

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### APRIL

**Saturday 2nd:** Parish Hall, 7.00 for 7.30pm. Rural Touring Arts— Bowjangles

**Monday 4th:** The Farthings, Farthing Lane, 12.30pm. Ladies' Lunch in aid of Church Restoration Fund (fully booked)

**Tuesday 5th:** 2.00pm. Garden Club visit to daffodil farm at Whitegate

**Wednesday 6th:** Parish Hall, 7.30pm. WI meeting ('Knitting with Silver')

**Thursday 7th:** Parish Hall, 7.00pm. Quiz Night organised by Heritage Society (fundraiser for Church Rest'n Fund)

**Tuesday 12th:** Parish Hall 7.45pm. Garden Club meeting (speaker: Martin Fish)

**Wednesday 20th:** Parish Church, 7.30pm. Concert: Chester St. Cecilia Singers

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

**Thursday 21st:** Red Lion, Pickmere, 12.30. Ladies' Lunch

### MAY

**Wednesday 11th:** School hall, 7.45pm. Fizz Fashion Show

**Friday 13th:** School field, 2.30pm. Maypole afternoon

**Saturday 14th:** Parish Hall, 2pm. Flower Demonstration & Celebration Tea

## THE BOOKA PRIZE SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Have you written yours yet? If not, follow Peanuts' example and get started—but don't use his opening sentence! Your story must begin with one of the following:

- ♦ Everyone in the office turned and stared.
- ♦ He didn't look anything like what she expected.
- ♦ The ringing phone filled her with dread.
- ♦ It was never going to be an ordinary day.
- ♦ The old woman turned and smiled.
- ♦ Lights appeared out of the darkness.



The story must be no more than 1,000 words long and the closing date for entries is Friday 29th April. Entries, preferably by email, to either of the following email addresses: malcbudworth@gmail.com or hazelforwood2@gmail.com. Rules of this competition appeared in last month's Bulletin and can be found on the Great Budworth website (greatbudworth.com).

*This short story competition is organised by Great Budworth Heritage Society*

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# BUDWORTH BULLETIN

April 2016

## Great Budworth Heritage Society



**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

**7.00pm**

**Parish Hall**

**Come and take some gentle mental exercise!**

**The aim is to have FUN and to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund.**

**The prizes are modest – but think of the glory of winning!**

**Cost: £5 per person, which includes half-time refreshments. There will be a bar.**

**Teams are limited to a maximum of FOUR people – but don't worry if you can't put one together yourself as we can easily form teams on the evening from among singletons and pairs.**

**To book, phone Anna Lee on 01606 892 352 or email annalee1@btinternet.com.**

## Sleep out for Syrian Children - 12th March

**W**e had watched the weather forecast all week, hoping it would be dry, with no wind - and that is exactly what we got!

You could even say it was warm (relatively). So at 10.45pm Anne O'May, with four of her senior Guides, along with Rob and Margaret Cross and Judith Evans, arrived at church with sleeping bags and cardboard (no tents allowed!) and set up camp in the churchyard on the South Side of the church.

We had a brew and laughed and chatted a while, and questioned each other as to whether we were brave or just downright silly to be doing this, but then we remembered why we were doing it and it all made sense.

We were just about to settle down, when this wonderful lady, none other than Nid Peters, arrived with a mountain of 'bacon butties'! Thank you Nid, they went down a treat.

Well this sounds all good so far - and it was, until we suddenly realised that the warm weather had awoken all the slugs in the churchyard and they had made a beeline for us. There was nothing we could do about it, so we gritted our teeth and decided we had to share the churchyard with them.

The night passed without event. A small amount of snoring was noted, but that was all.

At 5.00am, the pigeons started calling, followed by the blackbirds and then the rest of the dawn chorus. By the time we decided to emerge from our sleeping bags around 6.30am, the sun was rising behind South Bank cottages. The mist was amazing in the valley. All told, it was the best 'sleep-out' we have had in all the years we have been doing it.

You probably realise there is a name missing from the rough sleepers, namely the Reverend Alec Brown. Unfortunately - and much to Alec's regret - he was not well enough to sleep out, so Judith Evans, our Lay Reader and soon to be ordained Curate, stood in for him.

Thank you to everybody who called at the church on the night to see if we needed anything and to everybody who has sponsored us.

So far, the Sleep-out has raised over £1,000. There's still more to come in and it's not too late to contribute: the sponsorship sheets are still available in Church.

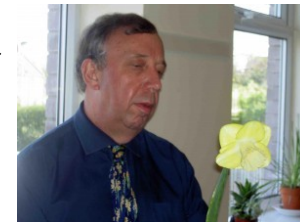
*Margaret Cross*



*Margaret Cross (left) and Judith Evans (right) prepare to bed down for a slug-ish night ...*

## GARDEN CLUB

**T**he March meeting, appropriately, had a talk about daffodils, with Ian Tyler (right), an international narcissi judge, showing us hundreds of species, naming the types and hybrids and telling us of his work all over the world. His talk was well received, and the content was so interesting. This was a build-up to our visit to the daffodil farm at Whitegate, on Tuesday 5 April at 2.00pm.



The subscriptions have now mostly been paid for the year, and soon the numbers will be counted. Then some people from the waiting list for membership will be invited to join.

The April meeting is on the 12th, when we have a well-known speaker from the gardening world, Martin Fish, who writes in garden publications and appears on television. On this visit he will talk about wild life in his garden, an interest that most of us share. The May meeting, on the 10th, will again be appropriate for the time of year: Anne Harrison, from Reaseheath College, will give a practical demonstration of hanging baskets.

Anyone can attend as a guest at £3.00, unless it's a members-only event. Applications for membership can be given to Gwen Carter, 01925 656704. Any other information, please contact me in the first instance.

Jean Davies 01606 892383

*This is YOUR Bulletin. Send us any news, opinion pieces ... details of births, marriages and deaths ... Space limitations mean that we can't guarantee inclusion—and we reserve the right to edit submissions. Send items, preferably by email, to any of the editors (contact details on the back pages).*



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## GREAT BUDWORTH CHURCH RESTORATION COMMITTEE

Activities are gathering pace and we would like to share with you the list of varied events for your enjoyment in the next few months. Please note the dates in your diary and further details will be provided later.



- 4th April:** Ladies' Lunch hosted by Anna Lee (this is now fully booked)
- 7th April:** Quiz Night kindly arranged by the Great Budworth Heritage Society in the Parish Hall, starting at 7.00pm.
- 5th July:** Race Night to be organized by Marie and Richard Kershaw at the Cock o' Budworth
- 29th August:** Summer Auction of Promises to be held at Lesley and Nick Hopkinson's home, with brass band, hog roast and many other attractions
- 24th Sept:** Sponsored walk up Snowdon, to be led by our Vicar
- 19th October:** Lunch at Arley Hall, courtesy of Viscount Ashbrook, with guest speaker Major General (retired) Peter G Williams, CMG OBE, who will give a talk entitled 'My Life as a Cold War Spy'
- 10th November:** Quiz Night, arranged by the Friends of Great Budworth Church, in the Parish Hall
- 12th November:** Safari Supper, organized by Maggie Blower at houses around the Parish
- 25th Jan 2017:** Burns Night, to be held at the George & Dragon

We appreciate having received a number of Promises from you for the Summer Auction in August and further offers should be sent please to Hilary Brudenell at [hilarykeithbrudenell@btinternet.com](mailto:hilarykeithbrudenell@btinternet.com). Also, if you would like to organize an event for us in 2017 please contact Jim Martin at [jimmartin100@googlemail.com](mailto:jimmartin100@googlemail.com)

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## The Friends of Great Budworth Church

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## CHESTER ST. CECILIA SINGERS

Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> April, 7:30pm in Church

Now in their 47th year, the Chester St. Cecilia singers are a mixed choir of 25 voices who perform a variety of sacred and secular music from across the centuries. They rehearse in the song school at Chester Cathedral and members come from as far afield as Anglesey and Lancashire.

Their Musical Director is Marcus Williams and the choir is accompanied by Marc Murray, who joined them last September from St. Botolph's Church, Boston.

To commemorate 400 years since the death of Shakespeare, the concert programme will include works inspired by the words of the Bard, by Ralph Vaughan Williams and John Rutter. The sacred music of the period will be represented by anthems from William Byrd and Thomas Tallis. Bringing a more contemporary touch to the evening will be an arrangement of Greensleeves by Bob Chilcott, a former King's Singer, and movements from the Benedicite by Andrew Carter.

Please join us for a celebration of English words and music on Wednesday 20th April at 7:30pm.

Tickets £8

Contact Geoff Ridgway 01565733494

## A556 Knutsford to Bowdon Improvement

The construction of this new 4.5mile modern dual-carriageway continues apace, which means there are more temporary road closures coming up during April - more than can be accommodated in this Bulletin. Most of these closures take place during weekdays between the hours of 9pm and 5am. Full details can be found at: <http://www.highways.gov.uk/roads/road-projects/a556-knutsford-to-bowdon-improvement/>

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## A further response to "Besieged by Birds"

It may seem obvious, but to attract birds to the garden it is necessary to feed them! Whilst I do not live in Great Budworth, we do live in a similar environment in that we abut farmland and cultivated gardens and have mature trees close by. On the weekend of the recent RSPB bird count we had 20+ blue tits, 20+ great tits, 2 nut hatch, 2 long tailed tits, 2 blackbirds, 2 robins, 10+ house sparrows, 8 goldfinch, 4 chaffinch, 1 great spotted woodpecker, 2 magpies, 1 wren. All within the hour. We also have crows, jackdaws and sparrow hawks. We also have owls and buzzards in the adjacent woods.



I feed 40 fat balls per week and each day a mixture of kibbled peanuts, suet, sunflower seeds and niger seeds. The birds will not gather immediately, so be patient. It can take a week or two for word to get around that there is food to be had. That said, the minute the niger seeds are replenished the chaffinches are queuing.

I have two nest boxes which for the past eight years have been home to blue tits and great tits that on average raise two clutches of baby birds per box each year. I stop leaving food on the table when the babies fledge as they are not cat savvy for a few weeks. I also have FIVE cats and my immediate neighbours have five between them.

It is important not to place the bird table near shrubs or pots or any ground cover for cats. Hedges are also important for birds and they should never be cut between March and July to avoid disturbing nests. And please do not use ANY slug pellets. Even the 'less harmful' ferric phosphate organic pellets render slugs and snails inedible to wild life. Sadly, cats do not eat slugs and snails, as stated in last month's Bulletin! Loving birds is not incompatible with loving cats, but compatibility requires common sense. As Voltaire said, "Common sense is not so common"!

*Lynda Giller*

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We celebrated our 84th birthday with a splendid evening at the Parish Hall, with an impromptu supper (everyone brought a contribution) and a fine feed was then followed by a musical tribute to Simon & Garfunkel from The Robinsons. They were excellent and I can recommend them if you require music for a special occasion.



At our March meeting, David Cummings gave us a fact-filled talk on Bridge Street, Chester (pictured below). He had so much knowledge to share and we learned lots.



It was a great pleasure to be represented at the village 'Meet & Greet' (see report on page 8) and Heather was delighted to meet many potential members. We look forward to meeting you again at the next meeting on Wednesday 6th April at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm, when Karen van Hoff is demonstrating 'Knitting with Silver' - i.e. making handmade jewellery. It's some-

thing new, so we are intrigued to see her work. We welcome guests, for whom there will be a small charge. The competition is for a piece of jewellery—the more unusual the better!

We have postponed the Jumble Sale for a later date, but will keep you posted as to when we re-arrange it.

*June Wilkinson*

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## HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Heritage Society hosted a Meet and Greet afternoon in the Parish Hall on Sunday 20th March. All local clubs and societies were invited to attend and all newcomers to the village received an invitation to attend.

The weather was fantastic and the turnout impressive, many of the clubs gaining new members and our new residents meeting their neighbours. Tea was served with delicious cakes (all excellent!) that had been baked by members of the Heritage Society.

Thanks to all who attended and helped to make this occasion a success.



*Louise and James Tottle, son Huxley, who moved into the Manor House, High St.*

## SCHOOL NEWS

We have lots of exciting fundraising events coming up that are being organised by FoTs (Friends of the School). We always love to have the support of members of the local community and we hope that you can have fun whilst raising money to enable our pupils to enjoy activities and equipment that they wouldn't otherwise be able to have.

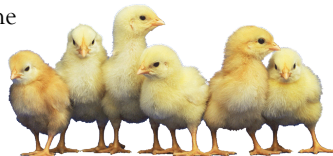
On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.45pm we will be holding a Fizz Fashion Show in the school hall. Those of you who came to this last time will know what a wonderfully fun evening it was, with plenty of fantastically priced ladies' clothes to purchase on the night. Tickets for this event cost £5, which includes a glass of wine, so come along with your friends for a great evening out.

Later that week, we will have our Maypole Afternoon on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm on the school field, with Pimms and afternoon tea available. And an advance date for your diary - Budfest will take place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June. More details will follow shortly. Thank you for your continued support for our village school.

## THE ICE CREAM FARM IS OPEN

The Ice Cream Farm is now open daily, 12 noon to 6pm. Light lunches are served until 2pm and then we do afternoon teas, with yummy cakes and ice cream treats.

We have a simple Easter egg hunt around the garden for the wee ones and hopefully some Easter chicks as well. We have about 30 eggs under broody hens and in an incubator, so we keep our fingers crossed, but we won't count our chickens before they are hatched!



## The Queen's Ninetieth Birthday Celebrations

The village event to celebrate the Queen's Birthday on June 12th is essentially a free community party, where you have the option to buy food and drink or bring your own picnic. There are, however, some upfront costs for entertainment, decorations, and so on.

Back in 2012, a considerable sum of money was raised at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. It was partly used for the restoration of the village telephone kiosk, but there is still just over £400 left in this 'Jubilee Account', which I propose is used, if necessary, to underwrite the costs of the Queen's Birthday Party. I'm hoping that we will break even – or even make a small profit – but of course there's no guarantee that we shall and, as these funds were raised from Queen's Diamond Jubilee ticket sales, I'd like a mandate from those who bought them to authorise spending the money in the way I've just proposed.

I need to set a deadline for this and so, unless I hear from anyone to the contrary by April 20th, I shall proceed on the basis that I have a mandate to close the Jubilee Account and access the funds. Many thanks.

Lesley Hopkinson

lesley@hoppyhome.co.uk

## TO HIGHGROVE ONCE MORE!



The Garden Club is going to Highgrove again this year, on Thursday 25th August – and there are some spaces available. A coach will leave Great Budworth early (exact time to be advised) as our timed tour is at 11.40am. After the tour we shall have lunch together at Highgrove before setting off for home in the late afternoon. As before, anybody is welcome to join us—it's not necessary to be a member of the Garden Club. More details from me, Sylvia Godber, on 01606 892517 or [smgodber@btopenworld.com](mailto:smgodber@btopenworld.com)

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## THE GREAT PHONE BOX CLEAN UP

Many thanks to those who offered to help with the spring clean of the telephone box library - and special thanks to Carol and Guy Potter (pictured here, with Guy 'buried' in the phone box!) and Angela Bailey, who made it happen. The surplus books were taken to a charity shop and we now have some new titles - including some great holiday reads!

*Lesley Hopkinson*



## Bala orphanage/school visit

Thank you to all who generously gave clothes, money, etc. for us to take to Bala orphanage/school in Kenya, when we went to help there in February. The experience was rewarding and very moving, especially meeting with our sponsor child. We would like to share our stories with you and have arranged, with kind permission of Chris Wise, to show pictures of the children of Homa Bay in Kenya and how life at the school is so different from our own. Everyone who is interested is welcome at Providence House, Church Street, on Monday 25th April at 8pm.



*So happy to be at school*

*Lesley and Bill Anderson*

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During the summer months we intend to run a scarecrow competition in the village to celebrate our Queen's 90th birthday - so get your thinking caps on! More information to follow next month.

*Lesley Anderson*



## APRIL IN THE GARDEN

*by Tom Acton, Former Head Gardener at Arley Hall*

Looking good this month are the flowering trees and shrubs. Crab apples are good for small gardens: *Malus floribunda*, with masses of apple blossom, guarantees flowers year on year; *Malus Royal Beauty* has a head of weeping branches; and *Malus Evereste* forms a conical shaped head. All are also suitable for small gardens.

Many of the flowering cherries are also looking good in flower. Again, for small gardens, look for compact varieties such as *Asako*, with its deep pink double flowers, or *Shosar*, which has single pink flowers on a narrow upright tree.

Other trees in flower include *Amelanchier lamarchii* with its clusters of white flowers, which combine with coppery young foliage and make a wonderful show when pruned back and grown as a shrub. This plant makes good autumn colours when grown in acid soil.

Still on trees, *Pyrus*, the weeping pear, produces white flowers. The best one is *Pyrus salicifolia* (right), a weeping tree with attractive narrow silvery-grey leaves. If pruned each year, it can be kept to a size suitable for a small garden.



Almost too many to mention are shrubs flowering this month and into May. *Forsythia* planted with *Ribes* 'Pulborough Scarlet'; *Berberis*, with flowers ranging from orange to yellow; *Viburnums* such as *V. Burkwoodii*; and *V. carlesii* with large pink-tinged white flowers that are heavily perfumed, all give a wonderful display.

## Flower Demonstration & Celebration Tea

Mark Entwistle, formerly of The Black Rose, Knutsford, will spend an afternoon demonstrating floral arrangements fit for a Queen.

This will be held in the Parish Hall on Saturday, 14th May, 2016 at 2pm. The demonstration will be followed by afternoon tea with delicious home-made cakes, scones and sandwiches.

The cost, inclusive of afternoon tea, will be £30.00 per ticket. Ticket numbers will be limited to 60.

Tickets are available from Maggie Earl, 01565 777262, mobile 07970 927161 and Marie Kershaw, 01606 891743, mobile 07870 675342.

There will be a raffle for Mark's floral arrangements.

All proceeds will be in aid of the Church Restoration Fund.

