

SEPTEMBER DATES for your Diary

Sunday 4th: Parish Church, 10.30am. Animal Blessing Service

Monday 5th: Parish Hall, 7.00pm. Parish Council Planning Meeting. Public welcome.

Wednesday 7th: Parish Hall, 7.30pm. WI meeting - Jean Finney

Thursday 8th: Primary School, Open Day

Tuesday 13th: Parish Hall, 7.45pm. Garden Club - Alpines

Thursday 15th: Red Lion, Pickmere, 12.30pm. Ladies' Lunch

Sunday 18th: Arley Chapel, 6.30pm. Harvest Service

Tuesday 20th: COPY DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER BULLETIN

Thursday 22nd: Primary School, 7.30pm. Beetle Drive

Sunday 25th: British Summer Time ends at 2.00am. Clocks go back one hour

Saturday 31st: Olympia, Arley Hall, 11.00 - 5.00pm. Art Exhibition

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BUDWORTH BULLETIN

October 2015



Many thanks to all the people who turned out to listen to our peel of handbells on 16th September to celebrate 100 years to the day that the WI was founded in Great Britain.

We were delighted and proud to represent all those ladies who began the organisation in 1915 and, after the rendition of 'Jerusalem' and other songs, including 'The Bells of St Mary's' (very apt), we enjoyed cake and a toast to our past and our future - then we finished with an encore!

We have to say 'thank you' to the people who came to make it a special occasion. We enjoyed listening to Judy Popley, our speaker in September, who spoke on the



story of early television at the Granada Studios, the programmes they have made and the competition from the BBC, which was always a challenge.

We have the October

meeting on 7th at 7.30pm when Jean Finney will talk on Witches and Superstitions. Jean has been before and always tells a good tale so we look forward to her talk. The competition is for a proverb or saying and Jane Smallwood and Elizabeth Smith are on teas and cake. A reminder to all villagers that we have a village quiz on 18th November in the Parish hall at 7.45pm. We invite teams from all clubs to enter for a fun evening. More details next month.

PARKING IN GREAT BUDWORTH

Notes from the Public Forum held on 16th September

25 people attended, plus members of the Working Party. A summary of the points that were made is as follows:

School Pick-up and Drop-off

- Why should we pay the school to provide parking for parents? (Asked in relation to the possibility of buying land at the bottom of the school field from the school for the purpose of amalgamating with the publicly-owned triangle of land at the bottom of Farthing Lane.)
- What's affordable? Would the school swap the playing field for Mr. Williamson's field?
- Hilary Brudenell (former Clerk to the PC) clarified: CWaC owns the field, which was previously owned by Cheshire County Council.
- Isn't this taking a sledgehammer to crack a nut? The school causes difficulties for about 20 minutes, twice a day and church events are generally well-managed.
- It's not manageable when events collide.
- A member of the school staff will meet pupils at the gate for drop off to reduce parents' parking time.
- The school will promote the use of Farthings Lane for parking - though a mirror will be required to facilitate egress onto Westage Lane as sight lines are blocked to the right.

Church

- Co-ordination of village events is necessary in order to avoid clashes, such as an NGA garden opening coinciding with a wedding and bowling tournament.
 - The Chairman of the PC advised that the PC had taken steps to facilitate and encourage the use of the village website to diarise village events and, in so doing, avoid clashes.
- The PCC are to promote the use of the school car park (at weekends) and the parish field.
- The use of stewards at large events (to marshal and direct cars) makes a big difference.
- The vicar advised that baptisms are becoming much more major events, with the result that he has put them back to 12.15pm (instead of 12 noon) on Sundays in order to try and ease congestion. Weddings, whilst fewer in number than in the past, are also larger: the average attendance is 80 people, with 35 cars – though he has one scheduled for next year which is expected to be attended by 180 guests – which means a likely 90 or so cars. He suggested holding a major annual meeting in the Parish Hall between key village organisations. He reiterated the Church's commitment to easing parking issues: key to this, he believes, is better signage and better publicity relating to parking.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Beavers (Wed 6.15 - 7.15)	Janet Warburton 854014
Brownies (Wed)	Lynda Flynn 891571
Brownies (Thurs)	Zoe Jones 783634
Cock o'Budworth	Karen & Pete Gregory 891287
County & District Councillors	Don Hammond 891397
	Norman Wright 74788
	Lynn Gibbon 784599
Cubs (Tues 6.30 - 8.00pm)	Andy Iveson (07765 642273) &
	Johnny Papworth (07908 354853)
Garden Club	Jean Davies 892383
George & Dragon	Jackie Pickering 892650
Guides (Weds)	Anne O'May 891156
Heritage Society	Malcolm Torrance (Chairman) 892295
Homewatch Co-ordinator	Tony Flynn 891571
Ice Cream Farm	Rachel Wilkinson 891211
Local History Group	Alan Bailey 891149
Methodist Chapel, Comberbach	Lynda Flynn 891571
Mobile Library - monthly, Weds 5.10 - 5.40pm	Phone 44221 (9-5pm) to check visit dates
Mothers & Toddlers (Weds 9.30am)	Jackie Brook 07854 776180
Parish Council	Peter McAndrew (Chairman) 891213
Parish Clerk	Caroline Marshall 783294
Parish Hall Bookings	Sue Scott 891352
Parochial Church Council	Rev. Alec Brown (Chairman) 891324
Pre-School Group (Antrobus)	Janet Howarth 892323
Pre-School Group (Comberbach)	Clare Roth 783948
Police (non-urgent)	48000
Rainbow unit (pre-Brownies)	Sue Greenwood 76408
School (Head Teacher)	Sandra Finney 891383
Friends of Great Budworth School	Mary Clewes 891024
Sea Scouts	Paul Underwood 783002
Tennis Club	Rick Burgess (Chairman) 892670
Tennis (children's, Saturdays)	Steve (Optima Tennis) 07976 226392
Tennis court bookings	Nicola Burgess 892670
Vicar	Rev. Alec Brown 891324
Wine Tasting Group	Don & Carol Hammond 891397
Women's Institute (1st Weds.)	Lesley Anderson (Chair) 891354

Please contact any of the Bulletin Committee (see next page) with any amendments or additions to the above list.

CHURCH NEWS

Dates for the diary

Sun 4th October, 10.30am:

Animal Blessing Service – all animals, and their owners, welcome

Sun 18th October, 6.30pm:

Harvest Service, Arley Chapel

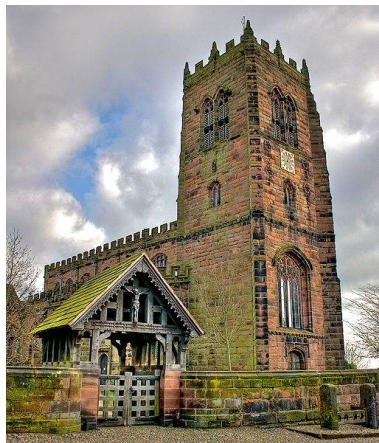
Sun 1st November, 10.30am:

Songs of Praise for All Saints Day

4.00pm: Commemoration Service for All Souls

Sun 8th November, 10.30am:

Remembrance Sunday Service



Ethics matter – don't they?

Interested in ethical issues? Then why not come along to the discussion group being run at the George and Dragon in Great Budworth on Monday evenings in November, from 7.30 – 9.00pm, starting on **Monday 2nd November**. We will be looking at topics ranging from assisted dying to migration and caring for the environment. You will be very welcome.

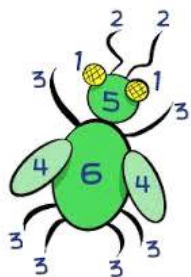
SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to all the members of the community who supported our Back to School Bash earlier in September. At the time of writing, we don't know how much has been raised, but the Friends of the School are always grateful for your support and for the way that this enables them to support pupils in the school. Please put a date in your diary for **Thursday 22nd October** when FoTs will be holding a Beetle



Drive at 6pm. This will be a great fun evening for all ages and everyone is very welcome.

Thursday 8th October will be our Open Day for prospective pupils and their parents. This is a great opportunity for those considering where to apply for a place at preschool or for those who will be starting in Reception in September 2016. Posters will be up in the village with more details in due course.



- The use of coaches was recommended to drop off visitors to large church events.

Parish Field

- You can encourage greater use of the Parish field, but pub customers just will not walk!
- A carrot-and-stick approach is needed. Encouraging greater use of the Parish Field will not work by itself. Action needs to be taken in respect of inconsiderate parking.
- If the Parish field is to be used more, a footpath along Church Street will be essential.
 - True. Safety of pedestrians is also threatened by pub customers pushing chairs and tables onto the public footpath, forcing pedestrians onto the road.
- The verges along the access to the parish field belong to adjoining properties.

General

- It's not just about parking on the roads: many people park on the pavement. People need to be reminded that it's illegal to park on pavements.
- Make people pay for parking.
 - Yes, but it would be costly to implement and difficult to enforce.
- CWaC has to make savings of £40m over the next four years.
- At 7am one morning recently, 29 cars were parked on roads in the village. Five of these were parked outside the bowling green. In other words, there were few residents' cars. The problems are caused by visitors.
 - Not so! It depends where you are in the village.
- There are some in the village who have adequate off-road parking but don't use it. Some persuasion – force – is needed to encourage them to do so.
- The problem has worsened in recent years and will continue to worsen. There are potential problems regarding access for emergency vehicles in the village.
- There was a time when there were no cars parked in Church Street, for example. Nowadays it's common to see parked vehicles on both sides of the road.
- Why not yellow lines? Why the aversion to them? They're universally used and understood, so compliance is generally very good.
- CWaC are responsible for controlling car parking in the village.
- What are the estimated costings of the various car park options?
- The drawing presented at the public meeting in April was all about parking restrictions, whereas the key issue in the traffic section of the Parish Plan was the shortage of car parking in the village (raised by 65% of respondents).

Next steps: the Parking Working Party will meet during September-October to consider the survey findings and information from the public forum, with a view to presenting recommendations to the Parish Council in November.

GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Meeting with CWaC Highways Department and Cheshire Police

We had our six-monthly meeting and the damage to properties at Ring O'Bells corner by heavy, wide vehicles was top of the agenda. We agreed that without a legal status that could engender enforceable action, wide vehicles would continue to use the roads within the village and cause damage. The Highways Department agreed to continue to take action to change the legal status of High Street, Church Street and Westage Lane to be width-restricted and prohibit vehicles that exceed the weight limit. We also discussed our concerns about high vehicle speed in Westage Lane and the Highways Department agreed to do some monitoring to support the need for other speed calming measures that may be agreed in the future.

Upper Pumphouse

The Parish Council's plan for restoration work on the Upper Pumphouse (*right*) has met a problem, as the CWaC Conservation Officer feels that it may be excessive and destroy some of its historic features. We have agreed in the first instance to undertake the repair work to the Upper Pumphouse caused by the vehicle damage, thereby returning its good looks and to consult further on the restoration work that we feel is needed to support timbers and the roof structure.



The Parish Field

The Parish Council is going ahead with the work to install heavy grade grass protection mesh to the grassed area inside the hard path of the Parish Field (*left*) to provide much needed additional parking for the village. The initial installation will cover about half of the grassed area. The Parish Council has achieved some significant matched funding from CWaC Local Councillors which will enable us to undertake this work as soon as is possible. We are currently finalising our



Wedding of Catherine (nee Flynn) and Mark McDaid

We would like to thank friends and villagers for being 'over the wall' at our wedding (on 19th September) and joining in the service. It made our day even more special.

(Catherine and Mark are pictured with Catherine's parents, Lynda and Tony Flynn)



A number of people have complained of dog poo being left on local roads, lanes and footpaths. Westage Lane and Smithy Lane are especially affected. Please be considerate and remember to scoop up your dog's mess. (There is a bin in Smithy Lane for this purpose.) Thank you!

MY JOURNEY WITH A PAINTBRUSH

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Would You Be Interested in a Community Energy Scheme?

Cheshire West and Chester (CWaC) Council are currently developing a package of support for community groups wishing to reap the benefits of renewable energy generation and have issued an invitation to all local councils to get involved. Is this something that would be of interest to residents of Great Budworth?

What it is a Community Energy Scheme?

A geographic community, or group with a common interest, that comes together to generate energy collectively, usually on a community building. The community owns and runs the scheme together, with a focus on wider community benefit.



What are the benefits?

Groups have differing motives, but a common objective is that Community Energy projects becomes an income generator for the community. The government provides a cash incentive called the Feed-In-Tariff for generation of renewable energy, which can then be spent on funding other local projects, not necessarily of an environment nature.

Who runs the scheme?

The scheme is owned and run by the community. A legal entity, such as a Community Benefit Society, has to be set up. This entity would need a small group of people to sit as shadow directors during set-up and then shareholders become members as they invest in the company.

What sort of energy is involved?

The most common community project will involve solar panels, as these are relatively socially acceptable and least risky for shareholders. But other technologies are available, such as micro wind, hydropower and biomass.

How do we use the electricity we generate?

Scottish Power Energy Networks looks after the electricity distribution network in West Cheshire and they will help local schemes get connected to the National Grid. When a scheme is generating electricity, the local community can draw power directly from it; when the scheme is not generating electricity, communities can still take power from the Grid as normal.

How big is a Community Energy scheme?

Schemes vary in size. A typical community project might be solar panels on the roof of a village hall, but there are examples where communities have raised enough money to install solar panels on commercial roofs. It depends on the capacity and motives of each group and small projects can be as valuable as larger ones.

Find out more at: www.communityenergyengland.org.uk and www.gov.uk/community-energy; and/or contact Emma Polak, of CWaC, for an informal chat on 01244 976 961.

If this is something that interests you, please contact one of your Parish Councillors to register your interest. (Councillors' contact details are listed in the June Bulletin and can also be found on the Great Budworth website at: <http://greatbudworth.com/>)

decision about the best product that can be used to meet the purpose. This should ultimately enable 60 cars to be parked on the field, which is a significant increase on the current arrangements. The Parish Council believes that the extra car parking spaces created from this will contribute significantly to reducing some of the serious traffic congestion and parking issues that currently disrupts the village when large events are taking place.

Parish Council Meetings

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 for 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 2nd November 2015** commencing at 7.30pm. The next Planning Committee Meeting will take place on **5th October 2015** at 7.00 pm if any planning applications require consideration.

Parish Website

The Parish Clerk now updates the website on a regular basis with all Parish Council information and is well worth a visit if you require more information. The website can be accessed on: <http://greatbudworth.com> and contains a plethora of useful information about the village and events.

Peter McAndrew – Chairman of Great Budworth Parish Council

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A GRAND DAY OUT

with Sylvia Godber

Great Budworth Garden Club made their third visit to Highgrove on Monday September 14th.

For some this was an opportunity to experience the gardens for the first time. We had an excellent tour lasting two hours with a knowledgeable guide. Yes, it did rain, but we were prepared. The cream tea was most welcome and appreciated by all.

All tours are booked in advance and you can go as a group of twenty six, as we did, or book individually.



Can You Help People in the Camp in Calais?

A van will be leaving Great Budworth on Sunday 4th October with donated items to help the refugees staying in the camps at Calais. As the weather gets worse, conditions there will become life threatening. We hope that many readers will bring something along to Great Budworth Church, where Rev. Alec Brown has allocated a space for the collection.

Items needed include -

- * Warm bedding, sleeping bags and towels
- * Camping equipment
- * Warm clothing and shoes for men and women
- * Toys and children's clothes
- * Non-perishable food and tins
- * Soap, toothbrushes and tampons

This is just the first of several convoys going to Calais, so don't despair if you don't manage to contribute to the bags going on 4th October - another is likely to be sent in November.

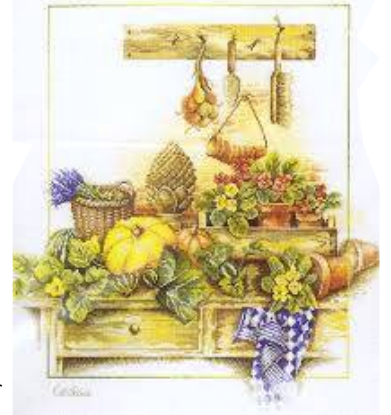
If you have any queries please contact Joanna on 07535 443



GARDEN CLUB

It was the start of our autumn programme for the Garden Club and to celebrate our summer produce in our gardens we had our annual show. The Parish Hall was full of colour and looked fantastic - just like Tatton Flower Show ! The classes were won by:

- * One dahlia bloom - 1st Ruth Smith, 2nd Chris Godber, 3rd Sue Enfield
- * 3 root vegetables -- 1st Chris Godber, 2nd Dawn Freeman, 3rd Vicki Harrison
- * Marrow -- only one entry ! Sylvia Godber
- * 5 stone fruits -- 1st Heather Bailey, 2nd Julia Prola, 3rd Jane Carter
- * Pot plant grown from a given plug -- 1st Sylvia Godber, 2nd Lesley Anderson, 3rd Sue Enfield
- * RHS Banksian Medal for best exhibit in show -- Sylvia Godber for her pot plant.



We are thankful to our judges Eddie Horrigan and Alan Crank, and committee member Jerry Bentley for organising the show.

This was followed by a talk with slides on edible gardening by Jacqui Brocklehurst.

The holiday for 2016 was announced and immediately a full list of names was taken.

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 13 October**, when there will be a talk about Alpines from Hartside Nursery.

For further information, please contact me: Jean Davies 01606 892383

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Great Budworth Cricket Club

Report on Season 2015

The cricket team has had a great season. There were 22 arranged matches (well done, Rev. Alec Brown), but five were cancelled due to waterlogged pitch, or the opposition not being able to field a team. We actually played 17 matches, of which we won 12 and lost five. This is an excellent achievement for a village team as we played some good league teams. We lost to Antrobus twice (narrowly), Barnton, King Richards Crusaders and Moss Hey. Congratulations to all the players for what they achieved. We now have a group of excellent and talented cricketers who all come from the local communities around Great Budworth. Arley Cricket Ground was in excellent condition all season and a big thank you goes to all the volunteers who help to maintain it to such a high standard. Lord Ashbrook gave the highest praise, saying he was proud of its condition and it looked like a real cricket pitch. The cricket covers that we were able to buy with the help of the Manchester Airport Community Fund have been a great success at improving the condition of the match wicket. We thank all the members and local communities for the fantastic support that they give the cricket club and it is lovely to see supporters at matches.

The Annual Prize Giving Dinner

This year's dinner will be held in Great Budworth Parish Hall on Saturday 14 November 2015 and will be a celebration of all that has been achieved this season and we will all have a jolly good time. Dress is smart casual. Tickets are £25 and can be booked by contacting Maggie on 01606 891213 or email maggielblower@btinternet.com

Peter McAndrew – Chairman, Great Budworth Cricket Club



OCTOBER IN YOUR GARDEN

by Tom Acton, Former Head Gardener at Arley Hall

The notes I wrote for the Church Magazine 21 years ago are worth repeating as the season is similar – no frost by the end of September.

October and November may be a more realistic time to plant bulbs in containers as it is a pity to discard the summer flowering plants whilst they are still giving a good show. Bulbs are ideal for providing colour and interest through the drab months of winter and early spring. They need no extra fertilization as they have sufficient energy stored in the bulb to flower well in the first year, so they could be planted directly into the container of compost that has grown the summer bedding.

Several varieties of bulbs can be planted in the same container to provide a succession of flowers from January to April. For instance, in a 12" or 14" pot or container the following could be planted: eight or ten dwarf Iris, such as Iris reticulata and 10 or 12 Crocus to flower during February-March, with a few each of dwarf botanical Tulips and botanical Daffodils and some Muscari (grape hyacinths) to flower March-April. These bulbs will bring an otherwise empty container to life for anything up to here months next spring.



Plant the larger bulbs first and the smaller ones at a high level, planted twice as deep as the height of the bulb. Water in well after planting a few winter-flowering pansies or violas for interest throughout the winter.

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Walking the walk – the North Wales Pilgrim's Way

August, 2015

During the month of August, and as part of my two month sabbatical, I walked most of the North Wales Pilgrim's Way from Basingwerk Abbey in Flintshire to Aberdaron at the end of the Llyn Peninsula. The total distance is about 130 miles and I did about 100 miles over six days, missing out a section in the middle of the walk, around Bangor. Arriving late in the afternoon at Aberdaron I was unable to take the boat trip across to Bardsey Island – Ynys Enlli – the traditional finishing point for medieval pilgrims, but will be doing the crossing in the very near future.

In the spirit of medieval pilgrims I carried what I needed on the walk, made use of local hostelries along the way and slept in the open, under the stars (though I did have a small tent for emergencies), marveling at the beautiful countryside through which I was walking, and at the wonderful churches, chapels and historic sites, not to mention ancient yew trees, medieval standing wheel crosses and streams, rivers and holy wells. For company along the way, apart from the people I met of course (and some of them could have come straight from the pages of Chaucer!) and the birds and animals I encountered, I carried the poems of R S Thomas, who was the Vicar of Aberdaron in the 1970s, one of whose successors at Aberdaron, Jim Cotter, has recently published a wonderful book of Thomas' poems with reflections and comments alongside them, relating especially to the last part of the pilgrimage through the Llyn Peninsula and along the Wales Coast Path.

Familiar as I am with North Wales and the Llyn Peninsula, I was nevertheless unprepared for just how staggeringly beautiful the countryside was and also for how difficult the pilgrim's path was at times – threading its way as it does through very mixed terrain with lots of steep ascents. There were some very overgrown paths through which I literally had to hack my way with my stout pilgrim's staff, as well as ladder stiles, gates a-plenty - and some very fierce and territorial farm dogs!

The journey was physically challenging, but the views, holy places and sites and people I met along the way more than made up for this. On a journey of faith I was not surprised by the small miracles that took place over the course of the walk – from my lost camera being found by a group of volunteers in one of the most overgrown stretches of the path, to some complete strangers on the train back



from Penmaenmawr, at the end of the second stage of the walk, sharing their bottles of water with an exhausted pilgrim - and wanting to know all about the pilgrimage!

Overall, I found the whole experience incredibly enriching and spiritually uplifting – and cannot wait to take to the road again with hat, staff and my treasured cockle shell badge (given to me by my Chapter colleagues), the emblem of pilgrims since the early middle ages and which is still known and recognized today, as I found out on my journey. Two poems by RS Thomas were very close to my heart and soul during the walk and, for me, sum up something of the essence of the pilgrimage experience:

Some verses from “**Arrival**”

“The river dawdles
to hold a mirror for you
where you may see yourself
as you are, a traveler
with the moon's halo
above him, who has arrived
after long journeying where he
began, catching this
one truth by surprise
that there is everything to look forward to.”

I think that maybe

I think that maybe
I will be a little surer
of being a little nearer.
That's all. Eternity
is in the understanding
that that little is more than enough.

The Revd Alec Brown

