

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH

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

Saturday 4th: Parish Church, 7.30pm. Spring Concert, with the Lydian Singers.

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

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

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

Sunday 19th: Parish Church, after morning service. Bill & Lesley Anderson's drinks party to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Sunday 26th: CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR.

APRIL

Wednesday 5th: Arley Hall, 11.30am. 'My Life as a Cold War Spy'. Talk by Major General Peter Williams. LAST FEW TICKETS REMAINING

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LADIES' LUNCH

The next Ladies' Lunch will take place at 12.30pm on Thursday 16th March at the Cock at Budworth. Newcomers are always welcome! Further information from Hazel on 01606 891908.



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BUDWORTH BULLETIN

March 2017



Our thanks to the Big Boys who laid on such a splendiferous, scrumptious, belly-filling — and profitable — Big Breakfast on 5th February

From left to right: John Tours, Richard Elias, Jeff Clewes, Dave Hiatt, Keith Brudenell, Iain Ritchie, Malcolm Torrance, Pete Hiatt, Guy Potter (Uber Big Boy, Don Hammond, took the photo).

Thanks, Boys!

More pics and details on p7.

GARDEN CLUB

Our AGM was attended by most members, who paid their subscriptions for the coming year. The new events cards were given out, along with information on discounts at some local nurseries. All members of the committee were willing to stand again, but for the formalities resigned en bloc, and were proposed and seconded to serve again for the coming year. There was a need to add new members to the committee and the following people were elected: Sarah Lawton, Ola Dodd, Dawn Freeman, Henri Giller and Janet Bashforth. Their roles will be determined at the next committee meeting, after full discussion. A clipboard was also sent around, asking members to name speakers, trips out and visits they would like to have, and we will act on this information for members' benefit.

Following the AGM, Simon Tetlow, (right) head gardener at Tatton Park, spoke about the History of Walled Gardens. He was thanked by Linda Enderby. The next meeting is on Tuesday 14 March at 7.45pm in the Parish Hall, when Hooksgreen Herbs will give a practical hands-on demonstration.

For further information, please contact me: Jean Davies.
01606 892383 / 0789993 7683.



Observant readers may have noticed the vivid and pristine new Union flag flying atop the Church tower. Its predecessor was — literally — in reduced circumstances, with half of it worn away and its frayed remains visible, even from ground level. Hearty thanks, then, to KEN WEST, of Budworth Heath Cottage, who donated the new flag (all 5' x 8' of it). It's nice to know that on

high days and holidays we have a Union flag that we can hoist with pride!

Maggie's flowers

Spring workshop

Welcome in the season by joining my Spring workshop in the flower barn at Guide Post Farm. Learn how to plant your own hanging basket, create a pot-a-fleur – or arrange your own Easter basket!

Dates: 17th and 25th March Morning 9.30am -12 noon; or afternoon 1.00 pm till 3.30pm. Cost: £35, which includes compost and plants (plus tea, coffee and cakes!)

Email me to book your place and for more details at maggie@maggieearl.co.uk or ring me on 07970927161 or 01565777262.



GREAT BUDWORTH CHURCH RESTORATION

What a fantastic start to 2017 with our Burns Night, held on 25th January at the George and Dragon Pub, where over 60 people from the Parish joined in the festivities. There was a delicious Burns dinner and the address to the haggis was given by Rob Fraser, supported by our visiting piper, James Axon. Hoppy, our star auctioneer, was having a well-deserved holiday and this time the auction was run by a team of volunteers comprising Lord Ashbrook, Roger Earl, John Munnery, Peter McAndrew, Jim Martin, Kieran Peters and Bob Wilkinson, all of whom, despite their initial reservations, proved to be hugely successful and raised £5,700! What a team!

Thanks to the very generous support by the George and Dragon Pub and the many prizes donated for the Auction, the evening is likely to make a profit in excess of £7,000, which was an outstanding result.

Thank you and well done to everyone who supported the event.

Jim Martin,
Chairman, Church Restoration Committee



To the owner of the two little dogs who, when he was challenged, refused to clean up the mess which the white one had deposited in the middle of The Avenue, near the school - and who instead got very abusive - please note the following: (1) children regularly walk to and from school along that stretch of The Avenue; (2) it is a criminal offence not to clean up when your dog messes in a public place; (3) you were less than 50 yards away from a bin which was installed for that very purpose.

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MARCH IN THE GARDEN

By Tom Acton, Former Head Gardener at Arley Hall

If you notice that the leaves of your Camellia start to turn yellow between the veins, then give the plant a feed of sequestered iron or an acid fertiliser.

Small flowered Clematis that flower in late summer, like *C. orientalis* (right), *C. texensis* and *C. viticella* varieties, should be hard pruned towards the end of the month, as should the late flowering deep blue/purple *C. Jackmanii*.

All shrubs benefit from a spring application slow release fertilizer, like pelleted chicken manure. Dahlia tubers can now be brought into growth in a greenhouse or window sill, and Begonia tubers will now shoot if treated the same way.

Lilies can be potted and grown in an unheated greenhouse, to be planted out or grown in pots or borders later.

Complete the pruning of fruit trees.

Tender perennials such as Fuchsias and Argryranthemums can now be brought into growth. Repot the plants into fresh compost and prune back.

Sweet peas should be sown by the end of the month, and pinch out the tops when the seedlings are two to three inches high.



Tomato seeds can be sown in a heated greenhouse or warm window sill.

Dahlia cuttings can be taken when the young shoots are three to four inches. Pinch out the tops when rooted.



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INSPIRING WOMEN

Samantha Smith came to speak to members at the February meeting and brought along a small tortoise, a corn snake and bearded dragon - so this was not an event for the faint-hearted! She told us of her pet rescue project, 'Scales and Tails', which was formed to care for rare animals that people have bought (somewhat unwisely) and then have no idea how to feed and care for. It

was quite toe-curling for the squeamish, but so very interesting to see her passion for all animals.

We enjoyed a slice of delicious birthday cake, made by Jane Smallwood, for our 85th birthday.

The walkers enjoyed a four-mile walk around Lower Peover and viewed the Tree of Imagination, followed by lunch at the Golden Pheasant. The book club members are reading 'The Green Road' by Ann Enright.

Twenty five members went to the Klink restaurant at HMP Styal to have a birthday lunch. All were released later for good behaviour !! The next meeting, on Wednesday 1st March, is a members' night, when we bring along something old and interesting to reveal to all, so dig in your bottom drawer and, if you have something suitable, then it's 'show and tell' !!!

Competition is for a book mark and the tea ladies are Sandra, Carol and Shirley.

June Wilkinson



26th March



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Church Teas and Books 2017



Maggie and Margaret would like to thank everyone who came along to the Coffee morning to sign up for the rota.

We still have vacancies to fill, so if you can help out with any extra dates we would be most grateful.

Thank you.

Margaret Cross (07732 324 001); Maggie Earl (01565 777 262)

Bill and Lesley Anderson

would like to invite friends and neighbours to join them at the service in church on Sunday 19th March and afterwards, in the church, for a drink and nibbles, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their marriage in Saint Mary and All Saints Church — and 50 years of life in Great Budworth.



Dog Walking



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Someone commented that HS2 was a very long way from even being finally approved, still less becoming a reality, adding that we were "still three years away from formal plans being put to the Secretary of State." Someone else noted that Andrew Tyrie, MP, chair of the House of Commons Treasury Select Committee, had complained about 'a lack of rigour' in the business case for HS2.

Finally, someone asked Mr. Atkinson why it was that residents opposed to the scheme were having to find and fund their own experts to examine and advise on the scheme (and apparently learning more than was known by HS2) whilst, in the case of, say, a proposed housing development, it would be up to the developer to carry out any geological survey. Mr. Atkinson didn't know. All in all, I rather think that Mr. Atkinson left the meeting having learnt more than the councillors had.

Cllr. Anna Lee

Wednesday, 5 April 2017 from 11.30am

Arley Hall

Lecture by Major General Peter Williams CMG, OBE

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REPORT ON HS2 MEETING HELD AT CWaC, WINSFORD

On 31st January I attended a meeting of Ward councillors at CWaC's offices in Winsford to discuss the proposed HS2 scheme. There were 15 of us altogether: 12 councillors, three CWaC hosts and one HS2 representative. The main purpose of the meeting was to allow Ward Councillors to air concerns and to question a representative of HS2 Ltd. This article is a summary of the notes I took during the meeting.

Councillor Brian Jamieson, of Northwich Town Council, said that, whilst the original route had been changed because it was found to be going through the Holford brine fields and the gas storage area, the new route was infinitely worse as it ran through Winsford Salt Mine, Lostock Gralam, Wincham, Marston and Billinge Green - all areas where there were countless uncharted underground cavities filled with pressurised gas. Others added that the new route also went over a proposed Flood Relief Area. John Atkinson, the HS2 representative, was asked if his organisation was aware of any of this. Mr. Atkinson wasn't sure, and explained that he had only joined the company a few months earlier. Cllr Jamieson also expressed fears that the new route would involve the demolition of a housing site on Cookes Lane and the diversion of the A556. Given the number of vehicles which travel along that stretch of the A556 (i.e. adjacent to Gadbrook Park, Roberts Bakery and Morrisons warehouse), and the likely duration of such works, the impact on local people and the wider business community would be considerable. There was general horror at this prospect, given the severe traffic congestion caused by the works associated with the current Bowdon to Knutsford A556 diversion.

Someone else pointed out that the potential cost of necessary underground remedial works would be immense, given that before any substantive work on Barons Quay was begun, some £35m was spent filling the four mines under the site with concrete.

We were asked for our views on the proposed location of a rolling stock depot near Crewe. Everyone who spoke (and there were several) opposed it, mainly because it would occupy prime farmland, and the site of a school and a Grade 2 listed barn.

A number of people expressed concerns about the impact on local infrastructure which, they claimed, was already inadequate as it had not kept pace with the increase in the area's population. In particular, they cited the inadequate roads crossing the various rivers and canals in the area.

John Atkinson was asked a number of questions about the exact location and likely height and width of the embankments which would be necessary along the proposed route as it travelled through the CWaC area. He could not say precisely, but did not deny that they would be in the order of 18m (approx. 60') or more high. Some said the route shown on the map was misleading because it failed to show the full width of the railway in those places where it ran along an embankment. With these concerns in mind, a number of people asked Mr. Atkinson if it would be possible to have a scale model available to present at a consultation meeting, scheduled to be held on 9th March. Mr. Atkinson very much doubted it.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Pupils from school have been enjoying fantastic experiences over the last few weeks. First, the whole school joined with Antrobus St. Mark's Primary School to watch and take part in an Image Theatre musical production of The Selfish Giant (see right). The Oscar Wilde story has been the topic for our special theme week and it was wonderful to see the story come to life. Pupils from both schools took part in the acting, with the rest of the schools' pupils joining in with the choruses.



Back in school, the theme week continued by creating amazing art work based on what the Giant's garden might be like—see an example, below left. Later, our junior children went to Manchester Arena to perform alongside thousands of other primary school children in a Young Voices concert. There was much excitement at being part of something so large scale and the children kept their energy levels high right through to the end of the long day of rehearsals and performing. Photos of all of these events can be seen on our school website.



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ROAD CLOSURES

Here is a summary of road/lane closures associated with the A556 Knutsford to Bowdon Improvement scheme. The source of this information is: <http://roads.highways.gov.uk/projects/a556-knutsford-to-bowdon-improvement>. We recommend that you check final with this website or the AA to verify as the situation is subject to change.

27th February—30th March, 9pm—6pm

A556 southbound between the junctions with the A50 and the M6: CLOSED.

A556 northbound between Mereside Road (A5034) and M56/A56. CLOSED.

M56 J7 eastbound exit. CLOSED.

M6 J19 northbound access. CLOSED.

M6 J19 southbound access and exit. CLOSED.

9.30am, 2nd March—3.30pm 3rd March

M6 northbound between J19 and J20. CLOSED.

M6 northbound between J19 and J20 (one lane closed)

3.30pm on 3 February to 06.00am on 30 November

M6 southbound at Knutsford Services between J19 and J18. One lane closed.

M6 southbound between J19 and J16. One lane closed.

3rd March to 6th March, 9pm—6am

M6 J19 southbound access & exit slip roads. CLOSED.

A556 northbound & southbound between M56 & junction with M6. CLOSED.

M56 eastbound exit sliproad at J7. CLOSED.

30th March to 30th April, 9pm—5am

M6 J19 southbound exit & access. CLOSED.

A556 southbound between M56 and junction with Mereside Road. CLOSED.

The Friends of Great Budworth Church invite you to
A Spring Concert

at St. Mary & All Saints' Church, Great Budworth

with The Lydian Singers

On Saturday 4th March 2017 at 7.30pm

Admission £8, including light refreshments.

(Accompanied under-12s admitted free.)

The Lydian Singers is a mixed voice chamber choir based at Knutsford but drawing membership from a far surrounding area. The choir was founded in 1980 and performs a wide variety of music in a wide variety of venues.

THE BIG BOYS DO IT AGAIN

Numbers showed a modest increase on last year, with some 90-100 people (pictured below) tucking into all manner of breakfast fare that was laid on. Indeed, some regulars returned to the buffet table more than once to enjoy two or more breakfasts!



The profit is in the region of £850, a significant increase on the £700 raised last year. The Big Boys have not yet decided which causes will be the beneficiaries, not least because at the time of writing they have not yet had their post-event meeting in the George & Dragon..

Our sincere thanks go to Poplars Farm for the eggs they donated. Thanks, too, to the sensational 'Big Boys' Team', who—at key moments, at least—appeared to be



organised. Special mention must also go to the backroom girls, Jan Hiatt, Hazel Forwood (both pictured above) and Karen Adams, for their superb bacon grilling regime.

The next Big Boys' event is provisionally scheduled for Saturday the 21 October, when the Big Boys Bistro may well return for a Sensational Saturday Supper.

ODEON CINEMA

The new Odeon Cinema in Northwich (right) is well worth a visit – and it's a very comfortable place to see a good film. There are five screens, so there's lots of choice of film. It's cheaper to see a film off peak, i.e. Monday to Thursday before 5pm, and they also hold 'Silver Screen' events when it costs just £3 to watch selected films, usually at 11am or 2pm mid-week and this includes a tea or coffee before the film, but I must add that this is not for the newly-released films.



You can park at the new car park above Asda, which is free (so far!) and it's just a short walk to the cinema.

It is a delight to have a picture house back in Northwich so let's give it a jolly welcome.

June Wilkinson