

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### FEBRUARY

**Monday 1st:** Parish Hall, 7.00pm. Parish Council Planning Meeting

**Wednesday 3rd:** Parish Hall, 7.30pm. WI meeting.

**Sunday 7th:** Parish Hall, 9.45am—1.30pm. Big Boys' Breakfast

**Tuesday 9th:** Parish Hall, 7.45pm. Garden Club AGM

**Tuesday 16th:** Cock o'Budworth, 8.00pm. Great Budworth Cricket Club AGM

**Tuesday 16th:** Venue TBA, 7.30pm. Lent Study Group

**Thursday 18th:** Red Lion, Pickmere, 12.30pm. Ladies' lunch

**Thursday 18th:** Lady Chapel, Parish Church, 7.30pm. Compline Service

**Thursday 18th:** Arley Hall, 7.30pm. 'Shopping in the 18th Century' (talk)

**Thursday 18th:** **COPY DEADLINE FOR MARCH BULLETIN**

**Saturday 20th:** Parish Church, 10.00am—12 noon. Coffee morning (to draw up rota)

**Monday 22nd:** Parish Hall, 7.30pm. Extraordinary Parish Council meeting (to discuss Parking report)

**Tuesday 23rd:** Parish Hall, 7.00pm. WI 84th Birthday Party

**Tuesday 23rd:** Venue TBA, 7.30pm. Lent Study Group

**Thursday 25th:** Lady Chapel, Parish Church, 7.30pm. Compline Service

### MARCH

**Sunday 6th:** Parish Church, 10.30am. Mothering Sunday service (all ages)

**Monday 7th:** Willington Hall, Tarporley, 12.30pm. Pudding Lunch

**PARISH NEWS WANTED!** If you have any news — of births, marriages, civil ceremonies, new neighbours, sex changes or whatever! — please let us have the details and if we have the space we'll include them in the Bulletin. Articles and opinion pieces also welcome. Send them to any member of the Bulletin Committee (details below).



### Great Budworth Cricket Club

The Annual General Meeting of Great Budworth Cricket Club will take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February at the Cock O'Budworth at 8.00pm. Please try and make the meeting.

*Peter McAndrew*

*Chairman of Great Budworth Cricket Club*

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# BUDWORTH BULLETIN

February 2016



## THE BIG BOYS' BREAKFAST

**is back in business for its**

**10th ANNIVERSARY**

**on Sunday 7th February**

**in the Parish Hall**

**The gentlemen of the village will once again demonstrate their culinary skills in the production of a breakfast banquet.**

**Come along and see for yourself!**

**It begins at 9.45am and will end at 1.30pm  
(or earlier if the food runs out).**

**As always, this popular event will be raising funds for village causes.**

**It's fabulous value at £10 per person per breakfast (£6 for children).**

**Male volunteers in performance mode are required once again. For further details please contact Dave Hiatt (891019) or Don Hammond (891397).**



## FEBRUARY IN THE GARDEN

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

The garden starts to come alive this month, with spring bulbs coming through and flashes of colour from spring flowering shrubs. Bulbs bought now for planting next month can add a range of colours amongst herbaceous and shrub borders. Gladioli (*right*) corms are available in a range of colours and will flower for long periods throughout the summer, as will Lilies, which are also available in many colours and heights.

Polianthes Tuberosa is one of the most fragrant summer flowering bulbs around, with various colours and heights; they flower from July to September. In contrast, as it is not scented, is Galtonia candicans, a pure white summer



hyacinth with twenty to thirty hyacinth-like flowers on 2ft. stems, flowering from July to August-September.

Eremurus, commonly known as the Foxtail Lily, is a perennial that produces dense racemes of small star-shaped flowers on leafless stems in June or July. Some of the Cannas are worth a place in the garden for their foliage alone.

Nerine (*left*) bulbs flower in a range of colours in September, October and November. I have them flowering at the foot of a south-facing wall, but as they are not regarded as being fully hardy, they are best grown in pots and kept in a frost-proof place in the winter.



*The door-to-door Christmas carol singers made a record-breaking £355 for Church funds. Thank you to everyone, especially the musicians Dave, Janet, Will and Mark.*

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their feet by using the  
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£40 was donated to the  
Mid-Cheshire Foodbank.

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Beavers (Weds 6.15—7.15pm)  
Brownies (Weds)  
Brownies (Thurs)  
Cock o' Budworth  
Cubs (Tues 6.30—8.00pm)

CW&C Unitary Councillors

Friends of Great Budworth School  
Garden Club

George & Dragon

Great Budworth C.of E. Primary School  
Guides (Weds)

Heritage Society

Homewatch Co-ordinator

Ice Cream Farm

Local History Group

Methodist Chapel, Comberbach

Mobile Library—monthly  
Weds 5.10—5.40pm

Mothers & Toddlers (Weds 9.30am)

Parish Church (C.of E.) vicar

Parish Council (Chairman)

Parish Council (Clerk)

Parish Hall bookings

Parochial Church Council

Pre-school Group (Antrobus)

Pre-school Group (Comberbach)

Police (non-urgent)

Rainbow unit (pre-Brownies)

Sea Scouts

Tennis Club

Tennis, children's (Saturdays)

Tennis court bookings

Wine Tasting Group

Women's Institute (1st Weds of month)

Janet Warburton 854014

Lynda Flynn 891571

Zoe Jones 783634

Karen & Pete Gregory 891287

Andy Iveson 07765 642273 &

Johnny Papworth 07908 354853

Don Hammond 891397

Norman Wright 74788

Lynn Gibbon 784599

Mary Clewes 891024

Jean Davies 892383

Jackie Pickering 892650

Sandra Finney (Head Teacher) 891383

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*Please contact any of the Bulletin Committee (see back page) with any amendments or additions to the above list.*

## CHURCH NEWS

### Compline Services during Lent

These will take place on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in the Lady Chapel, starting on Thursday 18th February. All are welcome.

### Ecumenical Lent Study Group

A new course entitled 'Making Room' will begin on Tuesday 16th February at 7.30pm. The group will be led jointly by the Parish Church and Comberbach Methodist Church. Venue/s are still to be decided—please check Church notice boards and website.

### Mothering Sunday

All Age Service on Sunday 6th March at 10.30am. All very welcome.



## SADIE HARTLEY



It was with great sadness that neighbours learned recently about the brutal murder of Sadie Hartley. Sadie moved into High Street in 2009 with her teenaged son and daughter. She was co-director of Hartley Taylor, a company which provides communications, seminars and conferences for medical consultants around the world. Sadie was a busy lady – the day after she moved in to her house in Great Budworth she flew to Helsinki to run a conference there. Sadie was also a member of the Bulletin team for a while, but soon found she couldn't commit the time. Always a friendly member of the village community, Sadie moved away in late 2014. This is a cruel event and we are so sad for her son and daughter.

## PADDY PAWS HOMEBOARDING DOG DAY CARE & DOG WALKING

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Antiques Roadshow, the hugely popular BBC1 programme in which experts appraise and value items brought along by members of the public, is having a Valuation Day at Arley Hall on **Wednesday, 1st June.**

(No further details are available at present.)



## GARDEN CLUB

The new year started with a Garden Club party, with the parish hall filled with members and with the buffet tables absolutely laden with gourmet food. Thank you to all the committee and members who made this a special evening. The party entertainment was an identification quiz, in which photos of local buildings had to be named. Then props were provided to each table for them to create a flower arrangement resembling a crown to celebrate the

Queen's 90th birthday this year. In addition, a balloon sculpture was to be made, followed by a team game with tape measures and Maltesers, which brought the fun party to a close.

The next meeting is the AGM on 9 February, when members' attendance or apology is requested and subscriptions will be due for the year. This will be followed by a presentation by Peter Murray from Pulse of Perfumery, in Knutsford.

If you need any further information about this, please contact the secretary, Sylvia Godber on 01606 892517.

Everyone sends their condolences to the family of Sue Enfield, a staunch member of the club from its beginning, who sadly passed away at Christmas.

## BLACK CAT FOUND IN WESTAGE LANE

A young unneutered black male cat with an odd gait has appeared in Westage Lane. It seems to be lost and we are wondering if anyone owns it. We already have cats so can't take in another! If it does not get claimed, we may have to take it away to be neutered and re-homed. If you know who this cat belongs to please let us know.

Jenny and Dave,

19 Westage Lane. mckayjenny56@gmail.com.



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## GREAT BUDWORTH CHURCH RESTORATION COMMITTEE

The Committee is responsible for raising funds for the restoration and repair of the church fabric, including monuments, furnishings and the organ. An inspection is undertaken every five years by an architect with detailed knowledge of historic buildings and his report dated October 2014 forms the basis of our fundraising over the next three years.

As would be expected with a Grade 1 listed building which is more than 600 years old, the architect's report refers to work needed on the steady erosion of the soft red sandstone and pointing, as well as the need to replace gutters, gullies, roof tiles and flashings. Floors and pathways will also need to be re-levelled. In addition to the items of work in the report, there are other costs to incur, the most significant of which is the replacement and enhancement of our gas



central heating, which is old, inefficient and costly to maintain. Finally, a contingency sum is always needed to cover the cost of unexpected problems: sometimes major, as in the damage to the south porch roof in the 1980's, as well as minor items such as the loss of our flag pole in the recent high winds!

'How much is all of this going to cost?' I can almost hear you ask. Well, the total estimated cost is £90,000, which may seem a lot, but it's the lowest bill we have had to face in recent memory and, of course, we have

three years in which to raise the money. One of the reasons for this lower than expected figure is that we are benefiting from investments of more than £500,000 in the building over the last twenty years or so, because whenever repairs have been needed the Parish has, in one way or another, found the money to have the jobs done.

I am sure we all agree that we are fortunate to live in Great Budworth, which some argue is the finest village in Cheshire, with a great sense of community. The Church sits at the very heart of our village and feelings about it will be personal to each of us, from those who are committed and regular attenders, to others who simply recognize its architectural importance. Whatever our reasons, I am sure you will all agree that a properly maintained church is important to us all now and for generations to come.

Raising money should be fun and a way of bringing people in the Parish and surrounding areas together. Fundraising has already started with the Burns Night held on the 25<sup>th</sup> January, thanks to the generosity of the George and Dragon. There is a 'Murder Mystery' evening to be held at the Cock O'Budworth; Lord Ashbrook has kindly offered facilities at Arley for a musical evening, as well as a dinner which will include a top class speaker; there are also thoughts of holding a sponsored walk up Snowdon and a cycle ride;



## COME ALONG AND ENJOY A PUDDING LUNCH!

An alternative to the Ladies' lunch in March — and one which will also be open to gentlemen (please note, Mr None-too-Gruntled!) - is a PUDDING LUNCH at Willington Hall, Kelsall (*see below, right*). The lunch will take place on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. We'll start at 12 noon with a glass of Pimms, which will be followed by a main course and then a choice of about SIX puddings, followed by, would you believe, coffee and mints. WOW! As we are still bursting from the effect of Christmas, do remember you have several weeks to detox first. If you are interested please let me know.

**Hazel 891908**



## The Late Peter Kay

A heartfelt thank you to everyone for your support and kindness to us both during Peter's illness and for the overwhelming number of messages of sympathy after Peter's death in November.

I acknowledge with gratitude the kind donations in memory of Peter, both to Great Budworth Church and to Cancer Research UK.

**Kathleen Kay**

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## SHOPPING IN THE 18th CENTURY

On Thursday 18th February Charles Foster will be giving a talk to the Friends of Arley on 'Shopping in the 18th century' (Venue: Arley Hall at 7.30pm.) Arley is fortunate to have an archive of documents dating back to the mid-1700s. From this rich source Charles Foster has been able to compile a story that paints a fascinating and informative picture of the purchasing patterns of those living and working on the Arley Estate in earlier times. From suits commissioned to be tailored in Great Budworth to consignments sent from London by Mr Fortnum, a vivid tale can be told.

Tickets for the talk are £10 per person for members of the Friends of Arley and £12.50 for non-members. Any non-member purchasing a ticket for this talk will be given one year's free membership of the Friends so that they may sample further talks and events that the Friends will be organising in 2016.

This is an offer not to be missed and tickets can be purchased up to Friday 12th February from Dr Henri Giller at the address below:

Dr. Henri Giller, The Ashes Farmhouse  
4 The Ashes, Sack Lane  
Aston-by-Budworth, CW9 6LY  
Tel. 07500 830760 [henrijgiller@gmail.com](mailto:henrijgiller@gmail.com)



*A gentleman being measured for a coat in an eighteenth century tailor's shop*



### LADIES' LUNCH

The February Ladies' Lunch will take place at 12.30pm on Thursday 18th February, at the Red Lion in Pickmere. New ladies always welcome! Further information from Hazel (891908).

### MHAIRI FRASER

Robert, Jenny and Lachlan would like to thank everyone who joined us to remember our daughter and sister, Mhairi, at her funeral on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January and for the generous donations for her supported charities. We would also like to extend our deepest gratitude for all the expressions of sympathy, support and fond memories of Mhairi that so many of you shared with us. Born in June 2000, her whole life of 15½ years was spent here in Great Budworth, where she encountered nothing but warmth and affection and was openly welcomed - from her earliest years at Mums and Tots and at the many village events she attended. We have been touched by your lovely stories and memories of Mhairi and comforted by the positive impact she had on all who met her.



and Lesley Anderson (tel 891354 after 1<sup>st</sup> March) has kindly agreed to run a scarecrow competition again this year. All the details and dates will follow very soon. Lesley and Nick Hopkinson will open their garden for a summer auction of promises on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August – this is a 'not to be missed' event so let's all put it in our diaries.

This is an impressive start, but we will need many more ideas and help from you all if we are to reach our target. If you would like to organize something with your friends and neighbours just let us know when and what you have in mind, so wherever possible we can avoid any clashes of dates. Don't imagine that fundraising is just about raising large amounts of money - we would like as many people to be involved as possible, so a coffee morning, bring-and-buy sale, or perhaps a ladies' (or even a gents') lunch would work perfectly and be very much appreciated.

I hope you have a successful and enjoyable fundraising campaign for our Church.

A Happy New Year to you all.

**Jim Martin, Chairman**

Coach House, Great Budworth CW9 6HB  
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## BESIEGED BY BIRDS?

We seem to have ever increasing flocks of jackdaws and pigeons in the village – and as a result fewer small birds. Is anyone else concerned about this?

Do we have any naturalists in the area who would like to comment on this? Or, better still, have suggestions to make about how we might redress the balance?

Do get in touch!

*Jenny Bowman (891431)*



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## COME DINE WITH US !

**P**eter and Jean Davies have an idea to start a Dining Club for residents and friends in and around the village, the plan being to dine together on a monthly basis. Everyone is invited to join – and it would be good to see new people.

The plan would be for 12 couples (not necessarily male and female; a couple could comprise two ladies or two gentlemen) to dine, with two extra couples as reserves – and a waiting list if there was more demand! Three couples would dine together, making a party of six; so four dinner parties would take place each month.

Whoever provided the main course would host the dinner and would agree a date for the meal with their guests. The meal could take the form of lunch or dinner on a weekday or weekend, to suit the party. A rota would be drawn up so that every pair of hosts would take turns in providing different courses. Guest lists will, of course, also change as the months progress.

So, to summarise:

- ♦ Whoever brings Starters, will also bring bread and butter
- ♦ Whoever provides the main course will also serve coffee
- ♦ Whoever brings the Dessert course will also bring cheese
- ♦ Each pair will take a bottle of wine to complement their dish.
- ♦ All courses should be home-made

Please let us know of your interest as soon as possible so that we can then go ahead with the first dinners during the month of March 2016.

We hope you will want to take part, so that if there are enough participants we can organise a get-together before launching the Dining Club.

Best wishes Jean and Peter

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## Church Teas and Books 2016

Margaret and Maggie invite you to a coffee morning to set the rota for this season's Church Teas.

**Saturday 20th February – 10am to 12 noon, Parish Church**

This is a major fundraiser for the church and we very much appreciate all the help given in whatever way, be it baking or hosting the teas in the village hall. If you don't know much about Church Teas and would like to find out more, please join us at the coffee morning or phone:

Margaret Cross – 01606 48036 (07732 324 001)

Maggie Earl – 01565 777 262



**J**anuary brought a New Year and new programme. Jean Finney introduced us to Joyce Grenfell with songs and monologues and the competition for a limerick, which was well subscribed, was won by Shirley Almquist, whose winning effort is reproduced below.

At our meeting on 3rd February we will celebrate 84 years of affiliation to the Women's Institute and, of course, Birthday Cake will be consumed. Our speaker, Gillian Pierce, will talk to us about the Alexander Technique and how to take back control of our bodies, without needles, surgery or the wearing of lycra. It sounds intriguing. The competition is a "grab and go" - bring a scarf. Our actual birthday party is in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, at 7.00pm when all members will be bringing a plate of food to share. Friends are welcome at £5 each; there is no charge for members. The entertainment will be provided by a duo singing Simon and Garfunkel songs.



*A WI team from Chesh-ire  
Practised darts just once a year  
Managed quite a feat  
And beat the elite  
Enter next year? No fear!*



## A WARM WELCOME TO GREAT BUDWORTH

to **Kieran and Nid Peters**, who moved into Southbank House just before Christmas. We hope you and yours will enjoy being part of the Great Budworth community!

## NEW DOG LITTER BINS

Thanks to the Parish Council's efforts, we have two new dog litter bins in the village. One is at the bottom of Farthing Lane, at the junction with The Avenue; the second is at the eastern end of The Avenue, where it joins Westage Lane. This is good news, not just for dog-walkers, but for everyone: adults will be at less risk of treading in dog muck, children will be at less risk of picking up infections from coming into contact with it – and, we trust, certain dog owners will have no further need to deposit their dog litter bags in the bins of nearby residents.



## Talking of dogs ...

*The following item was spotted in the Stoke Sentinel:*

Night-vision goggles have been introduced by Stafford Borough Council to catch people who fail to clean up dog mess. Patrol times will vary between midnight and 2am. Councillor Frank Finlay said: "These goggles will let people know that, even under the cover of darkness, they cannot get away with showing blatant disregard for their fellow citizens."

## GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL: BUDGET 2016/17

The Parish Council has considered and agreed a budget for 2016/17. The budget-setting takes full account of the Council's commitments (employment costs, insurances, contingency fund, etc.) and reflects the anticipated expenditure required to implement a number of neighbourhood projects identified during the current year. These projects include: the start of a three-year programme to preserve the wonderful Lime Avenue, the resurfacing of the footpath between Farthing Lane and School Lane, identification and implementation of the first phase of a plan to improve car parking in the village area (see the Working Party's report on car parking, circulated with this issue of the Bulletin), maintenance and improvement of the pump houses and improved maintenance of the whole of the Lime Avenue.

Unfortunately, as we all know, prices continue to rise. Therefore the Parish Council has decided that these improvements, together with other commitments, mean that the local tax (Precept) for 2016/17 will rise by approximately 4p per month per household (assumes Band D Council Tax).



*Cllr. Hilary Brudenell, Chairman, Parish Council Finance Committee*

## Beekeeping in Budworth



2015 was not a good year for honey production in much of Britain, thanks to some unusual windy and wet weather. Worst affected was the north west of the country, where the national honey survey of the British Beekeepers Association showed less than 16lb per hive. I started the year with four hives, which began to send out swarms in the warmth of mid-summer. This action is quite normal and vital for the continuation of the species; however it can be a nuisance if we humans happen to get in their way! I managed to catch these bees as they did not

travel far before parking themselves in my neighbour's apple tree and, the following week, in a shrub in my garden. The existing queen bee leaves the hive with about half of the bees (normally the older more street-wise ones) and leaves behind mainly the younger/nurse bees which then hatch a new queen to continue the colony. I took two of the swarms (suitably contained) to my local association chairman to give to some new beekeepers to start up their hobby. Unfortunately the weather took a hand in preventing or delaying the new queens from taking their 'mating flight' and the remaining colonies became very weak. Eventually one suffered from an attack by wasps, which killed most of the bees and stole their honey! The other I combined with one of my stronger colonies and this needed some extra sugar to feed them over the winter, even though I had not harvested any honey this year. The weak colonies also suffered invasion by wax moth, which make a real mess inside the hives! Now I have just two fairly strong colonies which hopefully will survive the winter.

Tony Flynn, 55 High Street, Great Budworth.

## SCHOOL NEWS

At the start of the new year, we want to share with you our class topics for this term. Class 1 (Preschool and Reception) are looking at 'Harry and a Bucketful of Dinosaurs'. They will be learning about how dinosaurs lived and how to excavate dinosaur bones. They are particularly looking forward to a trip to the World Museum in Liverpool.



The topic for Class 2 (years 1 & 2) is 'Why do we see stars?' which they will look at from a scientific aspect as well as through literature, music, history, art and DT (design and technology).

Class 3's topic (years 3 & 4) is the Ancient Egyptians and will include looking at the role of the River Nile in allowing this civilisation to flourish.

Class 4 (years 5 & 6) will be learning all about Iceland as a 'Land of Ice' and a 'Land of Fire', using literature and classical music as inspirations. They will look at the history and geography of Iceland and compare it to that of Great Budworth!

We always welcome artefacts or anecdotes from members of our local community, so if you feel you have something that could bring any of these topics alive for our pupils, please do call in at the school office.



## CELEBRATING H.M. THE QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY

Plans are afoot to organise a village event to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. It'll be some time in June (when it should be warmer than in April!). Watch this space for more details!

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## GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Great Budworth Parish Council is now on Facebook and Twitter** – This should enable us to enhance communication arrangements and information relating to Budworth Parish Council. If you wish to like/follow us:



- ♦ On Twitter find us at Great Budworth PC
- ♦ On Facebook find us at Great Budworth Parish Council

There is already information on the village website ([www.greatbudworth.com](http://www.greatbudworth.com)) that includes the full report on Parking. We will keep the site up to date with current information and if you have any views on issues please feel free to post them.

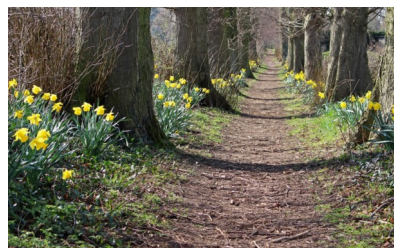
**Parish Council Budget for 2016/2017** – At its meeting on 12th January the Parish Council approved the budget for 2016/17 and agreed to increase the precept owing to reduced funding being provided by Cheshire West and Chester and to meet the costs associated with a number of projects to maintain the unique and special environment of our village (see Hilary Brudenell's report on page 10).

**Upper Pumphouse** – The repair work on the damage caused to the Upper Pumphouse is due to begin shortly. The Parish Council is still committed to undertaking more extensive work and is currently considering the procedures involved in gaining planning permission and the strategies for raising the finances to enable the renovation of this historic local landmark.

**Car Parking on the Parish Field** - The Parish Council reaffirmed the agreement to install an all-weather reinforcing surface for car parking on the Parish Field. The work is likely to be undertaken in the spring and will require a period of about eight weeks for the surface to settle and grass to grow before we can use it for car parking.

**The Parish Field** – We have submitted an application to have the parish field protected as a field in Trust as a World War One Remembrance Field. If the application is successful a memorial will be placed in the area to remember all those who died in the First World War and the field will be protected.

**The Avenue** – The Parish Council recently funded a tree survey on The Avenue which recommended a programme of planned work. We have invited tenders from appropriate



service providers to undertake the work. The work will be undertaken over a rolling three-year period. The work is expensive but needs to be done if we are to protect the unique quality of The Avenue. We have also agreed an annual maintenance contract to keep the walkway of the Avenue relatively free from the overgrowth of nettles etc.

**Street Furniture on Westage Lane** – Two new finials will be fitted to the road-side posts in Westage Lane during this month (February).

**Parish Council Meetings are Open to the Public** – The Parish Council welcome members of the public and the press to meetings. A standard agenda item – Public Forum – is placed high up on the agenda for members of the public to raise issues with the Council. Please make the most of this opportunity. The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 7.30pm.

*Peter McAndrew,*

## PARKING: THE WORKING PARTY REPORTS!

**I**nside your Bulletin this month is a copy of the main part of the Report of the Working Party, which was presented to the Parish Council at its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January.

The Parish Council wanted to give everyone the opportunity to read the report before its special meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, when the report will be discussed with a view to determining a way forward.

The important part of the report, showing the results of the Working Party's analysis of all the options, is in your copy enclosed with this Bulletin.

The sections omitted from your copy are: Appendix A, the survey questionnaire (those living in the centre of the village will have received a copy of this in last June's Bulletin); and Appendix B, the tabulated results of the survey, which run to many pages.

The results have been fundamental to the report and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who took part in the survey.

The full report is available on the parish website at: [www.greatbudworth.com](http://www.greatbudworth.com).

There will be ample opportunity for comment and questions at the meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February. We hope to see you at the Parish Hall that evening.

Best regards,

Cllr. Malcolm Torrance

Chairman, Parking Working Party

