

BUDWORTH BULLETIN

July ~ August 2015

JULY & AUGUST IN YOUR GARDEN

by Tom Acton, Former Head Gardener at Arley Hall

Plants that will tolerate spells of drought often prove their worth this month. Plants with grey foliage are generally drought-tolerant; these include Artemisia, Cotton Lavender (Santolina), Perovskia (Russian Sage) and Anthemis 'E. C. Buxton'. Plants with woolly leaves, such as Lamb's Ears (Stachys lanata), all the rock roses and Cistus, that often continue their flowering into July, thrive in dry sunny conditions, as do most of the herbs and Lavender.

Diascias, are a long-flowering, versatile family of little plants that will flower now and throughout July and August. They are suitable for lots of places and have a spreading habit that makes them so suitable for baskets and containers. Frost will see most of them off, but one variety – *Diascia rigescens* – will survive most winters if near a south-facing wall or fence.

August is the month when butterflies appear on the nectar-rich flowers of *Buddleia davidii*. Summer and autumn-flowering perennials are also popular with butterflies. These include Michaelmas daises, Catmint, Sedums, as well as an herbaceous Clematis, *Clematis heracleifolia*, a handsome and unusual herbaceous plant, producing clusters of small, lilac-blue flowers over three-foot stems, with a wonderful hyacinth-like scent.

GARDEN CLUB

The June meeting was a members' night, when three gardens in the village were open to view.

One was our own, which is only 18 months old but very full of plants; then our neighbours', Hazel and Malcolm Torrance, whose garden has soft fruit and vegetables, plus well-established trees and shrubs. The third was Sylvia and Christopher Godber's, which is a big, well-manicured garden with many interesting features. Later that evening, after delicious strawberries and cream, prepared by Marilyn and helpers, we had an amusing talk by Sam Youd. In his retirement Sam writes poetry and he told us about his 'Cuttings from a Garden'. He was ably thanked by June Wilkinson. I do thank everyone for opening their gardens. It is a lot of work to have it just right for the day, but the feedback and compliments from members make it all worthwhile.

Names were taken for our trips out to the Rectory Garden at Holmes Chapel on 14th July, and the full day trip to Jacqueline Iddons' Stones & Roses gardens on 24th July. Both of these trips have very limited spaces now, so please contact me in the first instance for availability.

Members' gardens open for NGS are in the Yellow Book and all the local villages have Garden Trails, so it is a wonderful time for getting out and about and enjoying summer.

Our meeting on 11th August is for members only, celebrating 15 years of the club. We are giving a free BBQ from 7.00pm, with music and socialising. It will be an opportunity to remember all the good times we've had together during those years. Although this is free, we do need to know who is coming for catering purposes, so please contact Jane Fairclough or myself, to confirm your place.

All too soon September will be upon us, when we have our Produce Show and our meeting (on 8th September), so relax and enjoy the summer, with not too much work in the garden!

Jean Davies 01606 892383 / 0789 993 7683

HERITAGE SOCIETY

Heartstart's Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training and retraining will take place on Wednesday, 5th August in the Parish Hall from 7.00pm onwards. A maximum of 20 people can be accommodated, so book your place NOW by phoning 01606 892295.

Make CPR a part of our national curriculum! In England the percentage of people who survive an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest is just 8.5%, whereas in Norway it's 25%. That's because in Norway more people are trained in CPR. It's even taught in schools. Sign the British Heart Foundation's e-petition now at www.bhf.org.uk to make CPR a part of the national curriculum.

Malcolm Torrance, Chairman, Heritage Society

SCHOOL NEWS

Teaching has changed a lot since many of us were at school. Very often, our children are now taught using themes rather than having

separate lessons for each subject. This means that teachers can use a topic to cover various requirements of the National Curriculum. It is always wonderful to see the variety of information they learn. Topics in the different classes this summer have included "The Stone Age to the Bronze Age", "Can I tell you a Story", evolution and inheritance, "What are Canals for?", plants and living things, the Church as a place of worship, non-fiction writing, "Seaside Holidays and rock pool Animals", rhythm and pulse, instruments of the orchestra, "Le Francais", "Circuits and Conductors", "The Church Community – Belief in Action", as well as all the PE, maypoling, maths and much, much more.

Readers' Forum

A place where readers can express their opinions about local affairs.

Those Ladies' Lunches Again

At luncheon, the chaps are precluded:

The ladies just want them excluded.

But would they act as they should,

Between starter and pud,

If George Clooney ever intruded?

Mr Still-Not-Gruntled

The MAGNA CARta Treaty

In those days there was a plague of motor cars throughout the village, and the people said "who will free us from this pestilence before our doors?" Then did the People's Council devise a thoughtful plan to end these ills – but, being wise, they did first talk with the people and listened to their woes.

And the People's Council met with the movers and shakers, and did hammer out a Great Treaty, with provisions to cure many symptoms of the plague.

First, it would put down shiny studs to show where cars could not be parked without risking life or causing obstruction – with small, clear notices nearby.

Next, it beseeched all those with off-road space to show goodwill by parking on it. And, to address fears of invasive car squatting ...

- 1) The Governors of the School said any cars parked irresponsibly would be photographed for a rogue's gallery. Parents' cars were banned from School Lane, but a small short-time car park might be created at the end of the school field.
- 2) And the Baron of the Dragon agreed to park his wagon foursquare in his yard and did firmly request his clients to park with him and not take roadside space.
- 3) The Parochial Council would ask all those coming to Church, whether on happy or sad occasions, to use available off-road car parking.

And, so encouraged, the People's Councillors did plan a village car park. Some favoured making a fine new bowling green on the parish field, with accessible parking for 50 cars on the bowling green. Should armed insurrection ensue, the fall-back position was to upgrade the parking surface on the parish field, though this would be a poorer substitute.

Whichever emerged, those landless villagers, parking desperately where any sort of gap existed, were now offered - for a fair rental - a secure reserved place on the new car park.

Historians later wrote that the strength of the Treaty lay, first, in careful implementation.

Equally, as so many felt they had made sacrifices for, and benefited from, the scheme – the People did own their Treaty. Neighbours smiled more often at neighbours and coveted not their frontage. Villagers and visitors alike found they could better see the beauty of the place.

And the People lived more happily ever after.

Anon.



For the meeting in June we heard from Roy Willis who told us of his adventures in North Pakistan and showed us amazing slides of this inhospitable country as he travelled to the base camp of K2. He was a very brave man to take on such a journey and to come along to share his experience with us. He was warmly thanked by Kay Bashford.

We have a garden evening on Wednesday 1st July when we visit Sue Ormson's garden and enjoy the music of Cat Allen. We will begin the evening at 7pm and members can bring along chairs and hopefully enjoy a pleasant summer's evening but we do have contingency plans so if the weather doesn't co-operate, then it will be in the Parish Hall.

A reminder to the hand bell-ringers that the next practice is on Wednesday 15th July at 2.30pm in Church. The actual peel will be on Wednesday 16th September, for all to hear the peel celebrating 100 years since the first ladies met in Llanfairpwllgwyll village hall, on the Isle of Anglesey, on 16th September 1915 to form the first Women's Institute in Great Britain.

The members are visiting Raymond Smith's Stones & Roses Garden on Thursday 16th July by coach from the village at 12.45pm. Raymond has given us a talk on the history of the garden at White Coppice Farm, Chorley, and its transformation from Muck & Music to Stones & Roses, so it will be good to see the real thing. We'll enjoy afternoon tea there before returning home.

For the meeting in August we have an evening on the Bowling green with members from Bostock, so an opportunity to learn the finer points of the game of Bowls. All are welcome but you must get your name down by 7pm for a draw to take place. If you are late it makes it difficult for the game planners.

A warm welcome to Katie & David, Tom & Charlotte Hopkinson, who move into Caradoc, Smithy Lane
(Joan Bowdon's former home) on 3rd July.
We hope you'll all be very happy in your new home!

GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Upper Pumphouse – Sorry for the delay in the restoration work; this is being held up by the Conservation Officer at Cheshire West and Chester Council, who needs to check that some of the work is necessary, especially the new roof timbers. We are grateful to the Heritage Society who have generously contributed £500 towards the estimated costs of £6,000. Unfortunately, we have been unsuccessful with applications for grants that were submitted and would welcome any financial contributions from any local organisations to help with the renovation of this historic local landmark.

Planning Matters – At its June meeting, the Planning Committee supported the School's planning application for the development of an extension to an existing storage facility. This is intended to create a new classroom to provide much needed additional space. In commenting on the application to Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC), the Parish Council suggested that there should be more ongoing communication between the school and neighbouring properties regarding any issues and that there should be a stronger traffic management strategy in place within the application in order to tackle the ongoing issues that the school traffic brings to the village.

Street Furniture on Westage Lane – The finials to be fitted to the roadside posts in Westage Lane and High Street are in the final stages of manufacture and should be fitted by the end of July 2015.

Parish Council Meetings are Open to the Public – The Parish Council welcomes members of the public and the press to meetings. A standard agenda item – Public Forum - is placed high up on the agenda to enable 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 6th July, 2015 commencing at 7.00pm.

Peter McAndrew, Chairman of Great Budworth Parish Council

Parking Working Party

Sincere thanks to all of you who took the time and trouble to complete the questionnaire included in last month's issue of the Bulletin - and we're sorry if, for whatever reason, you were not able to meet the deadline for submissions. We received a total of 67 completed questionnaires and are currently studying the findings - which are proving very interesting - and happen to include many of the suggestions made in Anon's witty take on the Magna Carta in this month's Readers' Forum! There is more work to do before we submit recommendations to the Parish Council, but please be assured that we shall keep you informed!

Malcolm Torrance, Chairman, Parking Working Party

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

Following the local elections in May, Great Budworth Parish Council now comprises the following Councillors:

Hilary Brudenell, 33 School Lane (892404)

Robert Collier, 4 Westage Lane (891454)

Hazel Forwood, 8 Westage Lane (891908)

Lesley Hopkinson, The Old Hall, High Street (891391)

Marie Kershaw, The Dene House, Warrington Road (07870 675342)

Anna Lee, The Farthings, Farthing Lane (892352)

Peter McAndrew, 42 Church Street (891213)

Malcolm Torrance, Penlan House, 15 Westage Lane (892295)

Welcome !

to John Williamson, who has recently moved to 31 Westage Lane from Hield House Farm in Dark Lane. John's family have farmed there for quite a few generations, so it's a big change for him – but it was good to hear that he is finding people in the village very friendly.

Great Budworth Cricket Club

The cricket season is now well under way and we enjoyed success in matches in May/June against Mollington, Barnton, Lymm and Manchester Racquets. Unfortunately, we narrowly lost the first of our annual matches against Antrobus and look forward to August Bank Holiday Monday to take revenge. We also narrowly lost the annual match against King Richard's Crusaders, played in memory of Richard Williams, but we were pleased to contribute towards raising a sizeable donation to St Luke's Hospice, to which all funds raised from the match are donated.

05 July 2015	Sunday	Barnton	GBCC	14:00
15 July 2015	Wednesday	GBCC	Mollington	18:00
19 July 2015	Sunday	Lymm	GBCC	14:00
22 July 2015	Wednesday	GBCC	Lymm	18:00
29 July 2015	Wednesday	Reynolds	GBCC	18:00
01 Aug 2015	Saturday	GBCC	Tabley Gard	14:00
11 Aug 2015	Tuesday	Moss Hey	GBCC	18:00
16 Aug 2015	Sunday	Appleton	GBCC	14:00
22 Aug 2015	Saturday	GBCC	Mark Bailey	14:00
31 Aug 2015	Monday	GBCC	Antrobus	13:00

All supporters for these matches will be welcome and at weekend matches an excellent tea can be purchased.

Peter McAndrew - Chairman of Great Budworth Cricket Club

MISSION IMPROBABLE

Parish Hall, Friday 25th September 2015

With their unique mix of sophistication, swing and slapstick, this is one of the funniest and most original classical double acts you will see. Expect the unexpected! An evening where Il Divo meets Morecombe and Wise ...

The **Opera Dudes** will have you entertained, enraptured and incapacitated in equal measure. An amazing night of cabaret, top quality entertainment, music and fun.

Put it in your diary now! More details in the September Bulletin.

('I wasn't sure what to expect but they won me round and really made me laugh' - from a reluctant attendee)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 1st August: 9 The Mount, 7.00pm. WI evening

Monday 6th July: Parish Hall, 7.00pm. Parish Council meeting. All welcome

Tuesday 14th July: Garden Club trip to Rectory Garden, Holmes Chapel

Wednesday 15th July: Church 2.30pm. WI practice handbell ringing

Thursday 16th July: Red Lion pub, Pickmere, 12.30pm. Ladies' lunch

Thursday 16th July: 12.45pm from village. WI trip to Stones & Roses gardens

Friday 24th July: Garden Club trip to Stones & Roses gardens, Chorley

Wednesday 5th August: Parish Hall, 7.00pm. CPR training/re-training

Tuesday 11th August: Parish Hall, 7.00pm. Garden Club BBQ

Wednesday 12 August: Bowling Green, 7.00pm. WI Bowls evening with Bostock

Thursday 20th August: Red Lion pub, Pickmere, 12.30pm. Ladies' lunch

Thursday 20th August: COPY DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER BULLETIN
