandavies@gmail.com

MAY IN THE GARDEN

By Tom Acton, former Head Gardener at Arley Hall

There is a bewildering array of Azaleas, Viburnums, Clematis, perennials, bulbs etc. flowering in May, so it's impossible in the confines of this space to do justice to many. But I will try a few – simple, old-fashioned, easy-to-grow plants that, for various reasons, are out of fashion or otherwise are not given much publicity these days.

Primula 'Guinevere', also known as P. 'Garryarde Guinevere' (*right*), the sole survivor of Garryarde Hybrids, has a character all of its own. Its virtues are the freedom with which it produces its unique shade of soft carmine pink flowers and beautiful bronze foliage – as desirable a ground cover as you could wish.

Veronica gentianoides, deep blue flowers one-foot high, good for front of border or rockery. Brunnera macrophylla, the perennial forget-me-not, with heart-shaped leaves, vivid blue flowers, 18” high, some with variegated leaves – another splendid ground cover.

Omphaloides cappadocica 'Starry Eyes', a clump forming perennial with azure blue flowers, another good ground cover plant. As with the others, the blue flowers blend well with all the Azalea colours. A splendid weed-proof ground cover is Geranium macrorrhizum, 'Ingwersen's' variety, with soft lilac-pink flowers – but this one needs watching, as left alone, it will take over.

Readers' Forum

A place where readers can express their opinions about local affairs.

To Mr None-Too-Gruntled

So very sorry you feel left out of the jolly Ladies' lunches, so may I suggest a solution? I extend two challenges:

1: To organise a monthly lunch for the men of the village, which you may enjoy!

2: Get off your high horse and turn up at the Ladies' lunch!!! No hairy legs, please.

A Lady Who Lunches

GREAT BUDWORTH ARCHAEOLOGY AND LOCAL HISTORY WEEKEND

Spring Bank Holiday weekend – Sat. 23rd to Mon. 25th May

We have had a good response from residents, allowing us to dig the one-metre square test pits, but we still need a few more offers, particularly some close to the centre of the village to make the weekend a success. In addition to the test pits, we hope to have visiting dowsing and metal detecting experts and possibly a geophysical survey. The activities will be organised by the Great Budworth Local History Group and the Bidston Community Archaeology Group, with expert analysis by Jonty Trigg, Senior Lecturer at the Archaeology Department of Liverpool University.

On each of the three afternoons we will have field walks, which will be guided, showing points of interest and looking for unusual items. These will begin at the Parish Hall, starting at 2pm.

One walk will be around the brickfield, millfield and through the Dene Gorge; another will be through the village and back up the fields to Southbank. The other will be along the footpaths to Budworth Heath and then to the Moat.

We will have permission from the landowners to walk over their land as well as using footpaths, so this will be an opportunity to see parts of the village which are not normally accessible.

Over the weekend we will hold a small exhibition of postcards and other memorabilia in the Parish Hall.

We will assemble at the Parish Hall at 10 am on Saturday 23rd May for those who express an interest in any of the activities.

Please let us know asap if you are interested in helping in any of the ways listed below, either by phoning 01606 891149 or by email to baileyalan@gmail.com:

- I would like to help in running the weekend
- I would like to go on one or more of the field walks
- I would agree to have a trial pit in my garden
- I would like to help digging trial pits in the village. We must stress that this is mainly sieving the soil rather than heavy digging.
- I could provide weekend accommodation for students or BCA members.

SCHOOL NEWS

This summer term will see all our children busy learning, both in school and out of school on various trips. We are very keen to ensure that all our children are able to benefit from the many wonderful opportunities that our teachers arrange and one of the main things that our Friends of the School (Fots) raise funds for is to pay for coaches and transport for these trips. We would love as many people as possible in our community to support the events that are coming up during the summer. Here are the dates, but do please keep a look out for posters with more information on each event nearer the time and get in touch with the school office if you can volunteer help, raffle prizes etc.

Friday 15th May at 2.30pm – Maypole Afternoon with Pimms, afternoon tea, raffle and parents –v- children rounders match.

Saturday 20th June at 6pm – Budfest for all the village and school community, with bouncy castle, stalls, raffle, bar, BBQ & Flaxmere Band.

Gt. Budworth Church Restoration Committee

BEER, BAND & BANGERS

Local ale & sausages and local musicians

Saturday 9th May, 3pm - 6pm in the Churchyard

Tickets: £7.50 adults - £20 family ticket - £5 13-16 year olds

Please bring your own rug or chair

Tel: 07732324001 - Margaret Cross

01606 891324 - The Rev'd. Alec Brown

In aid of Alzheimer's Society and Defibrillators for Schools

BARN DANCE

Friday 15th May 2015, 7.30 - 11.30pm

Wincham Community Centre, Church Street, CW9 6EP

Contact: Elizabeth 01606 74856 or Malcolm 01606 892295

Licensed Bar - £15 including fish and chip supper

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 4th:** All Fours Farm (Curbishley's) open garden under NGS scheme
- Wednesday 6th:** Parish Hall, 7.30 pm. W.I. meeting
- Thursday 7th:** Parish Hall, 7.00am - 10.00 pm. General, ward and parish elections
- Saturday 9th:** Parish Churchyard, 3.00-6.00 pm. Beer, Band & Bangers
- Monday 11th:** Parish Hall, 7.30 pm. Parish Council meeting, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting. Public welcome.
- Tuesday 12th:** Parish Hall, 7.45 pm. Garden Club meeting (speaker: Chris Mortimer)
- Friday 15th:** Gt. Budworth C.ofE. Primary School, 2.30. Maypole Afternoon
- Friday 15th:** Wincham Community Centre, 7.30 pm. Barn Dance
- Saturday 16th:** Dene House, Great Budworth, 5.00 pm. Cricket Club BBQ
- Wednesday 20th:** COPY DEADLINE - JUNE BUDWORTH BULLETIN
- Saturday 23rd:** St Mark's Church, Antrobus, 10.00 am. Arnold Boyd Walk.
- Saturday 23rd - Monday 25th:** Parish Hall, 10.00 am. Great Budworth Archaeology and Local History Weekend
- Sunday 24th:** Parish Church, 10.30 am. Confirmation Service with Bishop John Heyden
- Thursday 28th:** Red Lion, Pickmere, 12.30 pm. Ladies' lunch
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