

BUDWORTH BULLETIN

September 2015

Parking Working Party

After being formed at the Parish Meeting of 11th May, the Parking Working Party held its first meeting the following week, on 18th May, when it was agreed that the first step should be to survey residents of the village to ascertain their views. A questionnaire comprising ten questions was sent out with the June issue of the Budworth Bulletin at the end of May, with a deadline of 15th June for completion. A summary of the results is as follows:

- A total of 66 responses were received, representing about 60% of the total village population (there are about 110 households in the village).
- The three most commonly cited causes of parking problems were: church events (47%), school drop-off and collection (41%) and inconsiderate parking (27%).
- The most popular solutions suggested were: greater use of the Parish Field (33%), a one-way system (21%) and some form of residents' parking (14%).
- Potential further car parking spaces suggested were: land at the bottom of school field (20%), land at the bottom of Farthing Lane (15%) and land currently occupied by bowling green/tennis courts (8%).
- All respondents owned cars, with 74% owning two or more. 70% of respondents had off-road parking used it routinely. However, 27% either had no off-road parking or only one space. In other words, a significant number of house holds have problems accommodating both or all cars in their household off-road.
- 53% said that visitors parked their cars on the road.
- The majority of respondents (86%) were able to walk 100 yards or more.

Following concerns expressed by a member of the public, Cllr Lee assured the meeting that the Working Party was not about to make immediate recommendations to the Parish Council. The next meeting was scheduled for the following Monday, 13th July. The Parish Council requested that the Working Party consult further with the public before reporting back. With this in mind, there will be a public meeting will be held - further details of which will be included in the flyer which accompanies this copy of the Bulletin going to those households who received the Parking Questionnaire in June.

Malcolm Torrance, Chairman, Parking Working Party

HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Society's Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 9th September, at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. The meeting will be followed by light refreshments and a talk by Ken Moth, a retired architect, on the principles of buildings conservation. Ken is an active member of The Victorian Society and has a keen interest in all aspects of history: his talk promises to be both illuminating and entertaining.

All (including non-members) are welcome. Free of charge

GARDEN CLUB

As we approach autumn, we can reflect on the wonderful summer we have experienced and the excellent trips and celebrations we have had in the Garden Club.

Our annual holiday was this year to the Wye Valley (see the separate report elsewhere in this issue) where we visited some famous gardens and small intimate gardens, all of which were carefully researched by Henri and Linda Giller and gave a full coach of members a wonderful time. This was our tenth garden holiday and another is planned for next year.

Then there was an amazing day out to Jaqueline Iddons' garden and the Stones and Roses garden, both of which are in the Chorley area countryside with its marvellous views. The sun shone, as did all the gardens.

Then to make this year even more special, the club celebrates 15 years since its formation. We started in the Millennium and still have the same Chairlady, treasurer, events organiser – and four other committee members – as we did at the outset. This

in itself proves, not only how successful the club is, but also how a group of people have dedication and great friendship – and plan to continue in that way through the coming years.

To celebrate, all members were treated to a big party (*below*) on the 11th August, with hog roast, ice cream, and a perfect singer to enhance the evening. A good time was enjoyed by all and the memories of this evening will live in members' minds for a long time.

The next meeting is on the 8th September, when we have our annual produce show. The class descriptions were given to members some months ago, so everyone has been growing and nurturing their gardens to produce a winner. Each year Eddie Horrigan, our life member, gives us something to grow on for the show. This year it is a climber called Black Eyed Susan, so - as well as vegetables - there is this plant, plus a dahlia bloom.

We also have a speaker that night and to reflect the theme of the show, Jacqui Brocklehurst, the well-known speaker, will talk on the topic 'Eat your Garden'. To add to the excitement, the holiday for next year will be announced! So you must be there! The October meeting is on Tuesday 13th and the subject will be Alpines. What a fantastic year we are having.

Any information, contact me in the first instance, Jean Davies 01606 892383.

Look where you can end up if you belong to Great Budworth WI !

Heather Bailey

2015 marks a special Centenary year for the W.I. - and a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace for one member from each W.I. in the country. My name was drawn out of the hat by our February speaker.

On the day, I caught the coach in Knutsford at 7am and sat next to a lovely W.I lady and we paired up for the day. The coach parked up outside Clarence House and we walked up the Mall, through the main gates of Buckingham Palace, under the canopy where the royal landaus pull up and into the first reception room, red and gold with priceless porcelain in wall cabinets. No photographs allowed. On into the next reception room, pale blue and gold and down the garden steps and on to the lawns. As you may imagine, there were many, many ladies in their hats and finery.

Two military bands played. When they played the National Anthem for the first time the Garden Party began and when they played the National Anthem again the Garden Party was over.

Our Royals were the Duchess of Cornwall (Camilla), Princess Alexandra (*both pictured, right, at the event*) and Sophie Wessex. Princess Alexandra came over to chat to the group we were in. "Where are you from?" "What time did you leave?" "I expect you are ready for your tea, you will enjoy that". We all answered in unison. No photos allowed.

It was a Right Royal Tea - and no quantity restrictions! There were refreshment stations around, with non alcoholic drinks (lemon and barley water) and 'servants' carrying trays of tubs of ice cream (almost as good as Great Budworth Ice Cream Farm's!).

The weather was very sunny and fine, if slightly blustery. Luckily, my hat never blew off.

We had a good look around the gardens and lake and among the rhododendrons and azaleas. The naughty W.I. ladies were taking photos by the million ~ but no photos allowed.



We enjoyed a lovely evening in Sue Ormson's garden for our July meeting: it must be the best view in the village (apart from the top of the tower) We had Cat Allen to sing to us and tucked into strawberries and cream. Well done to the committee and thanks to Sue - it was a good evening.

The ladies had a bowls taster evening at the green in August and, along with ladies from Bostock, enjoyed a great time. The winner of the Howard trophy for the best bowler was won by Elizabeth Wathem; runners-up were Heather and Gill. Well done to the ladies – there were some masterful ends (and some not so masterful ...).

The next meeting of the WI is on Wednesday 2nd September, when Judy Popley (*below*) will tell us about her life at Granada TV. Many of you will know Judy who has worked at Tatton and Arley. We look forward to hearing her talk. Kath Kay and Christine Wyllie are the tea ladies and the competition is for an "Old Theatre Programme". Everyone is welcome but there will be an entrance fee for non-members.

The WI bell-ringing team are practising for a peel of hand bells on Wednesday 16th September at 3pm by the Lych Gate to

celebrate 100 years since the formation of the very first WI in the UK. The repertoire of songs, including Jerusalem, will be followed by a celebratory cake and a toast to the WI. We are most grateful to our very patient teacher who puts us through our paces at the practices. We do hope you will turn out for this performance which we hope will be a memorable peel !!!!!

Please put this date in your diary as we will not be doing this for another 100 years. It's a once in a lifetime experience but we are very proud to fly the flag for Great Budworth WI.

We have booked tickets for the Lowry Theatre, to see the new musical, which was written by Tim Firth and Gary Barlow and tells the story of the Calendar Girls. This will be in January 2016 and tickets will be available at the next meeting.

Great Budworth adventures in the Wye Valley

Thanks to brilliant organisation by Henri and Lynda Giller, 53 Garden Club members had great fun exploring gardens and fine old buildings during four days in the Wye Valley early in July. We met the River Wye at the Bishop's Palace garden at Hereford Cathedral, where volunteers had rehabilitated the extensive Cathedral gardens. Lunch was taken in the very grand College Hall (*right*), after which volunteers took us into the Cathedral (c. 1079). We were amazed by the good state of repair of this Norman building, with enormous pillars – but then learned that the Tower and part of the nave collapsed in 1786 and had to be rebuilt. There was lots to see, including their most treasured possession, the Mappa Mundi, a parchment map drawn in 1287. Its detail is astonishing, showing the complete then-known world, with Jerusalem at its centre, and Britain and Ireland at the very edge.

Later we checked into the Royal Hotel, Ross-on-Wye, our very comfortable home for the next three nights. Garden tours started the next morning with the Old Rectory Garden, Thruxton, reclaimed from farmland only seven years ago, followed by mid-morning refreshments. Did you realise how under-nourished Garden Club members are? Every mid-morning/afternoon we were greeted with tea/coffee and homemade cake as we visited a new garden – all this on top of a full, delicious lunch and dinner each evening!

By contrast, the next gardens at Brobury House (*left*) were created in the 1880s and had a Victorian theme, dropping down to a stream running into the River Wye – a juxtaposition of formal garden and natural landscape.

Grendon Court could not have been more different: a modern garden designed by Tom Stuart-Smith with massed perennials and grasses and a house successfully transformed by the younger generation of the family.

The next morning we were greeted at Veddw by Anne Wareham, author of 'The Bad Tempered Gardener'! It's one of Alan Titchmarsh's 'Ten Best Gardens'. Lying on a steep hill, it has amazing yew hedges, and a lovely wild flower meadow.

Our next stop was lunch, of course, though some of us regretted taking it at a leisurely pace when we met our next guide, Pascal, Custodian of Tintern Abbey! We could have spent a whole day listening to him describing the life of the monks and their local recruits. The monks spent their days in prayer and writing and illuminating religious texts, while the locals were given an education and board and lodging in exchange for looking after the monks and working on the lands owned by the Abbey. We gazed in astonishment at the remains of this Abbey. It was established by Cistercian monks in 1136 and was finally closed down during the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1536.

From there we jumped to the Arts and Crafts style at Wyndcliffe Court Sculpture Gardens (*right*) where, of course, we had tea! The modern sculptures were spread about the extensive gardens, with stunning views over the Bristol Channel. One of the sculptures joined us in the coach.

Our last day started with some drama in the search for The Laskett Gardens, when we missed the turning and ended up a hill, where our wonderful driver, Alan, had to do at least a 15-point turn to get us back. Most of us would have thrown in the towel long before but Alan remained calm throughout.

Laskett Gardens was created over four decades by Sir Roy Strong and his late wife, Julia Trevelyan Oman. Of all our visits this stirred up most controversy – some loved it but others hated it. The gardens are divided into 'rooms', and with accompanying recorded commentary by Sir Roy we heard the thoughts which lay behind the creation of them. They were certainly dramatic and reflected Sir Roy's background as former Curator of the V and A, and of his wife's career as a designer for opera productions.

Our last visit was to Kentchurch Court and Gardens, home of the Scudamore family for almost 1,000 years. Originally a defensive tower in the 11th Century, the house had been extended over the years. The Elizabethan Hall was converted by Robert Adam into an elegant dining room, where we were entertained to a most delicious lunch by Jan Lucas-Scudamore and her daughter. Afterwards we were privileged to be given a very entertaining tour by our hostesses, and to explore the extensive grounds, including a Deer Park, herbaceous borders, a vegetable garden and a newly created walled garden.

It was a splendid, very happy expedition. The very best news was kept to last, however: Lynda and Henri agreed to organise the Garden Club tour for 2016!

Readers' Forum

A place where readers can express their opinions about local affairs

Heard outside the pub:

"Parking problem? What they need here is a Steam Engine Rally. First toot on a whistle and half the cars would be whipped into drives - the rest would fill the car park or get out faster than you could say Jeremy Clarkson!".

A Riposte to Mr Still-Not-Gruntled

We'd all have to be looney
To exclude gorgeous George Clooney,
(Even though he now has a wife).
But we Lunch Ladies wonder,
(as our diets go under),
Whether 'Not Gruntled' might now get a life!

Hazel Forwood

(Note to our readers: the editors appreciate any opportunity to include photos of George Clooney in the Bulletin..)

SCHOOL NEWS

As we head towards the start of a new academic year, we are looking forward to welcoming those children who will be starting with us for the first time in our preschool and in our Reception year.

We also welcome Mrs Corradine to our teaching staff, who will be our Deputy Head and class teacher for years five and six. Beyond that, we are busy planning ahead for those children who will be starting school in September 2016 as the application forms are now available via the school website: www.greatbudworth.cheshire.sch.uk

We will be holding an Open Day in October when all parents and prospective pupils will be welcome to come and look around the school during a normal day, meet with pupils, staff, the Head and Governors and see why we think Great Budworth Church of England primary and preschool is so special.

Please keep a look out in the village for posters for more details nearer the time. Friends of the School invite you to their '**Back to School Bash' on Saturday 19th September** on the School Field from 7pm Live Music 'JCB Band' Food available & Licensed Bar. Everyone welcome to kick start the new school year with friends! For Tickets & more details ring Mary Clewes Tel:01606 891024 or Rachel Wilkinson at the Ice Cream Farm tel: 01606 891211.

CHURCH NEWS

Sponsored Ride and Stride on Saturday 12th September from 9.00am

This is a fundraiser for Historic Cheshire Churches Preservation Trust (HCCPT). You are invited to join Alec cycling around the Deanery, visiting different churches on the way.

You can walk from church to church also and be sponsored. St. Mary's will get 50% of the funds we raise in sponsorship.

Sponsor forms will be available at the back of church: if you wish to join in, please take one.

If you don't fancy cycling, please consider sponsoring those who are. Sponsorship sheets are available at the back of the church.

The Friends of Great Budworth Church Heritage Afternoon.

Saturday 12th September 1.00pm to 5.00pm

- Trips up the tower from 1.00pm - cost £3.00 (no children under 8)
- Organ recital by Alan Woodcock at 2.00pm
- Talk about the memorials in the church by Rob Steel at 3.00pm
- Display of old Parish Magazines (from 1914 and 1915)
- Afternoon Teas available
- Conducted tour around the area by the Vicar at 5.00pm.

Admission to the Heritage Afternoon is free, but donations would be appreciated.

Harvest Festival

Sunday 27th September - **10.30am**

Everybody is welcome to all services.

SEPTEMBER IN YOUR GARDEN

by Tom Acton, Former Head Gardener at Arley Hall

The Eucryphia, one of the showiest specimen shrubs or small trees, is not often seen in small gardens because some varieties get too big. But Eucryphia glutinosa (*left*), now a thirty-year old in my garden, is a deciduous small tree about 12ft x 3ft and just coming into flower (mid-August) and will be in full flower throughout September – a rare sight at this time of year, covered in its white poppy-like flowers.

Growing next to the above, from New Zealand, is another rare sight, Hoheria 'Glory of Amlwch'. This flowers from July through to September, with heads of small white flowers. It has survived all but the hardest winters and needs a mild and sheltered spot in full sun against a south facing wall or fence. I see no reason why they cannot be pruned when they get too big.

There are lots of shrubs with bright long-lasting flowers to enliven the garden in September: Potentillas, Fuschias, Lavatera, Abelia, Hydrangeas, Hebes, Leycesteria and Hibiscus (notes at length about these appeared in the September 2014 Budworth Bulletin).

Flowering from July into autumn, the Tree Poppy 'Romneya coulteri' (*right*), grows to 4-5ft high with white fragrant poppies that look like poached eggs. It's slow to establish but well worth the wait.



On the evening of 8th October I have persuaded Mark Brocklehurst to deliver a talk at Arley Hall as part of the Friends of Arley 2015 programme.

Mark is an ordinary bloke with an extraordinary tale.

Sitting around the boardroom table at Bolton Lads and Girls club discussing our next madcap adventure we planted a seed that would change his life forever.

Mark wanted a big challenge.

He wanted to raise a lot of money for the local kids.

And he wanted to take himself way outside his own comfort zone.

With no previous experience Mark entered the Tallisker Atlantic Challenge and signed up to race across the ocean under muscle power alone in a rowing boat.

A fund we set up when my parents passed away provided the money to buy the boat....so there was no turning back!

Much happened in those 59 days at sea.

Many lessons were learned.

Tempers were lost regularly.

Lives were nearly lost.

There were many highs and even more lows.

No hot food, a broken seat, ineffective anti fouling and 4 men in a tiny confined area tested every one of them to their limits.

There is an incredible tale to be told.

Mark made it across the Atlantic and he raised over a quarter of a million pounds....which ironically not only changed the lives of many young people it saved some lives too.

Please join me at Arley Hall and to meet the man personally and hear Mark's story. You will not be disappointed.

Tickets are only £15.00 or £12 if you are a friend of Arley.

I only have 50 so please let me know how many you would like.

Bring your friends...they will be very welcome.

It's always a great evening at Arley Hall and helping to raise funds towards the upkeep is important for our local area.

Peace and love

Nick Hopkinson

Great Budworth Parish Hall

Friday 25th September, 10.00 am - 12 noon-ish

There will be non stop cakes and coffee (or tea if you prefer), together with lots of chatting and catching up with neighbours and friends before the winter hibernation sets in!

Cakes to buy ~ Raffle ~ Preserves Donations welcome

Contact: Lynda Flynn and friends 891571

MISSION IMPROBABLE

Parish Hall, Friday 25th September 2015

With their unique mix of sophistication, swing and slapstick, this is one of the funniest and most original classical double acts you will see. Expect the unexpected! An evening where Il Divo meets Morecombe and Wise ...

The **Opera Dudes** will have you entertained, enraptured and incapacitated in equal measure. An amazing night of cabaret, top quality entertainment, music and fun.

Put it in your diary now! More details in the September Bulletin.

(I wasn't sure what to expect but they won me round and really made me laugh! - from a reluctant attendee)

History of Arley

The Water Gypsy – Julie Ann Godson

Julie is the researcher and author of the story of how a Thames fisher girl married William Flower, the 2nd Viscount Ashbrook; of how she became a Viscountess and of her struggle as a young widow to protect her children's interests in the hostile climate of 18th century Ireland. It is, of course, a story that is crucial to the history of Arley. Julie will speak about this story at Arley Hall on

Thursday 10th September at 7.30pm, tickets £15, including drink and nibbles.

Contact **Bill Anderson 891354**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 2nd: Parish Hall, 7.30pm. WI Meeting. Speaker: Judy Pooley

Tuesday 8th: Parish Hall, 7.45pm. Garden Club Produce Show.

Wednesday 9th: Parish Hall, 7.30pm. Heritage Society AGM, followed by talk

Thursday 10th: Arley Hall, 7.30pm. Talk: 'The Water Gypsy'

Saturday 12th: Parish Church, 1.00-5.00pm. Heritage afternoon

Saturday 12th: Lych Gate, 9am. 'Ride & Stride' fundraising cycle ride

Wednesday 16th: Lych Gate, 3pm. Peel of hand bells to celebrate WI centenary

Thursday 17th: Red Lion, Pickmere, 12.30pm. Ladies' Lunch

Friday 18th: COPY DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER BULLETIN

Saturday 19th: School Field, 7.00pm. 'Back to School Bash'

Friday 25th: Parish Hall, 7.00 for 7.30pm. 'Mission Improbable' (RTA)

Sunday 27th: Parish Church, 10.30am. Harvest Festival
