

# BUDWORTH BULLETIN

## April 2015

### GARDEN CLUB

We feel that spring is on its way, with lighter nights and mornings and blossom opening up on all the trees – a welcome sight after the long winter.

Members were treated to a wonderful talk by garden journalist and holiday tour guide, Sarah Hopps (pictured), who took us on a virtual tour of many gardens in Europe: lots of beautiful places, shown with a good sense of humour. Members bought some wonderful plants from her and she was thanked by Tessa Holmes.

Everyone is looking forward to our own holiday to Hereford in July, which is now fully booked and for which a payment instalment was taken.

We have a great programme for the year ahead: on 14th April, Peter Evans, from Reaseheath College, will give us a practical demonstration on propagating *Streptocarpus*. We always have a plant stall of our own, where members can fill their garden with home grown plants.

There are two NGS gardens open, Parm Place in Gt Budworth on 29 March, and All Fours Farm, a private garden known locally as Curbishleys Roses, open on Good Friday and 4 May Bank Holiday. You are sure of a lovely afternoon out, with delicious cakes and tea!

For information about the club, please contact me in the first instance:  
Jean Davies 01606 892383

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### GREAT BUDWORTH C. of E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our school football club are very grateful to Mr Paul Hamblett, our caretaker, for all his hard work and enthusiasm training up the team, alongside Mrs Gould and Mr Holland. The team are feeling very proud now that they have their new bright red football kit, emblazoned with "Great Budworth" on the back and very generously sponsored by local company Data Space who specialise in document management solutions. The team have been enjoying playing matches against other local small schools, with fantastic victories against teams from Whitley Village and Crowton.

Other highlights this month have been a three day residential trip for Classes 3 and 4, a trip to The Lowry for Class 2 and a whole school pyjama and odd-sock day in aid of Dosh for Downs!

Please do join us for our Friends of the School Easter fundraising evening on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 6pm. This will include egg rolling, an Easter bonnet parade and bingo.

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### *Great Budworth Cricket Club*

**New Players Welcome:** Spring is here and we are preparing for the new cricket season. Great Budworth has a vibrant cricket team made up of players from all the surrounding villages which plays matches at the beautiful Arley Cricket Ground. The cricket team has again arranged in excess of 20 matches for the coming season. We are actively seeking players who may wish to join the cricket club: your age and ability do not matter. You will get a warm welcome and the opportunity to practice and to play some games. If you are interested in playing please contact Peter McAndrew on 01606 891213 or email [psmcandrew@btinternet.com](mailto:psmcandrew@btinternet.com)

**Members:** The cricket club has fantastic support from the local communities but we always welcome new members. If you are interested in grass roots cricket please support our cricket club and ask about becoming a member and, better still, come up to join us at Arley Cricket Ground on a match day – you will get a warm welcome and a superb cricket tea. For existing members, club subscriptions are now due and can be paid to any member of the management committee or by contacting Mark Hankey,

Membership Secretary, on 07515 411359.

**Start of Season BBQ** – This popular event will take place on Saturday 16 May 2015 in the beautiful setting of Dene House between 5.00pm – 8.00pm. A Bar will be available. The event has been retimed so it is more accessible to families – so please come along. Tickets are £10 per person or £20 for a family and are available by contacting Maggie Blower on 01606 891213 or email [maggielblower@btinternet.com](mailto:maggielblower@btinternet.com)

*Peter McAndrew, Chairman*

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### *Parish Hall News!!*

*The Parish Hall has just been equipped with a brand new cooker and it looks splendid! Many thanks to the New Year's Eve Party organisers - Hazel Forwood, Anna Lee and Jenny Bowman - who contributed £160 towards the cost of the new cooker from the proceeds of the party.*

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## **SUPERFAST BROADBAND**

Good news: superfast broadband has finally arrived in Great Budworth! Well, to be more specific, it's arrived at the Comberbach exchange box, so it means that internet providers can now deliver it into your home.

From time to time over the last year or so, we've given updates in the Bulletin on the progress of Cheshire Connection, the county-wide initiative to implement the government's objective of delivering superfast broadband throughout the country. The project is funded by the EU, BT, the UK government and the four local authorities comprising the county of Cheshire. In April 2013 the project awarded a contract to BT to deliver fibre broadband service to 96% of Cheshire residential and commercial premises by the end of 2015.

Before going any further, let's just be clear about what superfast broadband is (in the context of the government initiative, anyway). Unlike the majority of UK broadband connections, which use telephone lines, superfast broadband is delivered by a cable, or fibre-optic, broadband network. These cables are made up of glass and plastic, which allows data to move along much faster than the copper telephone lines used by standard broadband.

To have it delivered into your home you'll need to contact your internet service provider. For a list of broadband suppliers, see the Connecting Cheshire website at [www.connectingcheshire.org.uk](http://www.connectingcheshire.org.uk).

Some other useful websites:

To check your current broadband speed (checks both download and upload speeds, which can be very different!):

**[www.broadbandspeedchecker.co.uk](http://www.broadbandspeedchecker.co.uk)**

To compare supplier rates and deals: **[www.uswitch.com](http://www.uswitch.com)**, then select 'Broadband, TV and Home Phone' from the menu bar at the top of the page, and 'Fibre Optic Broadband' from the drop-down list.

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## **Sponsored Sleep Out**

Thanks to the Guides from Comberbach, who joined with the Vicar and other members of the Church to sleep out in the Churchyard on 7<sup>th</sup> March. It was cold and windy, but the night sky was absolutely wonderful! Together with sponsorship, a generous donation from Comberbach Methodist Church, as well as from Antrobus residents, over £1,000 has been raised for Syrian refugees. This will be sent off as soon as all sponsorship monies have come in. Well done to everyone and thanks very much.

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Hazel Bradley told us about the Old Testament wives at the March meeting and we decided that although much has changed over many years some things are still very much the same. She was ably thanked by Kay Bashford and members enjoyed tea and cake.

The WI have made a banner and bunting to adorn the Marquee at the Cheshire Show and members were encouraged to enter the classes.

The darts team and the quiz team have taken part in the County Competitions.

Next month the speaker is Mark Bevan who will tell us about real life at Oulton Hall, both upstairs and downstairs, as in Downton Abbey. He previously came to tell us about the story behind Brunner Mond, so we know it will be a good evening. The competition is for an old kitchen utensil and the date is Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30pm.

We are collecting Jumble and Bric-a-Brac for the WI Jumble Sale (the date will be announced shortly!) so please let us have those unwanted items!

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### **Daffodil Walks**

The Daffodil Walks in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support take place at Foxwist Farm, Whitegate until Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Guided tours take place at 10.30am and 2pm. Alternatively, you can wander around the daffodils at will from 10am to 3pm daily. Refreshments are available and there will be daffodils to buy. Postcode CW8 2BJ

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## **GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

### **Proposals for Restricted Parking - Public Meeting - Great Budworth Parish Hall - Monday 20 April 2015 - 7.00pm**

At the last Parish Council Meeting proposals were agreed for restricted parking in High Street (*pictured, right*) and Church Street. The proposals have been put together after meetings with the Highways Department and Cheshire Police. They advised on the best way forward to making the village accessible to emergency vehicles at all times and to attempt to overcome some of the difficulties experienced by local residents to gain access and egress to their off road parking space would be to introduce restricted parking. The proposal for a restricted parking scheme is to place restriction signs in High Street and Church Street to inform 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. The scheme will be submitted for approval by the Department of Transport and as such will be enforceable. The plan for the implementation of the restricted parking proposals include a public consultation meeting to outline the plan with local residents, to attend to any arising issues and to gauge if there is a will for the plan to be implemented. The public meeting will outline the issues that the Parish Council is attempting to address and provide full details of the restricted parking plan. If you have a view on the local parking situation and road safety issues please try and attend.

**Upper Pumphouse** (*pictured, left*) - The Parish Council approved the funding of action that will be taken to repair the considerable damage caused by a removal vehicle and to undertake additional work to refurbish the roof and surrounding timbers. The work will be expensive, in the region of £4500, but needs to be done. The Parish Council are hoping that some monies can be recovered from either grant applications or local fundraising activity.

**Street Furniture on Westage Lane** - The Parish Council agreed to fund street furniture to be made for the roadside posts on Westage Lane which previously had the 30mph signs affixed. Finials will be attached to the top of the posts with a rectangular sign inscribed on the outside with the words 'Great Budworth' surrounding a picture of Great Budworth Church at the centre. The signs are made in a metal finish and are high quality. The Parish Council are grateful to Councillor Peter Davies and local resident Guy Potter for all their work in relation to the street furniture.

**Parish Council Elections** - The local elections will take place on 07 May 2015 for parish councillors for Great Budworth Parish Council. The council has eight councillors and all positions are up for election. All nomination forms for candidates must be submitted to CWAC by 4pm on the 9th April 2015. Anyone wanting further information about the election should contact Caroline Marshall, Clerk to Great Budworth Parish Council, Tel: 01606 783294 or Email: [greatbudworthparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:greatbudworthparishclerk@gmail.com)

Bill Anderson, Bob Wilkinson and Peter Davies have decided not to seek election after many years of service to the community of Great Budworth as parish councillors. All have made a significant and valuable contribution and we aim to recognise some of these and make a small token of appreciation at a presentation in the Parish Hall on Monday 13 April 2015. All members of the community of Great Budworth who would like to show their appreciation are welcome to attend and enjoy a glass of wine with them.

**Annual Parish Council Meeting** - The meeting takes place on Monday 11 May 2015 in the Parish Hall commencing at 8.00pm. The meeting is open to all the electorate and provides the Parish Council with

the opportunity to inform on all the actions that have been taken on behalf of the Parish of Great Budworth over the preceding year. Members of the electorate will be invited to comment on the performance of the Parish Council and to propose issues for the attention of the new Parish Council. Please try and attend the meeting and show your support for the Parish Council.

*Peter McAndrew*  
*Chairman of Great Budworth Parish Council*

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## Readers' Forum

### Spring Clean

The daffodils and crocuses look lovely and make us think of Spring so it's spring cleaning time in the village and surrounding area. Many thanks to all who do their little patch and if you see an unsightly area then just get a little working party together and Keep Budworth Tidy.

*June Wilkinson*

### Thank you, Malcolm and Hazel!

Many thanks to Hazel and Malcolm Torrance for doing such a great painting job on the railings at the bottom of the hill. We know Hazel is a talented artist but I didn't realise her skills extended to include railings! Thanks again - they look lovely!

*Jan Hiatt*

### Those Ladies' Lunches

It is doubtless a splendid idea that local ladies organise what is reputedly a very enjoyable monthly lunch, but it is a great pity that they exclude from the jollifications all of the men of the village. In an age in which sex discrimination is rightly deprecated, would it not be appropriate to make this event a Villagers' Lunch?

*'None-too-Gruntled'*

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One of the objectives of Rural Touring Arts is to bring 'alternative diverse performances' to small rural venues at an affordable price.

Last month's offerings certainly provided two extremes from the spectrum on offer. Love them or hate them, the RTA March offerings certainly provoked much

discussion!

The first was a highly charismatic Canadian singer/songwriter who enchanted us with his musicality and stories; the second, a completely original theatre piece based on famous people's last words, with food and wine thrown in.

Both performances had capacity audiences - we are fortunate to have a corps of faithful followers who are willing to risk most of what we offer!

Many thanks to everyone who supported us.

*Jan Hiatt*

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## APRIL IN THE GARDEN

*By Tom Acton, former Head Gardener at Arley Hall*

Flowering trees are laden with blossom now and will continue into May. Suitable trees for small gardens that will flower later in the year are a welcome sight in late summer into autumn. *Eucryphia x nymansensis* (pictured), spectacular in flower, is an evergreen with white poppy-like flowers in late July/August. It is lime tolerant, but needs moist soil and not to be planted in an exposed site. *Hoheria Lyallii* is regarded as the hardiest of this family, but H. 'Glory of Amlwch', although rather tender, is my favourite and both can also be grown as shrubs.

Summer flowering bulbs and tubers, such as Anemone 'De Caen', summer hyacinth 'Galtonia Candicans', Dahlia tubers, Gladioli and the 'peacock orchid', *Acidanthera murielae*, which bears white fragrant flowers in late summer, can all be planted now. *Nerine Bowdenii*, which produces stems of large pink flowers from mid to late autumn, should be planted in full sun at the foot of a south facing wall or fence.

Any hanging baskets and pots with fuchsias, nemesia or other tender plants that still have some life in them, after over-wintering in greenhouse or shed, can be re-potted to make good plants for later.

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### **JIM WYLLIE**

Jim will be sadly missed by his family and many friends in the area. Following his death at home on 10<sup>th</sup> February, he was buried at a private family service at Tinwald Church, Dumfriesshire on 18<sup>th</sup> February. Great Budworth Parish Church was packed for his memorial service on 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

Christine and Jim moved into the Old School House on Budworth Heath in 1969, having married a year earlier in Sandbach. Jim had qualified as a Chemical Engineer at Edinburgh University and his early career had taken him across the globe. Marriage and the arrival of their daughters, Sarah and Margaret, saw them take root, with Jim working in the Manchester area.

Perhaps due to his Scottish upbringing Jim always enjoyed the outdoors, loved the mountains and twice climbed Kilimanjaro. It was on a local cycle ride with Christine in 2009 that he had a tragic accident which left him paralysed from the waist down. Jim was full of praise for the help he received from the hospital at Southport, and many will have seen him making his way in his wheelchair round Quebec Wood.

Despite the frustration, Jim never complained. He won everyone's admiration by the way he continued to approach life with determination, maintaining his interest in local and international affairs. Sadly, in June 2014 he was diagnosed with melanoma, which later affected his lungs and liver. Jim was nursed at home.

Donations in Jim's memory have been made to the Spinal Injury home where he used to stay for breaks – and a generous donation has been most gratefully received by the Budworth Bulletin.

Christine wishes to give a big thank you to all the Budworth community for their support and encouragement over the years, and the cards and letters of condolence she has received.

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### **WANT TO TRY YOUR HAND AT BEING AN ARCHAEOLOGIST?**

*Join the Great Budworth Community Archaeology weekend! Put the date in your diary:*

*Spring Bank Holiday weekend – Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> to Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> May*

The main focus of the weekend will be to dig several one-metre square pits in various parts of the village, ideally near houses where years ago things might have been dropped or buried.

Walking local footpaths and hedgerows often turns up items of interest also. We'll have experts on hand to identify anything found on the field walks, and anything previously found.

The activities will be organised by Great Budworth Local History Group & Bidston Community Archaeology Group, with expert analysis by Jonty Trigg, Senior Lecturer at the Archaeology Department of Liverpool University.

*Please let us know asap if you are interested in helping in any ways listed below either by email to [baileyalan4@gmail.com](mailto:baileyalan4@gmail.com) or phoning 01606 891149:*

I would agree to have a trial pit in my garden

I would like to help digging trial pits in the village

I could provide weekend accommodation for students or BCA members

Please send me a programme of events – I will probably take part in one or more activities.

I would like to help in running the weekend

I would like to give a donation to help fund the weekend.

The May Bulletin will carry further information about the Archaeology Weekend.

*Alan Bailey, Great Budworth History Group.*

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### **Weaver Valley WI Choir**

*A Centenary Concert takes place at Winsford Academy on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm, to celebrate 100years of fun and friendship with songs and monologues.*

*Tickets are £8 and available from Hazel Forwood or June Wilkinson.*

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**Gt. Budworth Church Restoration Committee**

Invite you to join them for

**BEER, BAND & BANGERS**

**Saturday 9th May**

**3pm - 6pm**

**in the Churchyard**

Tickets: £7.50 adults - £20 family ticket

Tel: 07732324001 - Margaret Cross

01606 891324 - The Rev'd. Alec Brown

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Sunday 29th March:** Parm Place, High Street, 1pm-5pm. NGA Open garden.

**Tuesday 31st March:** Great Budworth Primary School, 6pm. Fundraising evening.

**Wednesday 1st:** Parish Hall, 7.30pm. W.I. Speaker: Mark Bevan

**Thursday 2nd:** Parish Church, 7.30pm. Mass of the Last Supper and vigil until 10pm.

**Friday 3rd (Good Friday):** Parish Church, 2pm. Meditations on the Cross, followed by Evening Prayer at 3pm.

**Friday 3rd:** All Fours Farm (aka Curbishleys Roses), 10am-4pm. NGA Open garden

**Sunday 5th (Easter Day):** Parish Church, 8am. Holy Communion; 10.30am Festival Eucharist for Easter

**Sunday 5th:** Foxwist Farm, Whitegate, 10.30am-2pm. Last day of Daffodil Walks

**Monday 13th:** Parish Hall, 7.30 pm. Council Planning Meeting. Members of the public welcome.

**Tuesday 14th:** Parish Hall, 7.45pm. Garden Club. Speaker: Peter Evans

**Thursday 16th:** Red Lion, Pickmere, 12.30. Ladies' lunch

**Monday 20th:** Parish Hall, 7.00pm. Public meeting to discuss proposals for restricted parking in the village

**Monday 20th:** COPY DEADLINE FOR MAY ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN

**Friday 24th:** Winsford Academy, 7.30pm. Weaver Valley WI Choir: A Centenary Concert

**Monday 4th May :** All Fours Farm (aka Curbishleys Roses), 10am-4pm. NGA Open garden

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