

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER

Monday 5th: Parish Hall, 7.00pm. Parish Council Finance committee meeting, followed at 8pm by full Parish Council meeting. Members of the public welcome.

Wednesday 7th: Parish Hall, 7.30pm. WI meeting (Speaker: Roy Willis).

Saturday 10th: Parish Church, from 9.30am. Church Heritage Day (various events).

Tuesday 13th: Parish Hall, 7.45pm. Garden Club Produce Show & talk.

Thursday 15th: Cock O'Budworth, 12.30pm. Ladies' lunch.

Sunday 18th: Stockley Farm. Metal Detection Rally.

Thursday 22nd: Gt Budworth School, 10am-12 noon and 3pm-6pm Open day.

Friday 23rd: Gt Budworth School, 10am-12 noon and 3pm-6pm Open day.

Saturday 24th: Sponsored walk up Snowdon (contact Vicar for details).

Sunday 25th: Parish Church, 10.30am. Harvest Festival service.

OCTOBER

Sunday 16th: Parish Hall, 7.30pm. Cheshire Rural Touring Arts 'This Is Not a Magic Show'

Saturday 22nd: Parish Hall, 7.30pm. Big Boys' Bistro.

Sunday 30th: Altrincham WA14 4TP, 10am. Welly Walk along the new A556.

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BUDWORTH BULLETIN

September 2016

Charlie is our darling!



The winner of the Scarecrow Trail, chosen as the best by visitors and residents of the village, is Charlie Boy. So, a very big WELL DONE to Gill Ponticelli, of School House, School Lane, who did such a wonderful job of making him (that's a papier mache head, by the way!).

Well done, too, to all the other scarecrow makers and thanks to all those who participated in the judging! Special thanks, also, to Lesley Anderson for devising and organising the whole thing. The competition brought a great deal of fun and amusement to the village.

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Peter Challinor

Peter was well known to many in our area and it was with great sadness we learned he had died on 5th August after just a few days in hospital. Peter was only 77, not a great age for someone who had been so vigorous throughout most of his life.

Born in Clatterbridge Hospital on the Wirral as a premature baby, Peter spent his early years with his aunt and brother, George, in Cradles Cottage. He lived all the rest of his life in Great Budworth, attending the village school, and starting work on local farms.

He began working as a builder for McAlpine, the major part of his working life being with ICI Northwich and later with Brunner Mond. Throughout his life Peter gave energetic help in local gardens – to see Peter at work, it was a wonder we ever needed machines!

Peter had more than his fair share of tragedies in his life, losing his 21 year old daughter, Karen, and a short time later his wife, Linda, in sudden deaths in the 1970s. Peter paid regular visits to his son, John, who has learning difficulties and lives in residential care in Birmingham.

Despite all this, Peter took great pride in his home on Budworth Heath and particularly his garden, which had a wonderfully colourful display throughout the year. His car always shone like a new pin!

Peter loved to have a chat and a joke and to exchange views on world events. He used to meet friends at the Drum & Monkey and, more recently, at the Spinner & Bergamot. He had many friends and will be missed enormously.

On 23rd August a funeral service was held at Great Budworth, followed by cremation at Northwich Crematorium. Peter's ashes join the family grave at Whitegate.



USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

<u>Beavers (Wed 6.15 - 7.15)</u>	Janet Warburton 854014
<u>Brownies (Wed)</u>	Lynda Flynn 891571
<u>Brownies (Thurs)</u>	Zoe Jones 783634
<u>Cock o'Budworth</u>	Karen & Pete Gregory 891287
<u>Cricket Club</u>	Peter McAndrew (Chairman) 891213
<u>County & District Councillors</u>	Don Hammond 891397
	Norman Wright 74788
	Lynn Gibbon 784599
<u>Cubs (Tues 6.30 - 8.00pm)</u>	Andy Iveson (07765 642273) &
	Johnny Papworth (07908 354853)
<u>Garden Club</u>	Jean Davies 892383
<u>George & Dragon</u>	Jackie Pickering 892650
<u>Guides (Weds)</u>	Anne O'May 891156
<u>Heritage Society</u>	Malcolm Torrance (Chairman) 892295
<u>Homewatch Co-ordinator</u>	Tony Flynn 891571
<u>Ice Cream Farm</u>	Rachel Wilkinson 891211
<u>Local History Group</u>	Alan Bailey 891149
<u>Methodist Chapel, Comberbach</u>	Lynda Flynn 891571
<u>Mobile Library - monthly,</u>	Phone 44221 (9-5pm) to check times
<i>(see item on p.10 of this issue regarding proposed changes to this service)</i>	
<u>Mothers & Toddlers (Weds 9.30am)</u>	Jackie Brook 07854 776180
<u>Parish Council</u>	Hilary Brudenell (Chairman) 892404
<u>Parish Clerk</u>	Caroline Marshall 783294
<u>Parish Hall Bookings</u>	Sue Scott 891352
<u>Parochial Church Council</u>	Rev. Alec Brown (Chairman) 891324
<u>Pre-School Group (Antrobus)</u>	Janet Howarth 892323
<u>Pre-School Group (Comberbach)</u>	Clare Roth 783948
<u>Police (non-urgent)</u>	48000
<u>Rainbow unit (pre-Brownies)</u>	Sue Greenwood 76408
<u>School (Head Teacher)</u>	Sandra Finney 891383
<u>Friends of Gt. Budworth School</u>	Mary Clewes 891024
<u>Sea Scouts</u>	Paul Underwood 783002
<u>Tennis Club</u>	Rick Burgess (Chairman) 892670
<u>Tennis (children's, Saturdays)</u>	Steve (Optima Tennis) 07976 226392
<u>Tennis court bookings</u>	Nicola Burgess 892670
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Thank you to all the generous people who donate food to the Mid-Cheshire foodbank. Just a reminder: you can easily contribute by leaving items (in date, please) in a box in the Church—it's to the left of the rear pew. Thanks again!

Tony Flynn

A big **THANK YOU** to all the local people who attended the Young Farmers Summer Ball at Hilltop Farm. We hope we didn't cause too much local disturbance!

Judy Shepherd



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INSPIRING WOMEN

The members had a very special bowls evening on the 3rd August, when we were helped to learn the finer points of Crown Green Bowls. Our thanks to David Cole, who organised 20 ladies to play



two games apiece until two winners emerged: Christine Bennett from Bostock and Kath Hickson from Great Budworth. Thanks again to David for all his help.

For our next meeting, on Wednesday 7th September, we welcome back Roy Willis who will show us slides on a 'Winter Journey through Mongolia'. On his last visit Roy gave us a vivid talk about his travels through Afghanistan and Nepal, and we're looking forward to another stimulating presentation.

We have a few new members coming to each of our meetings, so you are most welcome to come along and join us as a guest and to enjoy a cup of tea and slice of cake afterwards.

The competition is for a woolly hat - what a variety we have yet to see!

June Wilkinson

M6 JUNCTION 19 IMPROVEMENTS SCHEME
PUBLIC INFORMATION EXHIBITION

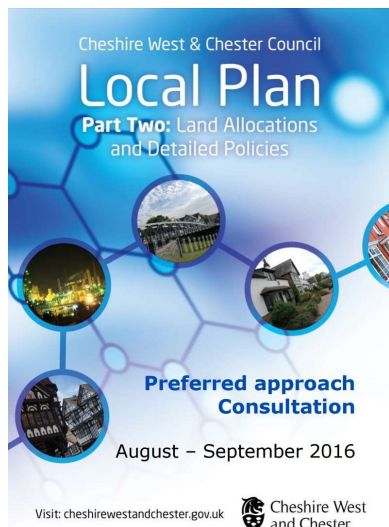
As part of its Roads Investment Strategy, Highways England is developing proposals for the improvement of junction 19 of the M6 Motorway. A public consultation on the route options for the scheme began on Wednesday 17 August 2016 and will close on Friday 23 September.

To support this initiative, Highways England will be holding a public information exhibition at the Curzon Cinema, Toft Road, Knutsford, on Saturday, 17th September from 10am to 5pm. Staff from Highways England will present information about the scheme and representatives from the Project Team will be available to answer questions.



HERITAGE SOCIETY

CW&C's Local Plan – Consultation



Cheshire West is currently consulting the public about Part 2 of its new District Plan before its publication. Together with Part 1, issued last year, this will set the framework for all development allowed here for years to come.

The documents explain all the main areas to be developed in the towns - called *Key Development Centres* - in West Cheshire e.g. Chester, Northwich, Winsford, and public comment on this is invited.

But that doesn't give any specific guidance for the rural areas and villages like Great Budworth. There is a map which confirms the present boundaries of our Conservation Area, and also of the 'settled 0ar0ea', which means what it sounds like: it excludes areas of field in the Conservation Area, but includes the churchyard extension.

As I mentioned in my earlier article on the Local Plan (see April's Bulletin), Great Budworth is shown as one of the smaller *Local Service Centres (LSCs)*. The draft Plan, Part 2, is quite restrictive on what new housing would be allowed in Local Service Centres. It lists infill, redevelopment, conversion of suitable buildings and sub-division of houses. Any new housing proposed on land adjacent to a Local Service Centre will be allowed only if it is for 'rural exception housing' and is supported by the parish council, OR if it is allocated within an approved Neighbourhood Plan.

So far, about eight villages (mostly larger than Budworth) have developed a Neighbourhood Plan which, if approved, sets a local framework for any development, but this means a lot of effort (three to four years), and costs a packet (roughly equal to three years' parish precept).

One suggested idea - sharing the burden with other nearby villages—is questionable because each village has its own needs and ideas: there are certainly lots of different ones within Great Budworth alone!

So that's where we're at currently. Check it out at Northwich Library and CW&C service centre which have copies or go online to <http://consult@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk>.

You can make comments by post or email before 23 September.

Rod Bowman
Heritage Society

GREAT BUDWORTH CHURCH RESTORATION COMMITTEE

The Race Night, held at the Cock O'Budworth on 5th July and organised by Richard Kershaw, was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by the 60 or so people who were there. With the benefit of an auction of prizes donated by people from the Parish and auctioned by Nick Hopkinson, an impressive £4,500 was raised. Thank you to Richard and Joseph Holt Brewery for their generosity. I am pleased to report that the amount raised in the six months since the campaign started is an astonishing figure of just over £15,000, which means we are now in a position to consider plans for the first phase of our Church refurbishment. The details will be decided at a meeting with our architect which will take place later this month. Thank you so much to all in the Parish for your help and support.

The spectacular event to be held at Lesley and Nick Hopkinson's home on the 29th August (starting at 2pm) will have many attractions, including a hog

roast, music and an auction of around 80 promises with estimated values ranging from £5 upwards, all donated by local people.

On Saturday, 24th September our Vicar is leading a group on a sponsored walk up Snowdon and already has several committed walkers. He does need a few more and can be contacted on alec-brown@tiscali.co.uk. If you are not walking, please support the event by sponsoring the walkers.

There are a couple of changes for your diary. The lunch at Arley on 18th October is deferred for reasons outside our control and will now be held on Wednesday 5th April 2017. Lord Ashbrook has secured Major General (retired) Peter G Williams who will give what I am sure will be a fascinating talk on "My Life as a Cold War Spy". Also, the Safari Supper scheduled for 12th November has been postponed until the spring next year when we can rely on lighter and, we hope, warmer evenings – more details from Maggie Blower in the next couple of months.

The next event organised by the Committee will be the Burns Night at the George and Dragon on 25th January 2017. We have also had some interest from people who are keen to organise their own events in October and November. If you need some funding for your idea up to say £100, or just some support and advice, then please let us know and we will find a way to help.

Finally, there seems to be a growing interest in forming a Church male voice choir, led by choirmaster Ian Chesworth, who will be arranging a couple of practice sessions in September. Bob Wilkinson and some of his farmer friends have already volunteered, as have members of this Committee. Are you interested? The choir's first appearance is at the Harvest Thanksgiving service on 25th September, so please come along to support it and share in this family service.

Jim Martin,
Chairman, Church Restoration Committee
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SEPTEMBER IN THE GARDEN

by Tom Acton, Former Head Gardener at Arley Hall

All the popular Clematis varieties are climbers, but there are few suitable for growing in the border. Clematis heracleifolia flowers in August-September. It has three-foot high pale blue flowers and is very fragrant, with curled back petals. C. recta, with large clusters of white star flowers and C. integrifolia, with blue bell-shaped flowers, are both 18 inches high and flower from June to August.



C. texensis Gravetye Beauty

Among the climbers the species varieties are texensis Gravetye Beauty, T. Duchess of Albany and T. Princess Diana—all with tulip-shaped flowers in shades of pink to ruby red, flowering from June to September. Also flowering now are the Vitiella group, including Etoile Violette, with violet flowers from June to September and Polish Spirit, with dark violet flowers, both still flowering until—and often into—October. The Jackmanii, Patens and Florida groups, such as Jackmanii Superba, Perle d'Azur, Ville de Lyon, The President, Vyvyan Pennell—and many others—are also still flowering.

The C. Jackmanii, Vitivella and Texensis groups are pruned hard back in later winter/early spring. The Patens and Florida group, such as Nelly Moser, The President and Vyvyan Pennell are pruned when necessary, much lighter after flowering in June.

IMPORTANT—SAFARI SUPPER

We have decided to postpone this supper until the spring when nights are lighter and warmer and moving between houses will be more pleasant.

We hope you will all join us then. Look out for more info and details in the Spring Bulletin.

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BIG BOYS' BISTRO Saturday 22nd October

Help us is to raise the roof whilst raising funds for the Parish Hall Roof Project 2016!
Timing: arrive at 7.30pm, for a champagne reception, with dinner starting at around 8.15pm.

Tickets will be limited to an absolute maximum of 80 so get them fast; the ticket price includes the reception, the meal and the entertainment. There will be a cash bar.

The price is a traditional 22 guineas (mathematicians and accountants will be able to calculate that this means £23.10),

Dress is either of the 60s/70s era or 2016 smart casual.

The menu will be traditional 60s/70s and must be ordered at the time of ticket purchase to ensure minimal wastage and that all dishes are freshly prepared. The menu is likely to be as follows:

- ♦ Starter - choice of prawn cocktail, pâté with toast or, for vegetarians, a slice of melon adorned with powdered ginger.
- ♦ Main course - choice of Coq au Vin, Beef Bourguignon or, for vegetarians, a vegetable lasagne.
- ♦ Cheese may or may not be served, a decision for later.
- ♦ The sweet will be a choice of Apple Pie with ice cream and/or custard, Sherry trifle or Angel Delight (for those who were children in the '60s or '70s!)



Some sartorial reminders of the period

We're still planning to have one or more special guest stars, but their identity must remain secret at this stage.

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A556 Knutsford to Bowdon Improvement—Update & Welly Walk

This is an occasional update provided by the Highways Agency. For further information see their website: <http://www.highways.gov.uk/roads/road-projects/a556-knutsford-to-bowdon-improvement/>

Welly Walk along the new A556

We would like to invite you to come and join us on Sunday 30th October, on a 6.5km (just over 4 miles) charity walk along the route of the new A556 Knutsford to Bowdon dual carriageway. This is a unique opportunity to see the new road and structures during the construction phase, whilst raising money for a local charity, The Children's Adventure Farm Trust.

This is a ticket only event and for more information, please visit our Welly Walk Website at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/childrens-adventure-farm-trust-welly-walk-along-the-a556-tickets-25535579606>

Progress Update

Over the summer months, there has been significant progress made on the scheme. We have been operating at peak staffing levels, and visually the road is really taking shape!

The majority of bulk earthworks and installation of carrier drainage is now complete and the road sub formation courses are being laid across the scheme. Six of the seven structures are substantially complete and the works to tie in to the side roads are progressing well.

Part of the scheme involves re-modelling the road layouts around the M56 at Junction 7 to provide a direct 'free flow' access between the A556 and the M56. In order to deliver this work safely, there has been a requirement to close the eastbound exit slip road at junction 7 of the M56. It is anticipated that it will be re-opened towards the end of the year.

By the end of August, the first phase of work to realign the roads around the A50 will be complete. Vehicles using the A50 will travel across the new bridge that has been constructed as part of this scheme.

Roadworks

For the duration of the works we may have to make temporary daytime/overnight lane closures on the A556, at short notice. During these lane closures traffic will be reduced to one lane by the use of traffic cones. Traffic flows will be monitored and if delays start to occur the closures will be removed as soon as possible. The overnight closures are not expected to impact on journey times.

Thank you in advance for your patience whilst we carry out these works. We understand that roadworks are frustrating and inconvenient at times but please be assured that we are working as fast as we can to get these parts of the works completed. If you have any concerns, suggestions or feedback then please get



SCHOOL NEWS

As we start the new term, we welcome our new pupils and their families into the preschool and Reception class as well as Mrs Hayward, who will be joining Mrs Ripley in teaching Class 2. Madame Ireland will also be joining us to teach French to our years 3-6. We do have a few places still available for preschool aged children to join us, so please spread the word if you know parents who are looking for a great start to their children's education.

We will be holding Open Days on Thursday 22nd September from 10am to 12 noon and from 3pm until 6pm and again from 10am until 12 noon on Friday 23rd September. This is an ideal chance for prospective families to look round our school – especially for those who have children due to start in Reception in September 2017.

If you or someone you know would like to come along, please turn up on the day, or for more information or to arrange an alternative time to visit us, please telephone the school on 01606 891383 or look at our website www.greatbudworth.cheshire.sch.uk



Metal Detecting Rally

The North West Metal Detecting Society are holding their annual rally at Stockley Farm on 18th September 2016.

Metal Detectors for the whole of the North West Region are descending on 500 acres at Stockley. It is really for established metal detectors, but if anybody is interested in helping at the rally or in learning about metal detecting please contact Kevin Gorman on kbgorman@hotmail.co.uk or Colin Sheritt on 0729 6383824.

It would be a good opportunity to get started or to learn about this fascinating hobby.

Alan Bailey



LADIES' LUNCH

September's Ladies' Lunch will take place at 12.30pm on Thursday 15th September at the Cock O'Budworth. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE! New-comers are always welcome! Further information from Hazel (891908).





Hearty thanks to all the kind volunteers who saved the Parish an estimated £2,000-3,000 by helping to lay the parking mesh on the Parish Field. The job is not yet complete, however, so volunteers are again sought to complete the job. If you can spare some time—and have a large hammer! – please contact Malcolm Torrance on 01606 892295.

Mobile Library Service

Following its review of cultural services, Cheshire West & Chester council proposed the following changes to the Mobile Library Service:

- ♦ From a 4-week rota to a 3-week rota;
- ♦ A change of day from a Wednesday to a Tuesday;
- ♦ A change of time from the current 3.45pm—5.00pm to 11.50am—12.20pm.

At the time of writing, it's not certain when these changes will come into effect. The full 67-page report of cultural services review is available at:

<http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=17737>

We hope to include further information in October's Bulletin.



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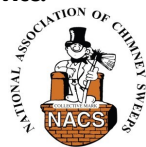
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GARDEN CLUB

We have had a lovely summer, with lots of colour in the garden, scarecrows in the village, and the marvellous Olympics to watch on television. It is noticeable that it's becoming autumnal, and we gardeners start our tidying up and planting out yet again.

Looking back over the last few weeks, we've had Caroline Melia-Smith talking to us about opening her garden for NGS. And we have been on a visit to two more members' gardens (Jenni and Nigel Pemberton's in Antrobus and Sue and Ian Roberts' garden in Whitley): it was so good to see both country gardens with lots of history and the weather was welcomingly warm. Thank you to the hosts of both gardens for their hospitality and support.

The holiday to Devon was a huge success. We're so lucky to have Henri and Lynda Giller, who organised the entire trip—and have agreed to organise the next holiday for 2017. The venue and details will be announced in September, when members can reserve a place and make the first payment in October.

Exciting stuff!



Dartington Hall, our base for the holiday in Devon.

The next meeting is on the 13th September, when representatives of Conquest Plants will talk about Colour in the Leaf. That evening is also our annual Produce Show: details are given in the latest Newsletter. Members are asked to bring their produce on the night, between 6.30 and 7.15pm, i.e. before the speaker. The produce will be judged by Eddie Horrigan and Alan Crank, with prizes and a medal to be won. For members attending that evening, Jerry Bentley, who is running the show, will be giving out narcissi bulbs for a competition. If you have any queries about the show, please contact Jerry (contact details below).

There will be the usual plant stall, and it promises to be a busy and interesting evening. Any general questions, please ask myself Jean, or members' secretary Gwen.

Jean Davies 01606 82383; Gwen 01925 656704; Jerry 01565 649988



ARLEY HALL GARDENS

*Enjoy FREE access to the gardens in
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CHURCH NEWS

Saturday 10th September

Church Heritage Day

A day of varied events is planned:

- A sponsored Cycle Ride will start at 9.30am from the Lych Gate.
- Afternoon events will include an organ recital, teas, tower tours, a walk around the village, a talk and a display of old registers. Everyone is very welcome to attend.



Saturday 24th September

Sponsored walk up Snowdon

Our vicar, Rev. Alec Brown, will lead a sponsored walk up Snowdon, to raise funds for the church's restoration fund. We'll ascend via The Rhyd-Ddu path, which is said to be the easiest way up (apart from the train)!! Are you tempted to have a go? If so, we'd love to see you. There will be two professional guides walking with the group.

Each participant will be asked to make a one-off payment of £35 towards the cost of the guides and is asked to raise a minimum of £500 through sponsorship.

If you don't feel like walking, would you consider sponsoring somebody who is?

Contact: The Rev. Alec Brown 01606 891324 or Margaret Cross 01606 48036 to register your interest and/or for more details of sponsorship.

Sunday 25th September

Harvest Festival, 10.30am

Please join us for our annual Harvest Festival Service. There will be a male 'Parish Voices' choir for the first time at this service. Men are needed to join the choir, which will be led by Ian Chesworth, so if you would like to exercise your vocal chords, please add your name to the list on the table at the back of church.

The Harvest Festival is a service of good hymns and thankfulness, and very pertinent in this rural parish. It is also a time to give some thought to those less fortunate than ourselves. We are aiming to 'fill a skip' with non-perishable groceries (in-date please) which will be divided between various charities/people. Please bring your gifts along to the service or beforehand and stay for a chat and refreshments after the service.



A warm welcome back to the village to **Kath Kay**, who has moved into 27 Westage Lane. Kath and her late husband, Peter, lived in Fairfield cottage for some years before moving away several years ago.

Welcome to Great Budworth to **Jo and Laurence McCarthy** who have moved from Worsley into Noah's Ark on High Street.

GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met at the beginning of July. The Council had agreed at its previous meeting to write to a number of local cycling clubs in response to public concerns over the behaviour of cyclists through the village, particularly their formation on the roads and the inappropriate language and behaviour of some.

At the time of the July meeting it was reported that only two of the clubs had answered. It was therefore agreed that the problem should be referred more widely and the letter was sent to the local newspaper. From there it was picked up by the Press Association and in the spirit of the news "silly season" we suddenly found ourselves being approached by radio and television channels and national newspapers.

I think I can promise you that the media attention has now completely faded away, but we can hope that cyclists who break the Highway Code or their own club protocols will now be more aware as they come through the village. Thanks to all those who supported the stand taken. Apologies to those of you who felt the activity was an unnecessary intrusion.



There is still some work to be done on completing the laying of the parking mesh on the Parish Field. See the separate recruitment item on the next page.

The Planning Committee met in August to consider an application relating to a property in Church Street. This was recommended for approval but the Planning Authority has been requested to make sure that the permission requires management of the delivery of materials and the parking of contractor vehicles to be sympathetic to the movement of other traffic and pedestrian use which will increase when the School comes back in September

Anonymous letters have been received by some of your Parish Councillors. Please be assured that these have been filed in the drawer marked "bin"

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 5th September, (7.00pm Finance Committee; 8.00pm full Parish Council), in the Parish Hall. Do come and share your concerns/hopes/thoughts with us.

Hilary Brudenell

Chairman, Great Budworth Parish Council