

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*Please see page 4 for details of Church services and events*

### MAY

**Saturday 6th:** Budworth Sailing Club, Warrington Road, from 10am. Open Day

**Monday 8th:** Parish Hall, 7.30pm. Parish Council meeting. All welcome.

**Thursday 11th:** Parish Hall, 7.30pm. RTA event 'A Regular Little Houdini'

**Friday 12th:** School grounds. Maypole afternoon

**Tuesday 16th:** Parish Hall, 7.00pm. Quiz Night

**Thursday 18th:** Cock @ Budworth, 12.30pm. Ladies lunch.

**Saturday 27th—Monday 29th:** School field from 10am each day. Archaeology weekend

### JUNE

**Saturday 17th:** School Field, from 2.00pm. Church Garden Party

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# BUDWORTH BULLETIN

May 2017

**GREAT BUDWORTH HERITAGE  
SOCIETY PRESENTS**

# QUIZ NIGHT

**TUESDAY 16th May**

**Parish Hall**

**7.15 for 7.30pm  
start**

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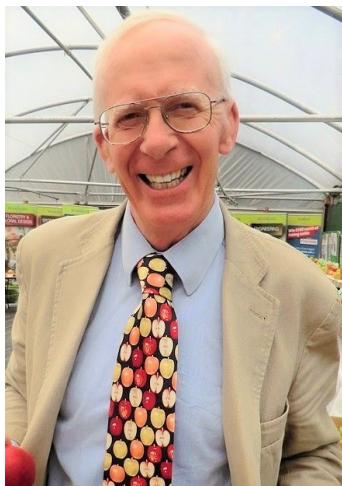
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for tickets**



## GARDEN CLUB

The April meeting welcomed new members from the waiting list: we wish them every happiness, with good gardening and friendship.

Guests of the club also attended to hear one of our favourite speakers, Harry Delaney (pictured), from Cheshire's Reaseheath College. His talk was entitled 'Getting Ready For Spring' and, as we have experienced a very cool Spring so far this year, we were all longing to get on with it. Harry shared anecdotes, tips, and how-to-do moments. What to do with tomato seedlings was a revelation - and he showed how to propagate cuttings of stems, root tubers, and leaf scales from lily bulbs. He finished by planting up a hanging basket with moss from his own lawn. Harry was warmly thanked by Jerry Bentley for a wonderful hands-on demonstration and was so well received that he almost got a standing ovation. There was a big plant stall and a full house. The meeting was well chaired by Andrew Bushell.



The next meeting is on Tuesday 9 May: this is a members-only evening — sorry, we cannot accommodate guests this time — when our members, Jenni and Nigel Pemberton from Antrobus, will tell us about their village allotments. They'll have some plants for sale for their allotment funds.

This is also a Strawberry Evening, when members enjoy refreshment of strawberries and cream, but are asked to bring their own wine or soft drinks, as well as glasses, to enhance the pleasure of the evening.

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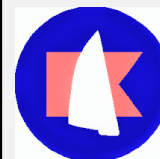
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Budworth Sailing Club, Warrington Road,  
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A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

## Church Garden Party

**Saturday 17th June, 2.00pm**

To be opened by the Rev'd Christopher and Mrs Janet Rees



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Great Budworth Church of England Primary School has just been judged by OFSTED as 'GOOD' for the third time in a row! And its Behaviour and Management and Leadership are rated as 'OUTSTANDING'. Keeping the 'good' judgement is not indicative of a School that is just carrying on as before: rather, it demon-

strates that, despite the huge changes in the National Curriculum and the Inspection regime itself, a School has responded positively to external pressures and maintained high standards that benefit all pupils.

This could not have happened without the dedication, hard work and professionalism of the Headteacher and all staff, whether teaching or support; it has been a real team effort.

The school, with the Board of Governors, will now plan to address the points raised in the Inspection Report and continue to make changes to ensure that the next Inspection will produce the same outcome.

Hilary Brudenell

Chairman of Governors

### THE MONTH IN THE GARDEN

*We apologise for the fact that there is no 'Month in the Garden' feature this month. Tom Acton, our honorary gardening correspondent, is unwell at present, but hopes to resume his gardening feature duties next month. Get well soon, Tom!*



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At our April meeting Fireman Paul Binyon gave members a brief history of his life as a Greater Manchester and Cheshire fireman—before persuading a member to don the full emergency gear, complete with helmet! It was good to see that modern equipment helps to keep



firemen as safe as is possible.

Many thanks for all the help and jumble we received for the annual village Jumble Sale. It was fraught with problems as some muppets at the Guardian office put in the wrong advert—we cannot win! Nevertheless, we got a small crowd who spent exceedingly well and we made some good money, mainly thank to Kay's designer rail. There were many outlets for what was left over, so nothing went to waste. Will we have another Jumble Sale? Watch this space!

We were invited to the Imperial War Museum North to see a display called 'Fashion on the Ration', so eight members took up the offer and travelled by train and tram to see the IWM and enjoy refreshments.

Another invitation arrived from Cheshire WI to visit the gardens at Haughton Hall, Tarporley to enjoy a picnic and the lovely gardens, which were used in the filming of the TV programme 'Home Fires'.

The book club are reading 'The God of Small Things' by Arundhati Roy.

The walkers enjoyed a ramble around Whitegate and Pettypool and had a lovely lunch at the Plough at Whitegate.

At the meeting on Wednesday 3rd May at the Parish Hall, we will first discuss the two resolutions to be voted on at the National AGM in Liverpool in June. The first is aimed at alleviating loneliness and the second aims to ensure we keep microplastic fibres out of the oceans. We shall then have a talk by Pauline Mills called 'Recycle, Re-use and Re-invent' with a competition for a recycled item. How thrifty are we?!

June Wilkinson, Chairman

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## CHURCH NEWS

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am** – annual Boyd Walk, in celebration of A.W. Boyd, author of ‘A Country Parish’, starting from St Mark’s Church, Antrobus; about 2- 3 hours’ duration. All very welcome.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am** – Confirmation Service with the Bishop of Birkenhead.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 3.30pm** – Ecumenical Service for Salt Sunday at the Lion Salt Works, Marston with the Bishop of Birkenhead. All welcome.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 3.30pm** Annual Christian Aid service at St Mark’s Church, Antrobus

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm** – Archdeacon’s Visitation Service at St Helen’s Church, Witton – for Churchwardens and Sidespeople.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am – 1.00pm** – Rural Ministry Meeting at Marthall Village Hall, on Fresh Expressions of Church. All very welcome.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm** – Ascension Day Service of Holy Communion and start of ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ national prayer initiative.

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 12.00pm** – Midday Prayers at Chester Cathedral as part of “Thy Kingdom Come” for Great Budworth Deanery, led by Rev’d Alec Brown. Please come along if you can and support this national prayer initiative, and enjoy the beautiful setting of Chester Cathedral.

**Restoration news** – thanks to all those who helped with and supported the talk and lunch at Arley Hall on the 5<sup>th</sup> April – it was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. (See pp 12 and 13 for a report on the event.) Although the final figures have not as yet been finalised, we think that between £7,000 and £8,000 has been raised for continuing restoration work. Well done everyone!

People will, I’m sure, have seen the scaffolding around the south side of the church – this work, which consists of high level re-pointing and some replacement of stone, will be continuing for the next six to eight weeks, and is part of an on-going programme of works concerned mainly with the stonework on the south side of the church (which bears the brunt of the weather of course). Do have a look at the work (but please be careful while scaffolders and stonemasons are at work) and the stonemasons will be very happy to answer any questions about the current work.

**Rev’d Alec Brown**



### LADIES’ LUNCH

*The next Ladies’ Lunch will take place at 12.30pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May at the Cock at Budworth. Newcomers are always welcome! Please contact Hazel on (01606) 891908 for further information.*

- Such history – absolutely inspiring.
- A truly inspirational church – thank you.

I could go on ... but won’t! Previous appeals, in 1983 and 2005, have of course raised large sums of money but, as the owner of any old building knows, there’s always something to do! And Great Budworth Church is very, very old – visitors are constantly amazed at its age and just how well kept it is – but if they were to go up on the scaffolding which has just been erected on the south side of the church for the latest round of re-pointing and the replacement of sandstone cills and blocks, they would see for themselves the terrible effects of weathering – and the on-going need for funds!

Under the recent leadership of Don Hammond and Jim Martin the Restoration Committee has raised a lot of money (and a lot of people have had a great deal of fun doing so!), and we are in the middle of a contract worth over £30,000 –but today we are looking ahead and trying to think not just about the things that have to be done before our next five yearly inspection in 2019, but also about unexpected as well as planned future expenditure, such as the replacement of the heating system.

We do not ask for your assistance lightly, or take it for granted in the difficult times in which we all find ourselves, and we are extremely grateful for your continued interest in and support for all our efforts to not only maintain but also to improve and enhance our wonderful church – a living, on-going story of faith and history in stone.

Let me finish with an anecdote from a dinner I attended in Chester recently. A former Churchwarden was singing the praise of their relatively modern and unlisted church building, but when pressed as to just what it was like he admitted, rather grudgingly, that it was “pretty characterless really” – words I have never heard in relation to Great Budworth Church, ever!

Our responsibility, our privilege and our joy, is to ensure the continued character and fabric of our beautiful medieval, but living, church – thank you all once again for your part in this.

Amen!”

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## LIFE AS A COLD WAR SPY

Around 50 guests gathered at Arley Hall to enjoy a fascinating and entertaining talk given by Major General Peter Williams (pictured right, with the Rev'd Alec Brown) on his career in army intelligence during the coldest period of the Cold War. The talk was described as a 'lecture' but this could not have prepared the audience for the humorous, witty—and at times hair-raising—anecdotes to which our very modern Major General treated us. His anecdotal talk was illustrated with a wonderful array of photographs that must have come from his personal album. The talk was followed by a perfect lunch provided by the 'backroom girls' (pictured below). The event was held to raise funds for the parish church restoration fund (and raised in the region of £8,000). Afterwards, in thanking everyone, the Rev'd Alec Brown, vicar of the St. Mary and All Saints, gave the following update on restoration work:



"Let me begin with a few random quotes from the Visitors' Book in Great Budworth Church, which is open every day of the year:

- What a beautiful building – thank you for keeping it open
- Beautiful old church – so peaceful, warm and welcoming
- A very well kept church – thank you.



The 'backroom girls', from left to right: Cobi Scambler, Anne O'May, Marie Kershaw, Sue Scambler, Margaret Cross and Hilary Brudenell.

## Studying for Ministry in Secular Employment: An Ordinand's Story

Since September 2016, I have been studying for ordained ministry at All Saints Centre for Mission and Ministry in Daresbury. It's a three-year course with one weeknight of study each week, six weekends per year, a summer school and various modules. In today's church, there are broadly two categories of minister: stipendiary and non-stipendiary. I will be a non-stipendiary minister, called a minister in secular employment (MSE). Although attached to a parish, this is different to a regular vicar because MSEs see their ministry as principally in their workplace.

How did this journey start? From childhood I went to church, as my Dad was an organist. However, the most significant point for me on my faith journey was following a period of illness in 2008, after which I looked on the world with a different perspective and felt drawn to work more for the church. It has been a long journey for me and, after several years of reflection and discussion with many people, including my very supportive vicar, Alec, our Readers, and, of course, Dave, my husband, it was suggested that I attend a Foundations for Ministry Course in Chester to explore this calling further. My 'lightbulb' moment happened during a lecture by an MSE. I realised that I was perhaps being called to ordination in addition to what I was already involved with i.e. work, not instead of it.

So what do I do in the workplace? Since 1994, I have worked in veterinary pathology. In 2013, I began my current position as a manager in the American pet healthcare company, IDEXX. Being on the path to ordination 'ups' the impact I can have at work and really puts the practice of Christianity in the public arena. For many, I am the only Christian they will have contact with and I am very aware that everything I do may draw closer or push away someone from finding Christ. A lot of ordinary people simply don't understand why the Church gets so worked up about certain things and feel it doesn't connect with them anymore. Living the gospel (while being directly involved in the mess and muddle of decisions, priorities, targets and cost-cutting) is the perfect example of actions speaking more loudly than words.

At St Mary and All Saints, with Alec as my local supervisor, I assist Sunday worship and other activities in our beautiful church. I want my teaching in the church environment to be relevant to today and to give people something to take into the world on Monday morning. The church competes with many other 'interesting things' to do on Sunday mornings, such as sport, trips out, etc. and if you come to my services, I hope you feel you have heard something new, been given something to think about, and even been a little entertained! As part of my course I have produced a poster, shortly to be displayed in the church. Please take a look - it suggests we should continue our traditional activities and look hand-in-hand at ways of attracting younger people! Please feel free to email me if you have any ideas on new services or activities we could offer. I'd really appreciate any feedback and look forward to hearing from you!

Dr. Jenny McKay, Ordinand at St. Mary and All Saints

Email: mckayjenny56@gmail.com



## SCHOOL NEWS

As we head into the summer term, our pupils are looking forward to the excitement of residential trips in July. Our older pupils will be staying for three days and two nights at the Conwy Centre on Anglesey where they will take part in amazing outdoor activity experiences. Our younger pupils are staying for two days and one night at Tattenhall in Cheshire. They will be learning survival skills, such as hammock-making, campfire-building and fire-lighting. These residential trips teach the children life skills that can't be gained through normal day-to-day lessons - and even our Reception children are able to take part for a full day of activities, including tea away from home, to prepare for when they will stay the night the following year.



The cost of these trips, whilst very worthwhile, is quite high and the school ensures that no child misses out on these wonderful opportunities for financial reasons. Our Friends of the School work tirelessly throughout the year raising funds that pay the full cost of the coaches to and from the residential trips. Please do support the FoTs events that are coming up this summer so that sufficient funds can be raised again this year. The amazing BudFest is on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July, starring the great local JCB Band. Tickets cost just £4 per adult. Keep a look out for more details soon. Thank you for all your support for our school and its pupils.

### The Cock@Budworth



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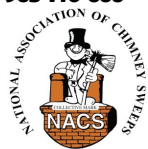
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## GREAT BUDWORTH HERITAGE SOCIETY

Several years ago Great Budworth Heritage Society organised and hosted a Heartstart training session, which was very well attended. We've been trying for some time to arrange a further training session: both to train those who couldn't attend the first one and as a refresher for those who did. We're pleased to say that a Heartstart session is to be held on **Thursday 25th May 6.00-8.00pm, at St Johns Church Hall in Hartford**. The course includes the following:

- Helping a conscious casualty
- Dealing with an unconscious casualty, getting help and using the recovery position
- Learning how to perform chest compressions and rescue breathing (CPR)
- Dealing with a suspected heart attack
- Choking
- Serious bleeding
- Operating an automated external defibrillator (AED).

If you would like to attend, please contact Mark Simmons on (01606) 288 843; mobile: 07825 691 787 or email him at: [mark.simmons@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:mark.simmons@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

Malcolm Torrance,  
Chairman, Great Budworth Heritage Society



### ARCHAEOLOGY WEEKEND



This will take place from Saturday May 27th to Monday May 29th (the Spring Bank Holiday). Please note: these are NOT the days mistakenly quoted last month. Bidston Community Archeology Group will dig some test pits in Great Budworth on the school field and in the

field at the side and below the churchyard. This will be led by Dr Jonathon (Jonty) Trigg from Liverpool University.

This is an ideal opportunity for anyone who wants to know more about archaeology and what archaeological remains can tell you about the history of Great Budworth. Anybody is welcome to either come and look or to actually help. No experience is necessary as free training will be provided by experts. It is a great way to get hands-on experience and learn about the past from the remains left by our ancestors. It will be fully supervised, but any children under 16 years of age should be accompanied by an adult.

There will be a small exhibition on the school field of the items that have been found in previous visits. We will also have a couple of metal detectorists who will be scouring over a wide area.

Anyone is welcome to come at anytime during the weekend to see what is going on, but if you want to help digging or metal detecting we ask that you let us know beforehand and to come to the school field at 10 am on Saturday May 27th. Any queries please contact Alan Bailey on 01606 891149 or [baileyalan4@gmail.com](mailto:baileyalan4@gmail.com), or Jonty at [jrtrigg@liv.ac.uk](mailto:jrtrigg@liv.ac.uk)

**GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL—PROJECTS SURVEY 2017**  
*(cont'd)*

My suggestions for fund-raising activities are as follows:

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My further suggestion(s) for parish projects are as follows:

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Please add any further comments you wish to make:

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**GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PROJECTS SURVEY—2017**

Your Parish Councillors have identified a number of potential projects which we believe would enhance our village environment. It's a very varied list: some of these would cost us nothing, as the cost would be borne by Cheshire West & Chester (CWaC) Council; others would incur costs of varying amounts – we can't give costs because we haven't sought quotations for projects that may not, in the end, be undertaken.

In prioritising this list, we want to seek the views of parish households. Which of the following projects do you think are the most important for the parish? This may, of course, differ from the order of your own personal preference!

To take part in this survey, complete the questionnaire on the following three pages and return it to Anna Lee at the address at the bottom of page 10.

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE  
BY 31<sup>st</sup> MAY.**

The Parish Council will consider each of the potential projects against the following criteria:

- a) The importance attributed to each, based on the results of this survey;
- b) Funding available from the Parish's own resources;
- c) Potential funding available via grants, fund-raising events, etc.

We hope very much that you will take this opportunity to influence events.

Hilary Brudenell  
Chairman, Great Budworth Parish Council



| PROJECT  | ESSENTIAL | IMPORTANT | NICE TO HAVE | UNIMPORTANT |
|--|-----------|-----------|--------------|-------------|
| 1. <u>Top Pump House</u> : refurbish (repairs recently carried out were under our insurance policy, but further work is not covered by our insurance policy).  |           |           |              |             |
| 2. <u>Bottom Pump House</u> : repair/replace (as necessary) the cast iron railings adjacent to the bottom pump house/well.   |           |           |              |             |
| 3. <u>Works to The Avenue</u> : resurface the pathway between Farthing Lane and School Lane.   |           |           |              |             |
| 4. <u>Street Lighting</u> : replace the street lighting throughout the village with a 'whiter' alternative. NB: this would have to be paid for by CWaC, which may not be willing or able to find the funds.                              |           |           |              |             |
| 5. <u>Christmas Tree Lights</u> : replace with ones to match those which were installed along School Lane last year.   |           |           |              |             |
| 6. <u>Install convex traffic mirror at the junction of Westage Lane, Heath Lane and Farthing Lane</u> , to provide sight of the blind bend.  |           |           |              |             |
| 7. <u>Car Parking</u> : continue to implement the recommendations of the PC's Village Car Parking Report (2015).   |           |           |              |             |
| 8. <u>Arrange more community events</u> (e.g. film night, quiz, etc.).   |           |           |              |             |
| 9. <u>Farthing Lane</u> : repair potholes.   |           |           |              |             |
| 10. Investigate and implement measures to prevent birds roosting in trees adjacent to the top pump house and from nesting within the top pump house itself. (NB: <i>these car parking spaces are owned by the Parish, NOT the pub.</i> ) |           |           |              |             |
| 11. <u>Finials</u> : have rings made to surround the remaining pair of finials (to match those at the Westage Lane entrance) and install them at the High Street entrance of the village.  |           |           |              |             |