

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY

Friday to Sunday 27th-29th: Antrobus Village Hall, 7.30pm & 2.30pm (Sunday only). 'Mother Goose'

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 1st: Parish Hall, 7.30pm. WI meeting. Speaker: Samantha Small

Sunday 5th: Parish Hall, 9.30 –12.30pm. Big Boys' Breakfast

Tuesday 14th: Parish Hall, 7.45pm. Garden Club AGM, followed by talk

Thursday 16th: Cock @Budworth, 12.30pm. Ladies' lunch

Saturday 18th: Parish Church, 10.30am-12 noon. Church Teas Coffee morning

Thursday 23rd: Clink Restaurant, HM Prison, Styal. WI 85th birthday lunch

MARCH

Monday 6th: Parish Hall, 7.30pm. Parish Council meeting. All welcome

APRIL

Wednesday 5th: Arley Hall, 11.30am. 'My Life as a Cold War Spy'. Talk by Major General Peter Williams.



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Don't worry - the Budworth Bulletin and Church newsletter will continue as before, but in between editions Twitter is a great way to stay up to date.

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BUDWORTH BULLETIN

February 2017

BIG BOYS' BREAKFAST

Sunday 5th February

Great Budworth Parish Hall

Ladies: please put the date in your diary; bring your appetite and the children to watch the Budworth Big Boys perform daring unsupervised culinary feats — without a safety net!
Gentlemen: volunteers are required once again for this gastronomic celebration to prepare and serve real food for discriminating diners.



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For more details please contact:

Dave Hiett (891019) or Don Hammond (891397)

Fundraising for village causes

GARDEN CLUB

The January Christmas party was, as usual, a gourmet event, with a buffet table groaning with delicious dishes, all made by the members. I want to thank everyone for all their work and generosity in preparing this feast. We were then entertained by Lillian Norbury, who had set us a quiz about London Underground stations, as well as a picture round of celebrities for us to identify.

Following that was a Name That Tune competition, in which June Wilkinson played the tunes we had to name. This was hilarious, with June performing the best of her repertoire. She was introduced as 'playing all the right notes, but not necessarily in the right order', to quote Morecambe and Wise - and she didn't let us down! There was then a free raffle of eight decorated pot plants, created by Sylvia Godber.

Thank you to the committee for arranging all of this, for putting in extra work to make this such a success, and to Andrew for being the MC. Christmas was well and truly over, but it's been a good one for most of us.

We now turn to the AGM on 14 February 2017, in the Parish Hall at 7.45pm. This is a very important date for your diary, when subscriptions are paid for the coming year and a new Events Card is issued to members. If you cannot attend, please send you apologies. This will be followed by a talk by Simon Tetlow, head gardener at Tatton Park.

Winter will soon be over and before we know it, daffodils will appear in our garden. The seasons in England are truly wonderful. Enjoy every moment!

Any information please contact me in the first instance

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NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER IN THE PARISH HALL

Thirty people gathered together at the Parish Hall on New Year's Eve for an evening of fun, food and friendship. We (the organisers and cooks) immodestly claim that everyone enjoyed the meal of delicious home-cooked food, preceded by a glass of bubbly along with canapés, whilst mingling with our friends and neighbours.

After the meal we enjoyed a not-too-serious quiz and played an amusing game in which each table had to assemble a gingerbread house. Judging the winner was difficult, especially considering a vital ingredient – the icing/glue – was missing!

Then, to celebrate the final minutes of 2016, we joined the other happy people in the village with a rousing rendition of Auld Lang Syne to the chiming of the church clock.

Hazel Forwood



Ruth and Paul Parker thank friends and neighbours for their Christmas cards and good wishes over the festive season. Ruth is making progress – though it is slow and hard work! Good wishes to all for 2017.

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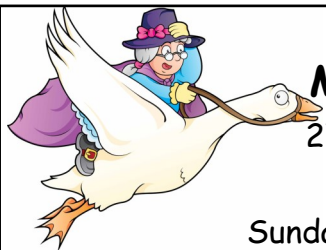
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Antrobus Village Hall Mother Goose

27th, 28th & 29th January
at 7.30pm

Sunday 29th matinee at 2.30pm

Proceeds support Local Leukaemia Research and Village Facilities.

Tickets: £5 for children, £9.00 for adults or £25 for a family of four.

For information about ticket availability, contact Janet Featonby on 0756 552 5029 or e-mail janetmfeatonby@gmail.com. Orders can also be placed through Antrobus Village Shop.



PARISH HALL

Many thanks to the WI and New Year's Eve organisers, who have contributed to the NSPCC crocks and cutlery for the Parish Hall. We still have a shortfall, so other donations would be appreciated. Please contact June Wilkinson on 01606 891534

LADIES' LUNCH

The next Ladies' Lunch will take place at 12.30pm on Thursday 16th February at the Cock at Budworth. New-comers are always welcome! Further information from Hazel on 01606 891908.



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SCHOOL NEWS

All our pupils had a fantastic time working hard in the run up to Christmas, with our Elf Days, our whole school production of 'Christmas Around the World' and our carol service in the church. Thank you to the many villagers who supported our Christmas fair, which was a huge success.

We are now ready for all the wonderful learning opportunities coming up this term. Class 1's topic is 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', through which they will explore where bears live, what they eat, the difference between types of bears and how they compare to mini-beasts. Class 2's topic of 'Famous People' covers many areas of the curriculum, looking at Christopher Columbus, Mozart, Lowry, Roald Dahl and Mother Teresa. Class 3 will be exploring the Romans, as well as having specialist PE sessions on Dance and Orienteering. Our oldest pupils in Class 4 are working with the theme 'Here, Near and Far-away', looking in particular at space, El Salvador and Eyam in Derbyshire.

The whole school are looking forward to their theme week on Oscar Wilde's 'The Selfish Giant', which will culminate in a performance of the play by the Image Theatre.



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At the January meeting the new programme for 2017 was given to members. It includes a range of meetings for us to learn from and be entertained and moved by.

Our speaker at the January meeting, David Duckett, was a man of many jobs: going into schools as a music teacher, with his ukulele and zither, and as a librarian and reader of poems. He had many tales to tell. He was thanked by Kay Bashford. Members enjoyed identifying the school

photos members had brought along.

The walking group went along the Bridgewater canal from Appleton to Grappenhall and back, enjoying lunch at the London Bridge Pub. Next month we walk around Lower Peover and view the Tree of Imagination.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 1st February, when Samantha Smith will tell us about Scales and Tails (Pet Rescue). The competition is for an animal ornament. The committee are doing the teas and we will enjoy a piece of Birthday Cake made by cake maker extraordinaire, Jane Smallwood.

The 85th Birthday celebrations will continue with a lunch at the Clink Restaurant, HMP Styal, on Thursday 23rd Feb at 12.30pm. This has to be a lunch with a difference, but it's an incredible idea that benefits all, both those preparing the food and those consuming it.

June Wilkinson

NEWSPAPER DELIVERY SERVICE

Stephen Howard, of Comberbach Post Office, needs a newspaper deliverer for High Street. This would be ideal for the early riser who likes a little gentle exercise each morning. There's no age limit, so it could suit the newly-retired or be a shared family job. If you are interested contact Stephen on 01606 891316 or pop into the shop.



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Wednesday, 5 April 2017

Arley Hall

Lecture by Major General Peter Williams CMG, OBE



MY LIFE AS A COLD WAR SPY

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- ◆ Mini auction and raffle
- ◆ Guided tours of the Hall, Garden and Grove with Lord and Lady Ashbrook and others

Major General Peter Williams's career focused on military intelligence and liaison, but ranged across the spectrum from operational command to military diplomacy, during and after the Cold War.

After studying History at Cambridge University, Peter spent over 30 years in the Coldstream Guards and enjoyed an unusually varied career.

During the Cold War he specialised in intelligence, serving first in Berlin. He then studied Russian and German before spending more than four years in the 1980s in Berlin and East Germany, in effect working as a military spy. In 1983 he was awarded an MBE for his success as an intelligence collector and analyst.

He spent much of the 1990s serving in the former Yugoslavia on peacekeeping operations, then as Deputy Chief UN Military Observer, followed by a stint in Sarajevo as a senior NATO officer, liaising with the Bosnian Serb and Federation general staffs and with the national Mine Action Centre.

His final posting was from 2002 to 2005 in Moscow, where he started up and led NATO's Military Liaison Mission to the Russian Federation, working on military cooperation projects, including defence reform and peacekeeping issues, with the Russian armed forces.

Tickets are £50 per person and are limited to 100. To book, please send an email to ashbrook@arleyhallgardens.com or write to: Arley Hall, Arley, Northwich, CW9 6NA.

Church Teas & Books 2017 – Coffee Morning

Margaret and Maggie invite you to join them for coffee in church on Saturday 18th February, 10.30am – 12 noon. We will be setting the rota for Church Teas and would greatly appreciate your continued support for this fundraiser.

For anybody who doesn't know about 'Church Teas', they play an important part in our fundraising calendar. They will run each Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday from Sunday 16th April through to the 8th October, in the Village Hall. Groups of 3 to 4 people get together and serve tea and cakes to visitors from 2.00pm to 5.00pm.

New volunteers are always welcome, so if you wish to give it a go, you can either get your own group together or join a group of our regular supporters. If you can help in any way with the teas, either through baking cakes, or helping to serve teas, please come along to the coffee morning and have a chat, or phone any evening. Thank you.

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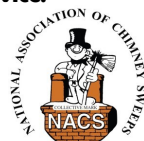
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Another MBE in the Village!

Lynne Potts was given this award in the New Year's Honours List for her services to policing. Lynne is the most senior woman in Greater Manchester Police, reporting directly to the Chief Constable, the first woman to be appointed to this top management level.

As the Lead Civilian in the Force, she is the only non-operational Officer on the Senior Board, and is responsible for the finances, IT, human resources and business support services for GMP. Lynne is also the longest serving member of the Command Team, having been with GMP for 14 years.

Lynne was born in the Wirral, graduating in Modern Languages and subsequently teaching at Liverpool University. Thereafter she qualified as a Chartered Accountant, and obtained her MBA from Durham University.

In 2003 Lynne and husband, Kevin, moved to High Street, Great Budworth, following a time as Director of Finance and HR for the acute NHS Trust in Warwick.

Most of us will know Lynne as a fitness fanatic, who plays lacrosse and golf and also cycles and runs. It was a tremendous shock to learn of her recent illness in late autumn last year – but the good news is that Lynne plans to be returning to all these activities and her work in the spring. While off sick she has launched a charitable project to raise funds for the Neurosurgery Unit at Salford Royal Hospital and the work of the Christie Hospital.

Well done, Lynne!



Men of Great Budworth – Use it or Lose it!

- ♦ Can you keep up with your children or grandchildren?
- ♦ When did you last walk for an hour – or half an hour?
- ♦ If invited to climb the church tower, would you? Could you?
- ♦ How often do you have a bad back?

We would like to find out how many men would join if a weekly session with a physical trainer were available. The sessions would be for men of all ages and abilities. The aim would be to improve existing levels of fitness, muscle tone and stamina.

If you would be interested, please contact Jenny or Anna (contact details at the bottom of page 12).



Remembering Peter Challinor

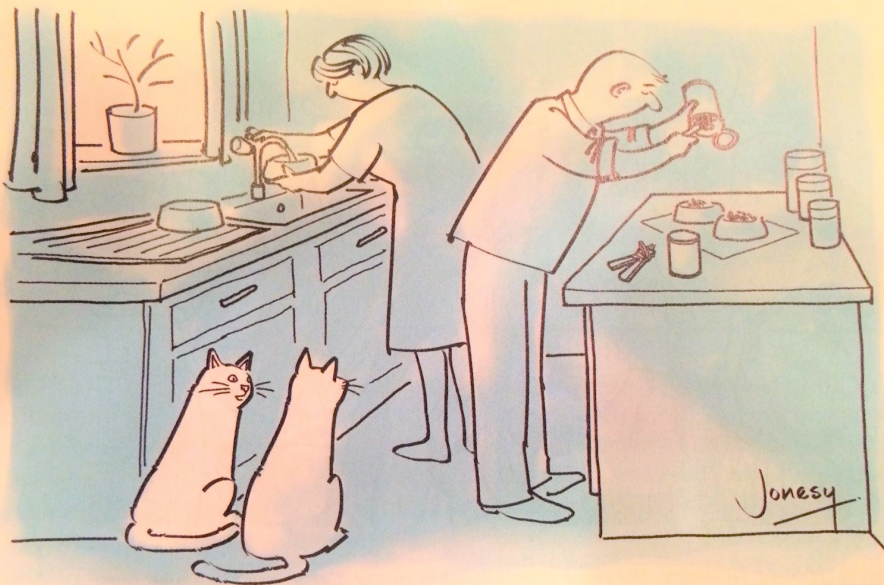
I was sad to learn of Peter Challinor's death, having read his obituary in the September 2016 issue of the Great Budworth Bulletin.

I had been prompted to seek news of him as my mother had mentioned that she hadn't received a Christmas card from him. His card had always been the first to arrive for more than fifty years.

My parents Ray and Joan Garrad (and myself as a child) lived at Montcalm on Budworth Heath. My parents had the property built. Peter, together with his brother-in-law, Alan, worked wonders in laying out the garden. This was no mean feat as the site had previously been woodland. There is no doubt that Peter could do the work of any machine, as stated in the obituary!

My mother has found the photograph (right) of Peter, Alan and my late father, Ray, engaged on the task (c1960 from left to right Alan, Ray, Peter).

Vicki Davis



'Do you think they'll ever rise up and try to overthrow us?'

Proposed HS2 Route

An Information Meeting about the latest route of the HS2 was held at Wincham Hall Hotel on 6th January between noon and 8.00pm. We decided to go half way through at 4pm. However, when we arrived the queue of cars stretched from the hotel to Main Road and up towards the traffic lights at Lostock. We estimated that there were 100 to 150 cars in the queue, so decided to go home and come back later, which we did, by which time we were able to squeeze into a space in the car park.

I was expecting to see a lot of familiar faces but in the event I knew nobody. The room was dominated by two long tables with a continuous large scale map showing the route stretching from the centre of Crewe to north of Warrington. There was a thick black line showing the actual proposed railway and about five bands in different colour, each a different colour and representing the different levels of compensation that people will receive. It was obvious that this was, in fact, the public meeting for those directly affected from Crewe to Warrington. Apart from me, the people attending lived with 250 metres of the actual rail. I was greeted by a very smart lady who asked where I lived and how much I was affected. When I told her that I wasn't directly affected the relief on her face was obvious. This explained why it was so badly advertised – nevertheless a great many people managed to attend. The choice of venue was wholly unsuitable, with minimal car parking. Also, the exhibition was for one day only and for just eight hours. No doubt the HS2 authorities will feel able to say that they had held a public consultation!

For those who do not know the proposed route, it crosses the A556 at the end of the Lostock Triangle by Ascol Drive; it crosses farm land near the Cheshire Showground, through Pickmere and then crosses the road from Great Budworth to the Windmill pub right at the entrance to Heyrose Golf Club, just missing the clubhouse. It then crosses the A50 at The Mere Hotel. Everyone there that I spoke to was convinced that the HS2 is going ahead.

You can see further details on their website: route2b@dialoguebydesign.net where you will find details of how to email the HS2 offices. You can tell them that you couldn't get into the meeting at the Wincham Hall Hotel.

Alan Bailey



The following letter was sent to our Parish Council Clerk by the Hon. Treasurer of the Mid-Cheshire Against HS2 group. We reproduce it here for the benefit of anyone who wishes to make a contribution. Mr Triffitt's email address is: cands.triffitt@btinternet.com

I write on behalf of 'Mid Cheshire Against HS2', an action group established in the Spring of 2013 with the aim of helping residents understand the effect of HS2 in the Mid-Cheshire Area and campaigning for changes to the project that will make the lives of residents, both private individuals and businesses, as tolerable as possible. We particularly wish to ensure that mitigation means are maximised and that residents affected by HS2 are successful in receiving fair and proportional compensation. We broadly cover the route of HS2 from Wimboldsley in the south through to Wincham to the north.

As experienced in the last six months, we anticipate that during the coming year we will have to find a significant sum of money to pay for the engagement of experts to provide impartial corroboration of our communications with HS2 Ltd. Having already laid out a considerable sum to commission detailed Geotechnical reports on the area, due to the refinements to the route announced in November 2016 we are particularly in need of independent expertise in the noise field.

Some of your parishioners are on our membership/ mailing list, so we are taking the liberty of asking if you are able to consider making a donation to Mid Cheshire Against HS2 to assist us with the continuation of the provision of the help we have so far provided to your parishioners.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely

Christopher Triffitt

Hon. Treasurer – Mid Cheshire Against HS2

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD ON PAGE 8

ACROSS: 2. Flour, 5. Batter, 6. Egg, 7. Bowl, 10. Mardi Gras, 11. Lent

DOWN: 1. Sugar, 3. Frying, 4. Tuesday, 8. Lemon, 9. Milk.



GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

HAPPY NEW YEAR !

The Parish Council met in mid January. A major piece of business was to set a draft Budget for 2017-18. I am delighted to inform you that the Parish Council Precept has been set at the same amount as 2016/17. No increase for you. This does mean that there will be very little cash to put towards local projects. As a small Parish Council with a significant proportion of the budget taken up with fixed costs, we have agreed that the new financial year should be taken up with seeking grant funding so that we can undertake a range of local improvements. It is worth noting that the Parish Council, in common with all other Parish Councils, has lost over £3k in funding over the recent past owing to central and consequent local government cuts.

At our next meeting we will be identifying some local projects and then asking you how these should be prioritised. A questionnaire will be circulated in the May issue of the Budworth Bulletin.

The work on the Parish Hall roof is now complete. There will be some further work, redecorating etc. carried out over the next few months

The Parish Council has engaged contractors to undertake a comprehensive improvement plan to maintain our glorious lime avenue for the future. The work started last autumn and will not be completed until 2018-19. Each tree will have its branches thinned out, thereby creating a lighter canopy which will make the trees far less liable to storm damage. If a tree is found to be diseased then it may have to be taken down and a replacement planted.



Our next meeting is on 6 March 2017, 7.30pm. the Parish Hal. Do come and join us.

Hilary Brudenell

Chairman, Great Budworth Parish Council

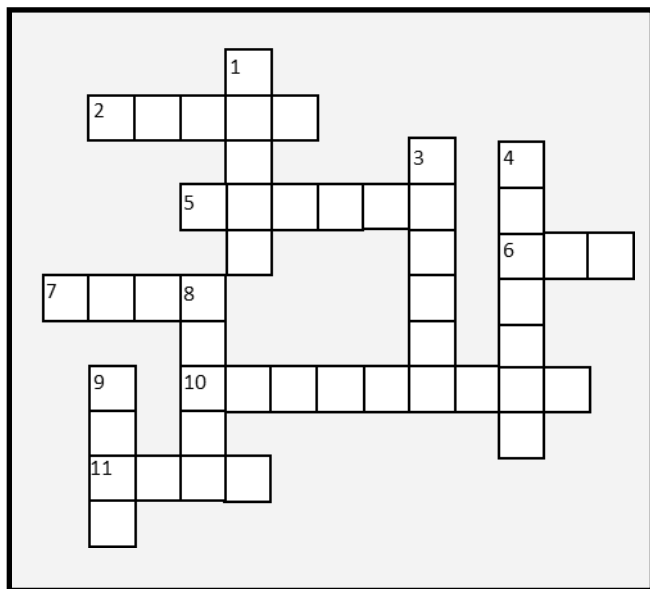


WELCOME TO GREAT BUDWORTH TO ...

To Ian and Joanne Mulholland who moved to High Street from Cheadle Hulme over the Christmas holiday.

Pancake Day Crossword for Children

(Adults: please seek the consent of a child before attempting this!)



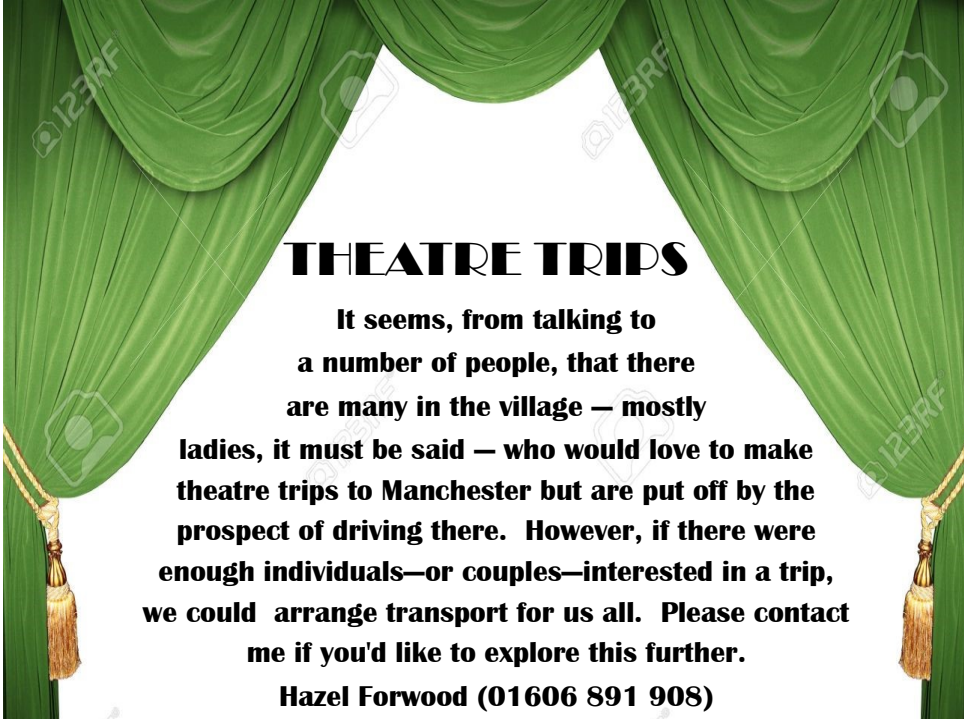
Across

2. Pancake ingredient ground in a mill.
5. Uncooked pancake mix is known as _____
6. Ingredient you need to crack.
7. You mix the ingredients in this.
10. In some parts of the world Shrove Tuesday is celebrated with a carnival called _____
11. Pancake Day marks the start of this fast.

Down

1. Sprinkle this on your pancakes to sweeten them.
3. You cook a pancake in this type of pan.
4. Pancake Day is sometimes called Shrove _____
8. Squeeze the juice of this fruit on to your pancakes.
9. Pancake ingredient that comes from cows.

SOLUTION ON PAGE 10



THEATRE TRIPS

It seems, from talking to a number of people, that there are many in the village — mostly ladies, it must be said — who would love to make theatre trips to Manchester but are put off by the prospect of driving there. However, if there were enough individuals—or couples—interested in a trip, we could arrange transport for us all. Please contact me if you'd like to explore this further.

Hazel Forwood (01606 891 908)

Do you know of a Hidden Gem in Great Budworth?

Great Budworth Heritage Society is planning an exhibition designed to highlight features of Great Budworth and its surrounds. The aim is to mount the exhibition during this summer — in other words, at a time of year when the village attracts many visitors. So, if you know of any architectural or landscape gems, we invite you to submit a photograph, drawing or painting (in any medium) so that we can include it in the exhibition. This isn't a competition: everyone who participates will have their exhibit included—and there are no age limits. Entrants should simply illustrate a feature or features to be found somewhere within the Parish boundaries. Details of the exhibition have yet to be finalised but will be published in the Bulletin during the coming months.