

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 1st: Parish Hall, 7.30pm. WI AGM.

Sunday 5th: Parish Church, 10.30am. All-age service for All Saints Tide

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

Thursday 9th: Gt Budworth CofE School, time TBA. Beetle Drive.

Thursday 9th: Parish Hall, 7.30pm. WI Village Fun Quiz.

Sunday 12th: Parish Church, 10.30am. Remembrance Sunday Service.

Monday 13th: Cock@Budworth, 7.00pm. Race Night.

Tuesday 14th: Parish Hall, 7.45pm. Garden Club meeting.

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

Saturday 18th: Gt Budworth CofE School, time TBA. School fair.

Monday 20th: COPY DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY BUDWORTH BULLETIN

DECEMBER

Saturday 2nd: Parish Hall, 7.30pm. Rural Touring Arts: Spirit of Stephane.

Sunday 3rd: Parish Church, 10.30am. All-age Toy Service.

WI Village Fun Quiz

Just a reminder that the Annual WI village quiz will be on Thursday 9th November in the Parish Hall. The WI invite you to bring along teams of four or five to compete for the Brains of Budworth trophy and to enjoy a jolly evening of fun and frolic !!!! We would be delighted if you could book places for your teams in advance so we can make enough mince pies. Wine and soft drinks will be on sale. Please support our quiz night as it helps our funds. The evening is from 7.30pm and the quiz will begin when you are all settled in. Entry is £5 per person. We have some teams booked in but hope others will follow. If your team won the quiz last time and you are the holder of the very prestigious trophy which was last won in 2015 then please return it to a committee member.

To book tickets, please contact June Wilkinson on 01606 891 534



CHRISTMAS LUNCH



This year's Christmas ladies lunch will take place at the Spinner & Bergamot – I hope you all approve of this venue. As usual they will need to know nearer the time how many of us will attend, as well as our choosing from the Christmas special menu. A two or three course lunch will cost £19 or £24. A deposit will be required, so I will be taking names later in the month.
Hazel Forwood (01606 891 908)

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BUDWORTH BULLETIN

November 2017

Book your tickets NOW for the next RTA event ...

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Saturday 2nd December, Parish Hall, 7.30pm

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What more can we say? Tickets are £12 and going fast ...

Contact: Jan Hiett 01616 891019 or Lynda Flynn on 01606 8911571

GARDEN CLUB

The Parish Hall looked like a garden nursery during our October meeting, as it was so filled with plants for sale.

Jerry Bentley gave all members Baby Moon narcissi bulbs to grow on for our spring show in April. Malcolm Torrance had crocus corms to sell for the polio appeal for the Rotary Club and he also gave the club many pots of Christmas cacti for our funds.

Likewise our speaker, John Foley, from Holden Clough (pictured), had brought plants to illustrate his informative talk. He presented us with slides showing how to 'get your garden ready for winter'. This is the time to split and move plants, whilst the soil is still warm from summer. John is an excellent practical man, and he was thanked with enthusiasm by Jane Lanni.



The garden holiday 2018 is to Suffolk, once again arranged by Henri and Lynda Giller, and members paid their deposits. We all look forward to our annual break. For further details about availability or content of this holiday, please contact Henri directly on 01565 777160.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 14 November, when Matthew Smith, winner of several gold medals at Chelsea, will be telling us about 'Weeds: Love or Loathe' and there will be tickets for sale for the Members' Xmas Party on Tuesday 9 January. There is no meeting in December.

Please contact me, in the first instance, for any other information about the Garden Club. Jean Davies 01606 892383 / 0789 993 7683.

LADIES' LUNCH



The next Ladies' Lunch will take place at 12.30pm on Thursday 16th November, at the Red Lion, Pickmere. Newcomers are always welcome! Further information from Hazel on (01606) 891908.

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IT'S A MYSTERY

On the 24th September I returned to the UK, leaving Nid to endure the relentless withering sun of Tenerife. Harsh I know, but there are times when I feel I have to demonstrate my authority in this marriage. It's for her own good.

The bachelor life wasn't as much fun as I remember it being when I was in my twenties. Most of my friends from those halcyon days are now either in a care home or a coffin. Still, I soldiered on and a very pleasant surprise was imminently in store for me as a reward.



On opening the front door of Southbank House on the Saturday morning, I discovered a trug basket in the porch containing a beautiful apple pie and a pot of cream. This was a significant improvement on my customary strawberry yogurt, so I searched both the basket and the porch area for some note or indication as to who the benevolent donor might be. Nothing – but this didn't stop me thoroughly enjoying the excellent apple pie and cream. It was a large apple pie and by the time I came to consume the last slice all the cream was gone and so I was reduced to mixing up some Birds Eye ready made custard – but that could not detract from the excellence of the pie.

I made discreet enquiries in an endeavour to determine who my anonymous benefactor was, but to no avail. The mystery still remains. Not only am I unable to thank my altruistic Samaritan for their kindness, but it is also incumbent on me to repatriate an orphaned trug basket and Pyrex dish to its rightful but unidentified ownership.

Kind, benevolent, considerate, culinary wizard benefactor – please reveal yourself so I can thank you properly and once again sleep at night.

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A ROOM WITH A VIEW- an everyday story of country folk.

With the closure of Westage Lane, the Editors sent a special correspondent along to seek the views of one family affected.....

"Anyone there?" I asked. I was standing in the field, looking at two black holes with sand piled outside them, just below where that traffic cone is sitting along the lane.

I heard a scuffle, then a shuffle. "What d'you want?" said a gruff voice, and I made out a white patch on a black snout and nose. I recognised Mr. Brock.

"Well," I said "some of us have been wondering how you were getting on, now the road's closed and everything".

"Oh, closed is it? Wondered what was up, what with no cars bouncing all over us, and those white vans, they're the worst. Come at you like thunder and you've no time to brace yourself."

"Well, the thing is, did you know they're blaming you for the road collapsing?"

"Hmph, cheek of it, all we've done is shift some sand to make a nice dry home. Toasty warm it is too under this black stuff. Mind you, that hole is a real nuisance and needs fixing." Mrs Brock came into view, twitching her nose. "Folk keep lifting up that red thing and peering down. They can't see aught, but the smell of spearmint is weird, and if they've a dog with them well, say no more."

"We had to sett to and dig a new parlour" added Brock, nodding at the fresh pile of sand.

I hesitated for a moment, but thought they ought to know. "Someone told me they're planning to put a tunnel in for you people, from one side of the road to the other. That'd be nice and dry too, wouldn't it?"

"Dunno about that," said Mrs B, "we'll have that great dog fox belting through in the small hours with a chicken squawking in his mouth. Frighten the life out of our two brocklets."

"We badgers don't have front and back entrances," said Brock, "the wind would blow right through - and if anything nasty turns up, thinking of a takeover or worse, as things are we can both just sit just inside and see if it wants to try its luck," he sort of smiled, showing a lot of sharp white teeth.

"The point is," I said, "if they do go ahead, there'll be diggers, lorries and maybe power drills." Mrs B looked alarmed. "We'd best be off - up to the wood on the heath where Grandad Brock came from - and before the frosts start too."

"No, not there", said Brock, "there's good cover there, but the soil's sodden, and it's full o'foxes. I reckon we'd best go behind here, to the sand hole. There'll be lots of rabbits there, now they've cut the maize down, but they're no problem. We'd be alright there"

It seems Brock had been thinking it over. "Mind you," he went on, "Maybe when the dust has settled, we might come back again. I like it here. When the sun comes up, I can sit here and warm my snout and look over the fields to the hills - all peaceful."

Footnote: Brock says don't tell everyone about this. He doesn't want all Cheshire staring in. Anyway, it's not our business - or is it?



What an inspiration it was to hear Amanda Glennon speak about the highs and lows of bringing up twins, one of whom had Down's Syndrome. She had helped to form Cheshire Downs Group and encouraged schools to teach all children sign-speak called Makaton, a valuable skill for all children.

At the Annual Council meeting at Winsford five members were lucky to hear John

McCarthy (pictured below) tell of his ordeal, being kidnapped in Beirut and then held captive for 5 years. There were 600 ladies in the auditorium and during his talk you could have heard a pin drop so I need say no more than it was amazing.

The ladies continue to read their book of the month: this time it is 'The Memory Stones' by Caroline Brothers.

The Ramblers walked from London Bridge Pub in Stockton Heath along the Bridgewater Canal towards Moore and back via FoxCovert.

On Wednesday 1st November we have the AGM which will be followed by a hot pot supper and light entertainment !!

This will be a social evening and we look forward to seeing all members who are able to be there.

Details of the village quiz are elsewhere in the Bulletin.

June Wilkinson



Thank you! Thanks to Ted Parry and Joe Dean for painting the railings adjacent to the bottom pump house - and thanks also to Ian Hiatt for pruning the undergrowth in the area.

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 **Cheshire West and Chester** Cheshire West and Chester Council have launched a public consultation into proposals for their budget between 2018 and 2021. The six-week consultation, called Balancing the Budget, opened on 12 October and closes on 23 November 2017.

There are a number of ways to take part in the Balancing the Budget consultation:

- You can try your hand at budget setting with the online interactive budget simulator.
- You can submit questions for Cabinet to debate in a live online event on the 8th November.
- You can also view the proposals and fill in a questionnaire with your views.

For full information about the consultation, including links to the budget simulator and how to submit a question for the debate, visit: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/BalancingtheBudget.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Sincere thanks to everyone who baked cakes, contributed goodies to the raffle and to the bring 'n' buy – and who came along on the day to spend their money. It was a very jolly event—and we raised a magnificent £515! Thanks a million, all of you.



Church Teas and Books 2017



On behalf of the Vicar and PCC, Maggie and Margaret would like to thank everyone who's helped out with the teas throughout the season. We couldn't run the teas without the support of so many people, whether it be baking, serving, washing up - or all three! It's a vital part of our income for the running of the church, and any help with this is much appreciated. A big thank you also to the visitors who come to partake of the refreshments, some of whom come along every week. This year we raised £3522 (before costs). Thank you.



Beware! Black Ice Risk

We are warned of the risk of black ice along the eastern stretch of Budworth Heath Lane (from just past Hilltop Cottage to the junction with Budworth Road). With the volume of traffic increasing along that road as a result of the Westage Lane detour, it's worth taking extra care along there.

SCHOOL NEWS

Last year our Friends of the School (FotS) donated a staggering £4,523 to pay for school coaches to transport the children to and from their days out! We are hugely



grateful to those of you who support our events and contribute to this, as well as to the other ways that FotS support the school. This term Class 2 were very excited to visit Manchester Airport as part of their topic on Transport. See the photo here. On return to the class room, children have been busy designing their own aeroplanes which they have been building as part of their DT lessons. Please do come along and support our forthcoming events: a Beetle Drive

on the evening of 9th November and our school fair on Saturday 18th November. More details will follow in due course, but keep a look out for posters around the village.

ANSWER TO OKTOBERFEST QUIZ QUESTION: MARK TWAIN

Yes, we know it's very early to be thinking about New Year's Eve, when some of us haven't even bought our Christmas cards yet (what? you haven't?!). Anyway, this is just to give our readers plenty of notice that the annual bunfight known as the Great Budworth New Year's Eve Party will be held at the Parish Hall on - guess when? - yes, Sunday 31st December. This year, we're looking for scintillating ideas for post-dinner entertainment. Please submit your suggestions to Jenny Bowman (891431) or Hazel Forwood (891 908).



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Oktoberfest in Budworth !

There was whooping and stamping in Budworth's Bierkeller on Saturday evening, 28th October. In the space of a day the Parish Hall had been transformed into a very authentic Bierkeller bar. The scene was completed by the Teutonic dress adopted by friends and neighbours – Don Hammond in lederhosen was a sight to be seen !

German drinking songs, beer and gluhwein greeted more than 50 locals to a feast prepared by the Big Boys of Budworth. It's clear our Budworth menfolk have been hiding their culinary skills under a barrel!

Warming bowls of soup were followed by platters of wiener schnitzel, tasty sausages and frankfurters, accompanied by cucumber and potato salads, bowls of sauerkraut, and various pickled treats. All this, followed by apple strudel and summer fruits.

We then attempted a German Quiz, which succeeded in keeping us all awake. For example, can you answer this: "I never knew before what eternity was made for. It is to give some of us a chance to learn German". Is this a quote from Margaret Thatcher, Joan Rivers, Mark Twain or Bette Midler? (For the answer, see p9.)

A competition to make and fly a paper plane had most people on their feet, but no outstanding aeronautical engineers emerged !

Finally, we were entertained most gloriously by the Dave and Janet Hiett quartet (three quarters of whom are pictured here).

Thank you to all the Big Boys for their hard work, excellent food and entertainment – it was an evening long to be remembered.



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Do you put your handbag or notecase on your trolley while shopping? A thief in Northwich Aldi recently took advantage of a customer whilst she was choosing items to put in her trolley and walked off with her handbag. The staff at Aldi immediately came to the aid of the customer, and were very helpful.



CCTV showed clear images of the thief in the act and also leaving in a car, showing the registration plate. These images were transmitted to the Police, who have taken statements, and are now following up the crime.

The handbag contained cash, bank cards and house keys. The bank was informed immediately, the cards were cancelled, and new locks were fitted to the house.

However, the incident had a surprising end. Some days later the customer was reunited with her handbag still containing her keys and bank cards. Only the cash was missing!

The handbag had been found by a bus driver on a bus in Manchester, who took the bank cards to a local branch, which was then able to locate the customer. The upset and expense resulting from the incident were somewhat mitigated by the fact that the customer was reunited with her handbag, and particularly with her family photos.

The Cock@Budworth



**The Cock @ Budworth
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Michelle and the team wish you a warm welcome to The Cock @ Budworth. Preparations for the festive period are in full swing and we are now taking bookings for December. Our Festive menu is £14.95 for 2 courses or £17.95 for 3 courses. Join us at the Cock@Budworth to celebrate Christmas 2017.

In our converted restaurant we cater for funerals, christenings, anniversaries, baby showers or birthday celebrations.

To enquire about reserving our restaurant for a function or to book a table please ring 01606 891287 where our team will be pleased to help you.

Louise Shepherd Receives CBE

Many congratulations to Louise Shepherd, who was awarded the CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours in recognition of her work in the NHS for women and children. Louise was accompanied by her husband Keith, and children, Katie and Ben, at Buckingham Palace on 11th October to receive her award from the Duke of Cambridge (see picture, below). Louise is insistent that the award is for all the team she works with at Alder Hey.

Louise and her family have lived in Westage Lane since 1998.



Louise joined the health service in 1993 at Birmingham & Solihull NHS Trust, and has since worked at the Countess of Chester NHS Trust, and Liverpool Women's Hospital.

Since 2008 Louise has been Chief Executive at Alder Hey. Under her leadership the Hospital has undergone a period of both positive change and growth, and has achieved the highest ratings for performance and financial management. She played a vital role in the vision, design and development of the new Alder Hey in the Park, which opened in 2015, and also oversaw the closure of the old hospital.

Listening to Louise it is evident she is passionate about the developments taking place at the new Hospital. From the very beginning of designing the new building, children were involved in the decision making about the style of services, and this ethos has continued with the delivery of services

there. There is a major emphasis on nutrition, with patients helping to prepare meals in the kitchens in each ward.

Perhaps most exciting is the development of the Innovation Hub at the Hospital. This draws in expertise from people with a wide variety of skills to help solve the complex issues when treating young patients. For example, a difficulty finding a cannula suitable for use on a very small baby was solved with the help of clinicians working with engineers drawn from local businesses. Skills from the gaming industry have been utilised in creating an app, geared to the needs of children with diabetes. Louise is confident that research and development at the Hub will lead to positive changes for the benefit of all patients in the future.

Let all of us in Great Budworth wish Louise and her colleagues success in their efforts.

SKYWATCH

In the night sky this month the planets Mars, Venus and Jupiter are visible in east before sunrise. On the 15th November Mars will be close to the waning crescent moon at 5.30am, then Venus and Jupiter appear an hour later, just ahead of the Sun! There are two meteor showers to watch for: Taurids and Leonids. The latter will be better and maximum will be on 17/18 November in the east, before sunrise. Comet 2017 01 is moving towards the Pole star and can be seen (using binoculars) as a fuzzy blob about ten degrees above the star at midnight on 17 November.

Hoping for clear skies, Tony Flynn.



GREAT BUDWORTH CHURCH RESTORATION

After a quiet Summer with little fundraising activity, we have organised two events for you over the Autumn/Winter.

Just to remind you: the Race Night, details of which featured in last month's Bulletin, is to be held at the Cock@Budworth on Monday 13 November at 7.00pm: there are still a few tickets left. If you are interested please contact Richard & Marie Kershaw, Dene House, Warrington Road, Northwich CW9 6HB 01606 891743 or Richard.kershaw@joseph-holt.com. If you can't get a ticket, why not just come along anyway and have a drink or a meal in the Cock with your friends? Our thanks to Richard and Joseph Holt Ltd. for kindly hosting the event again.

The Burns Night is back again at the George and Dragon on Thursday 25th January 2018 at a ticket price of £30 which has been held at this figure for the last three years. You will receive a wonderful meal of haggis, neeps and tatties which will be piped in by our piper, as well as a toast to the Haggis - all in traditional Burns style. Bookings for the evening can be secured at the bar of the George and Dragon with a £20 deposit. Thank you to the George and Dragon for generously supporting the event for the third year.

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