

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please see page 4 for details of Church Services

MARCH

Tuesday 28th: Thompson Suite, Lion Salt Works, 6.30pm. Marbury Community Forum

Wednesday 29th: Gt. Budworth School, 6.00pm. Easter Bingo

APRIL

Saturday 1st: Parish Hall, 11.00am. WI Jumble Sale

Monday 3rd: Parish Hall, 7.00pm. Parish Council Planning Meeting

Wednesday 5th: Arley Hall, 11.30am. Lunch and talk 'I was a Cold War Spy'

Wednesday 5th: Parish Hall, 7.30pm. WI Meeting

Wednesday 5th—Friday 7th: TREE LOPPING in The Avenue

Tuesday 11th: Parish Hall, 7.45pm. Garden Club meeting

Thursday 20th: Cock at Budworth, 12.30pm. Ladies' lunch

Sunday 23rd: Arley Hall & Gardens, 10am—4pm. Spring Plant Fair

Sunday 30th: Arley Hall & Gardens, 11am & 2pm. Estate & Bluebell walks

MAY

Monday 1st: Arley Hall & Gardens, 11am & 2pm. Estate & Bluebell walks

Saturday 6th: Arley Hall & Gardens, 11am & 2pm. Estate & Bluebell walks

Sunday 7th: Arley Hall & Gardens, 11am & 2pm. Estate & Bluebell walks

Monday 8th: Parish Hall, 7.30pm. Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. All welcome.

Thursday 11th: Parish Hall, 7.30pm. RTA 'A Regular Little Houdini'

Friday 12th: School grounds. Maypole afternoon

Tuesday 16th: Parish Hall, 7.00pm. Quiz Night organised by Great Budworth Heritage Society

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BUDWORTH BULLETIN

April 2017

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GARDEN CLUB

We had another full hall in March to hear Malcolm and Thomas Dickson give an excellent presentation about their company in Stone Stafford, Hooksgreen Herbs. Malcolm showed some slides of their incredible success at the RHS Flower Shows all over the country, then Thomas (pictured) gave a hands-on demonstration of how to prune and propagate herbs and shrubs at this time of the year. The lasting memory of the night was when he took out a saw and literally sawed plants in half! We all learnt so much and enjoyed the expertise and relaxed atmosphere of the evening. Our speakers were ably complimented by Anna Lee who gave a great vote of thanks.



There was also the narcissi competition, devised by Jerry Bentley. Members had been given minnow bulbs last September and were invited to grow them on to perfection for this evening. A very difficult procedure, but 32 members each produced a pot of pretty bulbs. Congratulations to all the winners:

- 1st Elaine Lomas, winning a RHS Banksian medal
- 2nd Dawn Freeman
- 3rd Christine Ormond.

The second instalment for the holiday was paid, and a final few subscriptions were paid for the year. There are still a few unpaid subs, so we will have to assume that those people are not rejoining, but will come as guests in future. Everyone has such busy lives now, but this will give us a few vacancies to enrol people from the waiting list, which is good.

The next meeting is on 11th April, when Harry Delaney from Reaseheath College, will talk about 'getting ready for Spring' in his very professional way.

Two of our member couples were congratulated on their Golden Weddings: Sylvia and Chris Godber and Bill and Lesley Anderson, all of whom have been members since the formation of the club.

Please continue to bring your plants and seed swaps for our plant stall, from which we all benefit.

For any further information please contact me:

Jean Davies 01606 892383 / 0789993 7683

WANTED

Horse manure for my garden, please!

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The School House, School Lane, Gt. Budworth.



Parish Council News

The Parish Council met at the beginning of March and addressed a wide range of local issues.

It was agreed that advice be sought on concerns about the excessive fouling by birds roosting in the holm oaks by the Upper Pump House, rendering the use of the adjacent parking slots overnight practically impossible. Councillors agreed that Cransley School be asked to remove the advertising banner from the Pump House railings.

The identification of problem parking areas through the village will be an item for the May meeting agenda. The Council welcomed the news that Mr and Mrs Kordel were to provide two planters outside their house on High Street to eliminate the pinch point caused by cars parked outside both their house and the pub. Agreement was reached on the size and style of a 'No Parking' sign to be positioned on the top Pump House railings (without causing damage to the railings).

Anti-dog fouling signs are to be fixed to trees in The Avenue. The Council expressed the hope that they will not be vandalised. **REMINDER:** Tree surgeons will be working on trees in The Avenue (the section between the School and Farthing Lane) on 5, 6, 7 April. Councillors queried the planning status of the strip of the field adjacent to The Avenue, which is not now being cultivated for agricultural purposes.

Advance notice was given of a 'Bike Chester' event to be held in June when up to 400 cyclists will be coming through the village. The Council has requested assurances that there will be marshals on Westage Lane, by the bend at the Upper Pump House and further down High Street to ensure the safety of both cyclists and pedestrians; that any litter is removed and that the pub is notified.

Councillors regularly meet with representatives of the Highways Authority and the Cheshire Constabulary. At the last meeting a request was made that a width restriction, as well as the existing weight restriction, be introduced in respect of High Street and Church Street. All the Marbury Ward District councillors have given their support but there is, as yet, no action to report. We will continue to press for this to be enacted. A concave traffic mirror is to be sited at the end of Farthing Lane to improve safety at the junction of the Lane with Westage Lane.

Members expressed their gratitude to the Marbury Ward Councillors for a grant to complete the renovation and repair of the Parish Hall and to the Big Boys' Breakfast for a grant to repair the broken kissing gate on The Avenue.

Comments were made about the poor state of repair of the surface of Westage Lane; it was resolved that Cheshire East Council be approached to request that repairs be carried out.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 8 May, with the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.00pm and the main Parish Council meeting at 7.30 pm. Do join us.

Hilary Brudenell

Chairman, Great Budworth Parish Council

SIMON CUSSONS

Simon Cussons, who lived in the village with his family for many years, died recently. Here, his widow, Gill, reflects on his life.

Simon and I lived in The Old Hall, on High Street, for 28 happy years. It was where we raised our daughters, Lindsay and Georgia.

A keen sports fan, Simon played cricket at Arley and qualified as an umpire, eventually becoming an honorary member of the English Cricket Board – the association of cricket officials. As a tennis player, he founded the Cussons Shield, which was always held on the same day as the Grand National. He also found time to play golf.

Outside of sport, he was active in local politics, becoming a Weaver Vale County Councillor. He was also chairman of six Health Authorities and a governor of many schools. He also supported the church and helped with the Restoration Appeal.

Simon particularly enjoyed being part of the Christmas tradition of carol singing through the village, stopping here and there to sing carols and raise funds.

We had many parties at the Old Hall—possibly remembered by some of the residents of Great Budworth!

Gill Cussons



The format of the March meeting was slightly changed as members brought along their treasures and items of interest. This type of evening, as always, proved to bring out many rare and interesting pieces to amuse, show and tell. Well done members, it was great fun and enjoyed by all.

The walking group scaled Eddisbury Hill on a beautiful day in March and scanned the North

West from the top. What a fine vista! An excellent walk was followed by a lunch at the Fishpool Inn.

Twenty four members enjoyed a superb lunch at the Clink restaurant (pictured). It was on the day of Storm Doris, so the journey to Styal Prison was difficult — but we were so glad to support such a brilliant project and it was a good way to celebrate our 85th birthday.

At the next meeting, on Wednesday 5th April at the Parish Hall, we welcome Paul Binyon, a member's

husband, who is coming to tell us about 'Life as a Fireman' - so just a reminder to check your fire alarm sensors as that will be the first thing he will ask! The meeting starts at 7.30pm and it will be good to see both members and guests.

The bowling season is under way and the parking will be at a minimum so you have been warned!

June Wilkinson



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CHURCH NEWS

Sunday 2nd April

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am All Age Service with Jenny McKay
6.30pm Ecumenical 'Stations of The Cross'

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Sunday 9th April - Palm Sunday

10.15am Procession with branches from Village Hall to Church
10.30am Parish Communion with Liturgy of The Passion
6.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday 13th April - Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Holy Communion (followed by Vigil till 10.00pm - rota at back of church).

Friday 14th April - Good Friday

2.00pm Meditations at the foot of the Cross, followed by short Evening Prayer

Sunday 16th April - Easter Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Parish Communion
No evening service at Arley Chapel

Sunday 23rd April

10.30am Parish Communion

Sunday 30th April

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Parish Communion
Note: Sunday 7th May
10.30am Service of Confirmation with Bishop Keith, Bishop of Birkenhead.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Monday 24th April at 7.45pm, The Old School
Parishioners are welcome to attend this meeting.



LADIES' LUNCH

The next Ladies' Lunch will take place at 12.30pm on Thursday 20th April at the Cock at Budworth. Newcomers are always welcome! Further information from Hazel on (01606) 891908.



Are you interested in getting experience looking at archaeological remains? If so, read on ...



From the 29th-31st May 2017, Bidston Community Archaeology will be hosting hands-on archaeology sessions digging test pits at Great Budworth as part of a project to further our understanding of the area in and around Great Budworth from prehistoric times onwards. This is an ideal opportunity for anyone who wants to know more about archaeology and what archaeological remains can tell you about your area's history. It is a great way to gain hands-on experience and learn about the past from the remains left by those who lived through it.

All are welcome, although we ask that those under the age of sixteen have adult supervision; you will be ensured access to and guidance from a trained archaeologist with over twenty years' experience of excavations throughout the UK. You will get a general grounding in archaeology which will include:

- ♦ Training in how to dig a test pit
- ♦ Determining different archaeological layers
- ♦ Identifying different types of archaeological finds

The excavations will centre on South Bank Field, with the possibility of selected other sites in the area, and will run from 10.00-5pm each day.

There is no cost to participate in the excavations, but donations would be welcome - any money raised would go back into the project.

If you would like us to consider somewhere as a possible test pit location, or want any further information, please contact Jonty Trigg, archaeologist, at email: jrtrigg@liv.ac.uk or Alan Bailey, at email: baileyalan4@gmail.com and (01606) 891149.

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GREAT BUDWORTH HERITAGE SOCIETY

Arley Hall & Gardens' licence application

At a recent meeting of the Heritage Society Committee, one of our eagle-eyed members reported having seen an announcement in the Northwich Guardian to the effect that our neighbours at Arley have applied to Cheshire East Council for an extension to their Premises Licence.

They are seeking an increase in the number of people allowed to attend events from 5,999 to 14,999 and an extension of their opening to all year round (except Christmas Day, New Year's Day and the period in between), with an extension of their daily opening hours as well.



The Society has made enquiries of Arley to find out what is being proposed and we have been told that they are seeking flexibility for future events which might go over the existing numbers limit. They have two particular events planned for this summer — Geronimo, which takes place on 27, 28 and 29 May; and Dogfest, which takes place on 17 and 18 June. Attendance at each of these events is estimated at between 8,000 and 10,000 on each day. Arley have therefore applied for an upper limit of 15,000 — simply in anticipation that these annual events will grow over the coming years and may achieve a greater attendance than is expected this year.

Arley stress that both of these are daytime, family-focused events. They also stress that they are acutely conscious of the potential for traffic congestion caused by the events that are planned: they have been working on this problem with the event organisers and Cheshire Police. In addition, Geronimo and Dogfest have engaged a traffic management company, Amberon, to formulate a traffic management plan, which will be available fairly soon and which, by arrangement, can be inspected at the Arley Estate Office.

Malcolm Torrance

Chairman, Great Budworth Heritage Society

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Marbury Community Forum

Tuesday 28th March, 6.30pm

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Agenda: Police update; Northwich Regeneration; Highways Update; HS2 Update

Your local CWaC Ward Councillors Norman Wright, Lynn Gibbon and Don Hammond will be attending.

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YOU
at our
QUIZ
NIGHT



GREAT BUDWORTH HERITAGE SOCIETY

Come and exercise your leetle grey cells whilst raising funds to replace the cast iron railings at the bottom Pump House!

QUIZ NIGHT

Tuesday 16th May, 7.00pm at the Parish Hall

Cost: £5 per person

(Includes one drink & snacks during interval)

For tickets and further details contact: Hazel Forwood on 891908 or Anna Lee on 892352

Sunday 23rd April 10am—4pm Spring Plant Fair

Sunday 30th April / Monday 1st May 11am & 2pm Estate & Bluebell Walks

Saturday 6th May / Sunday 7th May 11am & 2pm Estate & Bluebell Walks



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APRIL IN THE GARDEN

by Tom Acton, Former Head Gardener at Arley Hall

Early flowering shrubs such as Berberis, Forsythia and Spirea can be pruned now, and the less hardy shrubs such as Ceanothus, Fuschia and Hydrangea can also be cut back.

Herbaceous perennials, which are inclined to be tender, are best left until now to be cut back. Among the perennials to benefit from this treatment are the Penstemons, Diascias, Fuschias and border Osteospernums – also any perennials not divided in March can still be divided.

April is a good month to plant evergreen trees and shrubs. The soil will still be moist and starting to warm up. Hardy annuals can also be sown now where they are to flower. Clarkia, annual Poppy and Californian Poppy sown now will flower later this summer.

They are not usually bothered by birds, demanding little except a fine surface raked level, and kept weed free. They will provide a cheap show of colour later this summer. April is one of the busiest months in the vegetable garden if there is to be a succession of vegetables throughout the year, with sowings of Broad Beans, Peas, Lettuce and Spring Onions sown fortnightly, and self-blanching celery planted at the end of the month.



NOT GUILTY!

Brenda and Alan Freemantle wish it to be known that they are **NOT** the guilty dog owner referred to in last month's Bulletin. On the contrary, not only do they clear up their own dogs' mess – they frequently clear up that of other people's dogs as well.

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SCHOOL NEWS

A Year 4 pupil writes:

"On Thursday the 16th it was science day. We split into 3 groups rotating round different classrooms and did lots of science experiments. KS2 and KS1 did different experiments. Our school theme was change. We did changing colours, about materials and we predicted which way the wind was blowing and checked it using bubbles. In the colours group we made a colour wheel and put dots on paper. We put the paper in water and watched the colours split into the colours it was made from. In materials we tested the strength of materials using a clamp and blew up a balloon using cherryade and tango (fizzing candy) by putting tango in the balloon, put the balloon on the bottle and tipped the tango in. It was amazing and I enjoyed it lots."



Dates for your diary: Wednesday 29th March at 6pm, we will be holding an Easter Bingo evening at the school. Admission is £1 per adult (children are free). Buy Bingo books for £2 each and there will be raffle tickets and an Easter Bonnet Parade.

On Friday 12th May, we will be holding our Maypole Afternoon and on Saturday 8th July, it will be Budfest - more details to follow in due course.

STOP PRESS!!

Great Budworth Church of England Primary School is officially 'GOOD', says OFSTED Inspector. Full report in May's Budworth Bulletin.



WI APRIL FOOL'S DAY JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 1st April, from 11am.

Parish Hall

There will be a rail of good quality designer clothes, unwanted gifts and nearly new goods, so clear out your drawers and do pop in to help if you are able.

We are trying this new time on a Saturday morning to see if it improves the demand for our goods. We will gather at the hall from 9.30am and the doors open (we hope!) at 11am.

Tea & Coffee will be available and we will require lots of help, so what better way to spend a Saturday morning !!