

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH

Wednesday 2nd: Parish Hall, 7.30pm. W.I. (Speaker: David Cummings)

Sunday 6th: Parish Church, 10.30. Mothering Sunday Service (all ages), with refreshments afterwards — all very welcome

Tuesday 8th: Parish Hall, 7.45pm. Garden Club (Speaker: Ian Tyler)

Saturday 12th: Churchyard, 11.00pm – 7.00am. Sponsored Sleep Out in aid of Syrian refugees

Sunday 13th: Parish Church, 4.00pm. Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

Thursday 17th: Red Lion, Pickmere, 12.30pm. Ladies' lunch

Sunday 20th: Parish Hall, 3.00-5.00pm. Meet & Greet (newcomers' afternoon tea)

Sunday 20th: Parish Church, 10.15am. Palm Sunday Procession, with palms, from the Parish Hall, followed by the Liturgy of the Passion in Church at 10.30am

Sunday 20th: COPY DEADLINE FOR APRIL BULLETIN

Thursday 24th: Great Budworth Primary School, 1.30pm. Easter Service; 2.15pm Play and Praise Service

Thursday 24th: Parish Church, 7.30pm. Mass of the Last Supper and Vigil till 10.00pm

Friday 25th: Parish Church, 2.00pm. Good Friday. Meditations on the Cross, followed by Evening Prayer

Sunday 27th: Parish Church, 8.00am. Easter Day. Holy Communion; 10.30am Festival Eucharist for Easter

APRIL

Saturday 2nd: Parish Hall, 7.00 for 7.30pm. Rural Touring Arts— Bowjangles

Monday 4th: The Farthings, Farthing Lane, 12.30pm. Ladies' Lunch (in aid of Church Restoration Fund)

Thursday 7th: Parish Hall, 7.00pm. Quiz (fundraiser for Church Rest'n Fund)

LADIES' LUNCH

The March Ladies' Lunch will take place at 12.30pm on Thursday 17th March at the Red Lion in Pickmere. New ladies always welcome! Further information from Hazel (891908).

BULLETIN COMMITTEE

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BUDWORTH BULLETIN

March 2016



RURAL TOURING ARTS EXTRAVAGANZA

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GARDEN CLUB

The Annual General Meeting afforded an opportunity for the principals of the club to give thanks for the wonderful support they had received during the previous year and to offer the accounts, which were in good order, to all the members. There was one resignation from the committee: Margaret Bowen. She was thanked for her excellent work with the club's catering and given a little gift as a token of that work.

All items on the agenda were accepted and were proposed and seconded. Subscriptions were due for the coming year and the majority paid their dues on the night. The new programme of events was given out and everyone looked forward to a fantastic year ahead. Sue Roberts thanked the Chair, Jean Davies, for her ongoing work for the club.

The meeting that followed was taken by the deputy Chair, Andrew Bushell, and the speaker was Peter Murray (*right*), of Pulse of Perfumery, in Knutsford. We do have a non-gardening speaker occasionally and Peter Murray was so entertaining - he had an amazing personality and gave us samples and gifts from his shop. It was such a fun evening and the mood of the members was one of relaxation and smiles. Peter was thanked by Heather Bailey, who told him of her experiences as a child when she had a perfumery enterprise, though, as she admitted, she hadn't done quite as well as he had done!



The latest NGS leaflet for 2016 was available, and Dawn Freeman, one of our members, has one of the first gardens to open: this was on the 28th February. Our life member, Eddie Horrigan, generously gave everyone a primula plant, grown from his trials business. We really appreciate his ongoing support.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 8 March when Ian Tyler will talk about daffodils and narcissi. This will be followed in April by a visit to his farm. If you weren't able to attend the AGM and pay your subscription, please do so in March at the latest, so that we can invite members on the waiting list to join our club, should any vacancies occur. Thank you.

Any information please contact me in the first instance:
Jean Davies -- 01606 892383

BIG BOYS' BREAKFAST 2016

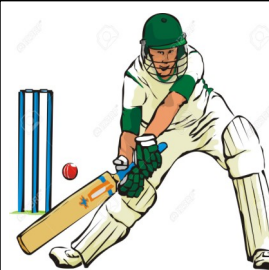


Dave and Don would like to thank all the "Big Boys" (and some industrious female elves) who worked so hard to serve around 85 breakfasts – the majority of which were real food oozing in healthy calories! Numbers were down somewhat against the traditional totals, which may be because regular customers were on holiday or had other commitments. However, those that came enjoyed a very social morning watching men at work.

Our grateful thanks go to Poplars Farm for the free, free-range eggs (eggstremely fresh), Holt's Brewery for a liquid contribution that re-energised both our Consumers and the Big Boys, and the George and Dragon who lent us some catering equipment.

Including donations, after all costs, we raised a tad over £700. The profits will be distributed to the Parish Hall Roof Repair Fund (the beady-eyed will have spotted water running down the rear wall and extensive repairs are scheduled for later in the year), with a smaller contribution to the Great Budworth Church Restoration Fund.

Dave and Don.



Great Budworth Cricket Club

The 2016 cricket season isn't far away and this is just a reminder that Great Budworth Cricket Club welcomes new members—whether players (of all ages!) or supporters (the more the merrier!).

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THANK YOU, BIG BOYS!

*On behalf of all those who enjoyed the
craic and the grub at the Big Boys'
Breakfast, we thank you to all the Big
Boys (which includes the Backroom
Gals, by the way) for a lovely
Sunday morning!*

GREAT BUDWORTH CHURCH RESTORATION COMMITTEE

We mentioned in last month's issue of the Bulletin that over the next three years we will need to raise £90,000 to cover essential restoration and repair of the Church fabric. We made an excellent start on the 25th January with a celebration of Burns Night at the George and Dragon attended by over 60 people from the Parish who enjoyed a traditional dinner, including haggis and accompanied by our visiting piper. Several prizes were auctioned with style by Hoppy and, along with a generous donation from the George, the event made an impressive profit of £4,350 – so only £85,650 left to raise! Just as important, however, was that everyone enjoyed themselves.



We have several events planned this year which will be announced over the next couple of months, but we can confirm that Lesley and Nick Hopkinson will hold a Summer Auction of Promises in their garden on Monday 29th August, featuring a brass band, hog roast and many other attractions, as well as the auction of promises. We have started collecting promises and so far offers ranging from free dog walking to the use of a cottage for a week have been received. We have a long way to go and if you can contribute something it will be much appreciated – it doesn't have to be expensive as it's the thought that matters.

If you and your friends would like to hold an event for Church Restoration, then just let us know what you have in mind. Would anyone like to organize a Ladies' lunch (see page 6 for a lunch on the 4th April) or a coffee morning? Don't forget to enter the scarecrow competition, mentioned in last month's Bulletin (organized by Lesley Anderson: 01606 891 354).

Just to remind you that it's Mothering Sunday on 6th March – why not come along and support the Church at this wonderful service in the Church's calendar, starting at 10.30am, before going out for the day? I hope that the service will be very well attended this year, and look forward to seeing as many people as possible there. The Vicar will be leading the Service and Dr. Jenny McKay from the village will be preaching.

Jim Martin (01606 891 436)

jimmartin100@googlemail.com

GREAT BUDWORTH HERITAGE SOCIETY

Quiz Night

Thursday 7th April at 7.00pm, Parish Hall

We challenge you to come and take some gentle mental exercise! The object of the exercise is to have FUN and to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund.

The prizes are modest – but think of the glory of winning!

Cost: £5 per person, which includes half-time refreshments. There will be a bar.

Teams are to a maximum of FOUR people – but don't worry if you can't put one together yourself as we can easily form teams on the evening from among singletons and pairs.

To book tickets, phone Anna Lee on 01606 892 352 or email annalee1@btinternet.com (please note the '1' after 'annalee' !)



Meet & Greet

Sunday 20th March 3.00-5.00pm

Parish Hall



Newcomers to the Parish are being invited by neighbours to join us for afternoon tea and to get to know one another and learn more about what the village has to offer. All are welcome to join us.

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The Telephone Box Library

This is due to have a spring clean and cull of books. The surplus books will be taken to the Oxfam bookshop in Knutsford.

Please could I ask that donations to the Library are only of books you feel that others would like to read ... It is not a dumping ground for bags of old books you don't want.

Visitors to the village are really complimentary about this feature - but at the moment it has become a bit of an eyesore.

Volunteers to help me clear it out on a nice sunny day would be welcome.

Please email me on lesley@hoppyhome.co.uk or text me on 07976 128 006.

Lesley Hopkinson



Mid Cheshire Foodbank

Some Budworth residents continue to donate food and/or money and this is very gratefully received. There will now be two lidded crates to receive food donations inside the Parish Church, together with a suggested list of appropriate items. I will deliver these crates to the depot on a regular basis. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Tony Flynn



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MARCH IN THE GARDEN

by Tom Acton, Former Head Gardener at Arley Hall



The late Geoff Hamilton, a friend of mine for many years, said the gardener's spring arrives in March and heralds the best few months of concentrated enjoyment you could imagine.

By the end of the month all kinds of vegetables can go in and it's time for sowing seeds of hardy annual flowers. There are many varieties that will provide cheap and cheerful colour throughout the summer, including Californian poppy, Godetia, Nigella and Night-scented stock.

Annual wild flowers will also make a good show and many will provide food for the bees – try any Corn Cockle, field Poppy, Larkspur or wild Pansy. Sow thickly in patches and rake lightly and then wild plants will do better without fertilizer.

All bare root plants of Roses and fruit need to be planted. Herbaceous plants benefit from division every three years or so and tall growing perennials benefit from early support. Clump flowers such as Phlox with a wire grid frame put over the stems, so that the plant grows through it and can be pulled up as the plant grows.

All the late-summer flowering shrubs can be pruned now if not done already. Buddleia, Caryopteris, Leycesteria (flowering nutmeg), Hydrangea paniculate and H. anabelle should be cut back hard, leaving only about 2-3 inches of last year's growth. Lavatera and the hardy varieties of Fuschia can be cut back to within a few inches off the ground.



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COME DINE WITH US !

We have had a good response from friends in and around Gt Budworth, about our idea to start a Dining Club. We will be sending out information to all interested parties in early March. Thank you for your contributions and we will get everybody together soon.

Jean and Peter Davies 01606 892383
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A response to "Besieged by Birds".

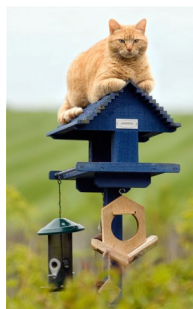
Last month's article, 'Besieged by Birds', implied that jackdaw numbers were directly limiting small bird populations in our gardens. However, knowledgeable sources, including the R.S.P.B and the British Trust for Ornithology, state that the food source of jackdaws is predominantly earthworms, other invertebrates, seeds and berries.

There are indeed many predators of small birds; for example, sparrow hawks are a natural predator, and rooks, although having the same main diet as jackdaws, will take the occasional small bird or egg.

Cats, on the other hand, are a human-induced predator. The British Trust for Ornithology estimates that cats predate 55 million birds per year. They also kill voles, mice, slugs and snails, which are a major source of food for other birds and native mammals.

We can reduce losses of small birds by placing our bird feeding tables close to trees to give cover and Garden birds gain some limited protection from cats by the use of sonic devices placed around the feeding table. Another way would be to reconsider the purchase of that cute kitten!

Malcolm Torrance



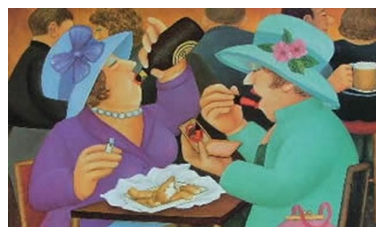
CHURCH FUNDRAISER — LADIES' LUNCH

The Farthings, Farthing Lane
12.30pm, Monday 4th April

Come along and enjoy a two-course hot buffet lunch – whilst raising funds towards the Church Restoration Fund. Numbers are limited to 20, so book early!

Tickets: £20 (all of which will go the Fund)

Contact: Anna Lee 01606 892 352; email: annalee1@btinternet.com



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INSPIRING WOMEN

Members enjoyed a visit to the Lowry to see 'The Girls', which was Gary Barlow and Tim Firth's musical based on the film, 'Calendar Girls'. It was a credit to the writers of this special story - beautifully presented and enjoyed by all.

The February meeting was a talk by Gill Pierce about the Alexander Technique of re-

lieving your aches and pains. It was different and gave us an insight when Gill did a demonstration on Heather. The competition for a scarf was won by Mib Byram.

We celebrated our 84th Birthday at the end of February with a supper and song evening with Simon & Garfunkel (not the real ones, but quite similar !!!)

Our March meeting is on Wednesday 2nd in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm when David Cummings is coming to tell us all about the 'Life of Bridge Street in Chester'. We visited the Cathedral last year, when we got to go up into the roof spaces. This is a follow-up from that visit. Visitors are most welcome to come along. Tea ladies are Liz Bentham and Judy Spencer. The competition is a local postcard.

The WI have asked everyone to clean up for the Queen's Birthday. I suspect it's in case Her Majesty drops by. I don't suppose it does any harm to have a spring clean and pick up the litter around your patch—but I really don't need to tell you this as I know everyone does their bit, so many thanks.

June Wilkinson



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The Queen's Ninetieth Birthday Celebrations

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There will be a Service of Thanksgiving in the morning, followed by entertainment, food and music in the churchyard and village centre.

The afternoon will end with a musical performance either in the church or (if the weather permits!) outside.

Caroline McGuigan would love to hear from anyone who would like to join a group of singers for this celebration – see the item below.

Ticket details next month - but make a note in your diaries now!

Enjoy singing?

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GREAT BUDWORTH VILLAGE VOICES

and take part in

'LONG TO REIGN OVER US'

This short concert of popular music will follow the Hog Roast on the afternoon of 12th June. Rehearsals will start at the beginning of May. Contact Caroline McGuigan on 01565 733285

CHURCH TEAS & BOOKS 2016

Thank you to all those who came along to the coffee morning on 20th February. We have the rota off to a good start, but there are still a few dates to fill, so if you feel you could cover an extra date let us know—it would be much appreciated.

If you weren't able to make the coffee morning, but are interested in joining one of the teams, or if you are new to it all and wonder what it is all about, please phone:

**Margaret Cross - 01606 48215 (07732 324 001) or
Maggie Earl - 01565 777 262.**



SCHOOL NEWS

Pupils celebrated the end of the half term with a farewell assembly for Karen Washburn (*right, pictured with pupils*), who has retired as the school cook. Karen has been cooking at the school for 27 years, having taken the job on after her mother, Barbara James, retired after over 25 years' service.



Karen has a very fond place in the hearts of the children and staff. She said that she has "enjoyed every minute of it" and that the "children are what make it so special". During the assembly, pupils presented Karen with cards that they had made and Mrs Finney paid tribute to Karen, giving her gifts from the staff and the parents. Mrs Finney said, "Karen has a particular gift for knowing each individual child, knowing how much they liked of each thing and helping them to try out new dishes and to eat their vegetables!" As a special treat, Karen cooked the children's favourite choices of leek and bacon pasta bake and fish and chips, with chocolate crispy cakes for pudding as her final meal at the school.



A warm Great Budworth welcome to Rob and Jen Dabrowski, who moved into Penny Cottage, Belmont Road, Budworth Heath, in December.

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GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parking in Great Budworth

On 22 February the Parish Council held an Extraordinary meeting to agree a way forward with regard to parking issues in the village. A number of measures to control and manage car parking were discussed in a report completed by the Village Parking Working Party which was set up to inform the Parish Council. The working party had a membership which included parish councillors and village representatives. The Working Party report has been circulated widely throughout the village in a number of modes to ensure that all residents are well informed on the issues being considered.

At the Extraordinary meeting members of the public were in attendance and through the public forum were invited to put their views on the measures discussed in the report to the Parish Council. A number of points of view were stated and these included:

1. Parking was not such a major issue and did not warrant such a high profile;
2. Parking was only an issue at certain times;
3. Concerns were expressed if the Parish Council were considering moving the bowling green and tennis court to create village centre parking;
4. Traffic cones have been effective when used for large events or to ensure access and egress points are kept clear;
5. Parking marshals have been very successful at managing parking for large events;
6. Concerns that when the village is congested, access for fire engines and ambulances will be a major issue if restricted parking is introduced; and,
7. The use of the parish field needs to be carefully managed within the constraints that are placed upon its use.



Parish councillors considered all the information that had been made available. Emphasis was given to the Parish Plan (2011) where parking was stated as a major concern and to other public meetings where residents had indicated that some action was needed. Councillors recognised that some good work had already taken place with

regard to facilitating parking and in particular helpful strategies have been introduced by the School, the George and Dragon and the Church.

Councillors carefully considered all the measures and controls that could be placed on parking in the village and agreed the following plan:



1. To continue to work with the School, the George and Dragon and the Church to further develop existing measures that have been introduced to ease parking in the village, particularly at busy times.
2. To continue to explore areas and options for additional parking and, in particular, explore extra provision at the bottom of the school field.
3. To complete the agreed work on the Parish Field to fit reinforced mesh to engender more effective parking conditions for when the facility is required.
4. Not to support using existing areas such as the bowling green or tennis court to create village centre parking facilities.
5. To explore further the introduction of formal restrictive parking arrangements (the details of which to be defined at a later date) in the centre of the village (outside the Church and the Top Pumphouse).
6. To consult with the Highways Department on design principles to institute formal measures to prevent parking on High Street in areas of concealed access and egress.
7. To explore further the introduction of formal restrictive parking arrangements (the details of which to be defined at a later date) on Church Street in order to make it safer, particularly for pedestrians.
8. Not to support the use of permanent signage for parking in the village.
9. To implement notices which would point out illegal and inconsiderate parking that would be attached to offending vehicles within the village.
10. To write to all householders in the village area to request that they use off road parking that is available to them and to explain the measures that the Parish Council are implementing to ease parking issues within the village.

The Chairman thanked the Village Parking Working Party for all their excellent work in preparing the report and all members of the public who have put their views and ideas forward.

Peter S McAndrew, Chairman of Great Budworth Parish Council