

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*For details of church events please see page 10*

### DECEMBER

**Thursday 1st:** Comberbach Methodist Chapel, 12.30pm. Lite Bite lunch.

**Friday 2nd:** Guide Post Farm, 10am. Christmas Wreath Workshop.

**Saturday 3rd:** Guide Post Farm, 10am. Christmas Wreath Workshop.

**Wednesday 7th:** Parish Hall, 7.30pm. WI meeting.

**Sunday 18th:** Parish Church, 4.00pm. Carol Service.

**Saturday 31st:** Parish Hall. Village New Year's Eve Party.

### JANUARY

**Tuesday 3rd:** Parish Hall, 7.00pm. Garden Club Christmas Party (members only)

**Wednesday 4th:** Parish Hall, 7.30pm. WI Meeting (speaker: David Duckett)

### FEBRUARY

**Sunday 5th:** Parish Hall, Big Boys' Breakfast (more details nearer the date)



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## **VILLAGE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

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- \* A two-course meal (all cooked by local ladies) \**

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organisers will arrange table placings (though feel free to  
state any preferences).*

*Contact Hazel (891908), Jenny (891431) or  
Anna (892352) to book .*

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# BUDWORTH BULLETIN

December 2016  
January 2017

**EQUALI LADIES' CHOIR and  
THE CO-OPERATIVE FUNERALCARE BRASS  
BAND**

## **CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT**

**Thursday 15th December 2016 at 7.30pm**

St Mary & All Saints Church  
Great Budworth

Tickets: £5 (children free of charge)  
includes mulled wine and festive nibbles!

For tickets, contact Martha Hine on 07854 011 805

Donations to St. Luke's Cheshire Hospice

*Season's greetings to all our readers!*

## GARDEN CLUB

The Great Budworth Garden Club monthly meeting in November had another packed house, despite the wintry weather, to hear Tom Atherton (pictured right) of the National Sweet Pea Society talk about his lifetime's experience and success at shows with sweet peas. He told us how best to grow them, starting them off in the winter, and his excellent slides illustrated a schedule for doing so. He was very knowledgeable, prompting members to buy his seeds and start planting. He was admirably thanked by Bernard Keogh for a wonderful presentation.



We have co-opted three ladies onto the committee, proposed and seconded by the committee. This will be ratified at the AGM in February. If any other members also wish to join the committee they will be very welcome, in which case please send your name, along with those of a proposer and seconder, to our secretary, Sylvia Godber, at least four weeks before the AGM.

The next event is our members' Christmas party on Tuesday, 3rd January at the Parish Hall. Tickets, at £3 for sundries, are available, and the format will, as usual, consist of members bringing food for a buffet table. Please contact Jane on 01606 891131, for the latest information and tickets. We also need help with serving food on that night please.

Our long serving member Pauline Pownall was wished a happy new life, as she leaves us to live nearer to her daughter. She was thanked for her tremendous input at the Garden Club over the years.

The AGM is on Tuesday 14 February, when subscriptions are due. After the AGM, Simon Tetlow, head gardener from Tatton Park, will talk to us about the History of Kitchen Gardens. This is the start of our exciting new year and the events card will be given out.

Lord Ashbrook has asked if any members of the Garden Club and friends would like to volunteer to tend the garden at the Knutsford Heritage Centre, where he is a trustee.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy Christmas, and a 'green fingered' New Year, and to thank you all for your wonderful support. If you have any enquiries please contact me on the number below (except in respect of the Christmas party).

Jean Davies  
01606 892383 / 0789 993 7683



### St. Mary and All Saints, Great Budworth Nativity Festival - Saturday 17th December

We invite groups or individuals, to provide a nativity scene for display at the Festival. It can be made out of any suitable material - e.g. wood, cloth, metal, wool - and be in any form - e.g. figures, painting, drawing. If you have a nativity scene, or wish to create one that you would like to be displayed at the Festival, please contact Anne O'May on 01606 891156

## Shirley Humphreys, BEM

Shirley Humphreys, a life-long resident of Great Budworth, was presented with the British Empire Medal by the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, David Briggs, on 15<sup>th</sup> November in Chester. Shirley's award was included in the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Honours List and is in recognition of her services to the community.

As a child, Shirley lived with her parents and family in Cob Cottage, Church Street, and attended Great Budworth School.

Shirley feels privileged to have been involved for so long in the lives and activities of the village. From her mother she inherited the role of being an area collector for the Poppy Appeal, and from Maypole dancing as a child, Shirley now teaches Maypole dancing to children at Great Budworth Primary School. Many people in Budworth will appreciate the way Shirley has given practical help and kind support to them over the years.



Shirley is pictured at her investiture with, from l. to r., Bert & Brenda Hunt, Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire (David Briggs), Shirley, Lord Mayor of Chester (Cllr Angela Claydon), Norman Baker, Jackie Wass



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## CHURCH NEWS

### Advent and Christmas Services and other events

#### Compline Services/Advent study and discussion Group

Thurs 1st & 8<sup>th</sup> December, Weds 14<sup>th</sup> December and Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> December, at 7.30pm in the Lady Chapel, followed by the study/discussion group (optional) in the Old School – “Living in the Light”.

#### Toy Service

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am – new toys (wrapped or unwrapped please) for distribution to children in hospital over Christmas.

#### School Services

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am, Cransley School

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1.30pm, Great Budworth Primary School

#### Nativity Festival

Sat 17th December. Displays sought. Further information: Anne O'May 01606 891156

#### Concerts

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm. Equali Choir, with the North West Co-Operative Funeral Care Band, in aid of St Luke's Hospice, Winsford. Tickets available on the door. Mulled wine and mince pies.

#### Carol Services

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm. Nine Lessons and Carols, Arley Chapel with refreshments afterwards

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> December 4.00pm. Nine Lessons and Carols, Great Budworth, with the Parish Voices

#### Parish Voices

Rehearsals on Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Nov and 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30 – 7.30pm in church. Would you like to sing? All welcome.

#### Christmas Services

##### Christmas Eve

4.00pm Christingle and Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass

##### Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion

With best wishes for a truly happy and peaceful Christmas.

*The Revd Alec Brown.*



## Gt. Budworth Primary School

Some of our pupils were lucky enough to be able to take part in an archaeological dig that took place on the school field during the half-term holiday. Members of Bidston Community Archaeology, who were carrying out the dig, were keen to explain what they were doing and to let the children have a go at digging (one of our pupils shows her find, right). The children were very excited to find various bits of floor tile, brick and pottery - all evidence of small fires that could have been used to cook on – as well as glass beads, a copper coin and pieces of clay pipe.

Our school Christmas Fair took place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November and we are very grateful, as always, for the support that local residents give to this and other events. If you would like to help with fundraising whilst doing your online Christmas shopping, please register with the easyfundraising website at: [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk).

Each time you shop online via this website the school receives a donation. It costs nothing for you to use once you have simply registered your details. Thank you.



## PARISH HALL CROCKERY AND CUTLERY

The crockery and cutlery in the Parish Hall get considerable use on all sorts of occasions and have over time greatly decreased in number (where do they all go?!). To replace them, the local NSPCC committee have offered us dinner plates, pudding bowls and 7-inch side plates, plus cutlery for 90 place settings – in return for a donation to the charity.

Given that the Parish Hall's current funds are earmarked as a donation to the Parish Council towards the cost of re-roofing, I am asking that regular hirers of the Hall assist with the 'purchase' of this crockery and cutlery. Any hirers who can help financially should contact me. The Parish Hall committee would be most grateful – as would the NSPCC committee.



June Wilkinson (01606 891 534)

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## THE ARCHAEOLOGY of GREAT BUDWORTH

It has been an excellent autumn for budding archaeologists in the area.

First of all, at the end of September The North West region of Metal Detecting Clubs had a rally at Stockley Farm. More than 340 detectorists from all over North West England turned up on the day - there was enough land for all of them and the weather was excellent. They made some interesting finds, including medieval silver coins and a gold posy ring, which is also medieval and has been recorded as a Treasure Trove item. The ring will eventually be valued by the British Museum and the funds raised from selling it will be shared by the finder and the Arley Estate.



Secondly, the Bidston Community Archaeology Group asked if we could arrange a weekend in October digging test pits in the village. The Bidston Group came last year, when they found, in Don Hammond's garden, a lead seal which bears an interesting inscription and is identified as 17th Century.

This time, the original plan was to dig pits on the School field, on John Williamson's land down Southbank and in some gardens. However, the group only managed to dig three pits on the School field. The top soil was deeper than expected. However, some mildly interesting items were found, including a coin and some clay pipes. One clay pipe bowl was very small, indicating it was very old as it would have been made and used at a time when tobacco was expensive. Towards the end of the final day a timber beam was found buried in the hole nearest to the school. This was much bigger than the test pit, so was left in place. It was low down near the subsoil and was possibly left over from building the church.

Probably the most pleasing aspect of the weekend was the number of school-children who came out over the weekend to see the expert archaeologists at work. Some of them even got hold of a trowel and helped with digging!

The Bidston Community Archaeology Group have asked if they can come again next year at the May Bank holiday for three days. We will let you know the details in the spring next year. Let us know if you - or anyone you know - is interested in archaeology.

Alan Bailey (01606 891 149)

## GREAT BUDWORTH PLAYGROUP

A small friendly group in the Village Hall. Open straight after the school drop off. Lots of toys and craft to keep little ones happy. A chance for parents to chat over a cup of tea/coffee. Snacks and drinks provided. £2 a family.

Smithy Lane, Great Budworth  
Contact: Jackie. Tel 07471 810 788



## GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met at the beginning of November. We considered a preliminary budget plan for 2017/18. All Great Budworth organisations are invited to apply for a grant to help them achieve their objectives during the 2017/18 financial year. Funds are limited but each application will be considered on its own merits. Let a councillor know if your organisation needs an application form and we will send one to you.



We are also looking at how we may fund improvements to the village environs. Not only are we looking at a variety of funding sources, we would also welcome your views on project priorities; do get in touch.

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Hilary Brudenell, Chairman

## Big Boys' Bistro 2016

Dave Hiatt and Don Hammond thank all the Big Boys who took part in the Bistro event in October, as well as all the villagers and guests who attended. The final sum raised was a tremendous £2113.94, enhanced by anonymous donations covering food ingredients, raffle prizes and money towards the roof project. Cash/cheque donations exceeded £600, with one significant meaty donation.

**STOP PRESS** - For local residents who cannot wait, and expect the now traditional post-Christmas Big Boys Breakfast, we hope to return on Sunday 5 February. Once again, we shall be raising money for village causes.

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## DECEMBER & JANUARY IN THE GARDEN

by Tom Acton, Former Head Gardener at Arley Hall

Helleborus niger and its hybrids are known as the Christmas Rose (right), whose large flat flowers can adorn shady corners of the garden in winter. Over the years the Christmas Rose has been crossed with other species of Hellebore, such as H. corsicus and H. lividus. Some selections made from these crosses are excellent, early flowering, and elegant additions to the winter garden scene. Hellebore foliage is usually grey/green at about 1 ft. high. It is best planted in good leafy,



moisture-retentive soil, and propagated by division of large clumps.



Cyclamen coum (left) is a hardy cyclamen only 4 ins. high, but capable of providing flowers from mid-winter to early spring in a variety of colours. These are based on carmine, including white forms, with small round leaves that may be plain green, marked with silver, or sometimes completely silver. On sale in garden centres as pot grown flowering plants, the corms will increase in size year on year, and produce small balloon-like seed pods, whose seeds germinate freely and will start to flower in two years.

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### LADIES' CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This will take place on Thursday 15th December at the Cock @ Budworth, from 12.30pm. Please note! You must make your menu choice and pay a £5 deposit no later than 10th December. Contact Hazel for details of the menu and to book your place.  
01606 891908.



We enjoyed a hot pot supper after the AGM in November, followed by fruit crumble and ice cream. Shirley Almquist presented Mib Byram with a plant as a 'thank you' gift for being our President for five years. Mib thanked the hardworking committee for a splendid year of speakers, visits and eating out and we look forward to 2017 with another varied programme. I have taken over as President and hope members will continue to support the WI and the committee.

We have a 'Japanese cooking hands on' evening to look forward to on Wednesday 7th December at 7.30pm. Angela Davies will demonstrate her skills. She would like us all to bring an apron, a chopping board and a sharp paring knife so we can have a go (I cannot think what we will be doing !!). Sue Ormson and Jenny Baldwin will provide the teas.



This will be our last meeting in 2016, but the WI will be back on track in 2017 when on 4th January David Duckett will tell us tales 'Out of School'. The competition is for a School Photo, so it will be a case of 'guess the face'!

In the new year we would love to see new faces, as well as our lovely regular members. We have a great and varied programme and we shall celebrate our birthday at the Styal Prison restaurant, called Klink, in February.

The treasurer will be collecting subscriptions at the January meeting: to make it easier, a cheque is preferred.

Happy Christmas to all our readers and Best Wishes for 2017.

June Wilkinson

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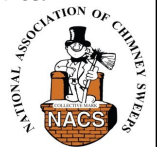
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## JOHN SCOTT



Bellringers came from all over the country and rang the bells in tribute at John Scott's funeral in Great Budworth Church on 9<sup>th</sup> November. The Church was well filled with family, friends and villagers.

John (left) came from a long-established local family and was born here in Hawthorn Cottage, High Street in 1926, the youngest of ten children. The family soon moved to roomier no.54 where he lived much of his working life. John caught polio in childhood, which left him with a lifetime limp, but it did not stop him training as a draughtsman and working in the north-east and then for the Atomic Energy Authority and for ICI. Those who lived here in the 1960s and 70s will remember John for his immense contribution to village life. For many years he was Captain of the Budworth bellringers.

As a traction engine enthusiast he organized three steam rallies to raise funds to rehang the Church bells. For years, too, he struggled up the Church tower to wind the clock.

From 1958 to 1976 John also served on the Parish Council, as his father had done before him. Despite his disability everyone knew him as the man who 'got things done' in our village. In his later years John lived in Wincham: he had a fine Cheshire accent, peppered with dialect that is seldom heard these days.



*Tony and Lynda Flynn wish all their friends and neighbours a Happy Christmas and Peaceful Healthy 2017. This year we are making a financial donation to the Foodbank instead of sending cards.*

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## Restoration News

Over the last few weeks you may have noticed two men in high visibility jackets (see right) dangling off the Tower; and no, it wasn't a sponsored abseil you had somehow missed! Colin Brooks and his colleague from Skyline have been undertaking high level re-pointing and repairs of the Tower stonework (open jointed sills, hood moulds, buttress offsets and window tracery) which were flagged up in the Architect's survey of the Church two years ago. Skyline specialize in high level work and have previously undertaken work at Great Budworth.

They certainly provide a talking point for visitors to the village!

Within the not too distant future another firm of stonemasons, Malletts, will be doing a lot more re-pointing and repair of the stonework on the lower sections of the Tower and on the south side of the Church. They will also be re-laying the paths from the Lych Gate and the North Gate to the main door, and will be providing a fixed handrail for the Tower staircase, and carrying out an assortment of other small jobs on the building. Things are certainly going to be busy over the next few months – so once again a great big 'thank you' to everyone who has supported the Restoration Appeal so generously.

The Rev'd. Alec Brown



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