

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*Please see page 6 for details of Church events; and page 15 for details of Cricket Club home fixtures*

### JULY

**Monday 3rd:** Parish Hall, 7.30pm. Parish Council meeting. All welcome.

**Tuesday 4th:** Parish Hall, 7.30pm. Heritage Society Annual General Meeting.

**Wednesday 5th:** School House (home of Gill Ponticelli), 7.00pm. WI meeting.

**Saturday 8th:** School Field, from 2pm. BudFest.

**Tuesday 11th:** Parish Hall, 7.45pm. Garden Club meeting.

**Tuesday 18th:** Garden Club visit to Hodnet Hall and Wollerton Old Hall gardens

**Tuesday 18th:** Outside George & Dragon, 8pm. Earl of Stamford Morris dancers performing.

**Thursday 21st:** Cock at Budworth, 12.30. Ladies' lunch.

### AUGUST

**Tuesday 1st:** High Legh (various locations). Garden Club, open gardens.

**Wednesday 2nd:** Bowling Green, Smithy Lane, 7.00pm. WI Bowls evening.

**Thursday 18th:** Cock at Budworth, 12.30. Ladies' lunch.

**Tuesday 22nd:** Grappenhall Walled Gardens. Garden Club visit.

**Sunday 27th:** Field Farm Sevenoaks, Antrobus, 7.00pm. Cricket Club BBQ

### SEPTEMBER

**Wednesday 13th:** Parish Hall, 7.45pm. Garden Club Produce Show

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# BUDWORTH BULLETIN

July~August 2016



## SCHOOL NEWS

Following the half-term break, children from all four classes at Great Budworth School submitted entries to an art competition entitled 'What I like about Great Budworth'. Two former teachers at Mid-Cheshire Art College judged the pictures—and praised the imagination and artistic flair of the young artists. They selected a winner and runner-up from each class. All the winners are shown above, holding their works of art.

Children, parents and teachers attended an exhibition of the paintings at the School on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, when the winners were announced. The prizes were vouchers for Northwich Art Shop, who supported the event. The Art Competition was organised by the Budworth Bulletin, through the generosity of an anonymous donor and Northwich Art Shop. Turn to pages 8-12 to see all the winning pictures.

The next Fots event is the much anticipated BudFest on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July on the school field. Please keep a look out for tickets, which will be available soon.

More school news appears on page 13.



## LADIES' LUNCHES

The Ladies' Lunches in July and August will take place at 12.30pm on Thursday 21st July and 18th August at the Cock at Budworth. New ladies always welcome! Further information from Hazel (891908).

The Earl of Stamford Morris dancers will be dancing outside the George and Dragon Pub on Tuesday 18th July 2017 at 8pm.

The group is a traditional mixed Morris side based in Moore and named after the Earl of Stamford and Warrington (and Lord Delamere). Morris dancing is a lovely English tradition and perfectly suits the spot outside the pub and opposite the church (and our vicar has been known to join in, too!).



A warm Great Budworth welcome to Craig Eden, who recently moved into 48 Church Street from Durham City.



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## GREAT BUDWORTH CRICKET CLUB

The following matches are to be played at Arley Cricket Ground during the next couple of months and we hope that you will come and join us for some or all of the matches.

Weds. 5th July v Moss Hey at 6.00pm  
Weds. 12th July v Mollington at 6.00pm  
Sat. 15th July v Lord Ashbrook XI at 11.30am  
Weds. 19th July v Reynolds at 6.00pm  
Weds. 26th July v Lymm at 6.00pm  
Sun. 30th July v Appleton at 2.00pm  
Sat. 5th Aug v Tabley Gardeners at 1.00pm  
Sun. 27th Aug v Antrobus at 1.00pm  
Sat. 2nd Sept v Mark Bailey XI at 1.00pm  
Sun. 10th Sept Single Wicket Competition at 2.00pm



We also hope that you may come and join our social events, which this year are:

BBQ at Field Farm Sevenoaks, Antrobus, on Sunday 27th August at 7.00pm.  
Tickets £10.

Awards Supper at Parish Hall, Great Budworth, on Saturday 30th September at 7.00pm. Tickets £25.

Tickets or further details of the above are available from Maggie Blower 01606 891213, [maggieblower@btinternet.com](mailto:maggieblower@btinternet.com) - or any committee member.

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## GREAT BUDWORTH CHURCH RESTORATION COMMITTEE

Our most recent fundraising event, held at Arley Hall on the 5<sup>th</sup> April, raised £8300 thanks to the generosity of Lord and Lady Ashbrook, who made the Hall available to almost 100 people for lunch and a talk (see the report in May's Bulletin).

At a recent Committee meeting we reviewed progress during the first year of our three-year campaign to raise £90,000 for essential restoration and repairs to the Church fabric and the heating. Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of so many in the Parish, the total amount raised, including gift aid, is currently £86,500 so the target has almost been reached, with two years to spare. There have been so many initiatives to help us reach this figure, including a flower day, coffee morning, ladies' lunch, Snowdon walk, Race night, Burns nights, Arley Hall lunch, scarecrows, gifts from the Heritage Society and the big boys' breakfast, tea party, regular individual donations and a hugely successful auction of promises held in Lesley and Nick Hopkinson's garden.

You may well have noticed some extensive work on the Church over recent months, which is now almost complete. Most of this work is not immediately visible but it has involved securing flashings, pointing, repairs to brick and stonework, replacing loose and missing tiles, clearing debris in gutters and rainwater pipes, as well as repairing paths and steps. The Church has been covered in scaffolding and complex repairs to the tower have been undertaken by specialists Skyline. We hope to have tenders in shortly.

for work on our heating system, which we would like to have completed during the



Autumn. A cash reserve has been set aside to cover the estimated cost.

You may be pleased to know that we decided to have a break from fundraising over the Summer to allow time for some of the final quotations to arrive and to determine whether further cash is required. We are, however, holding a couple of popular events for you over the winter months and perhaps you will note them in your diary: they are the Race Night at the Cock@Budworth on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November and the Burns Night on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at the George and Dragon.

Finally, thank you very much for your support and generosity over the last year. Have a relaxing Summer.

Jim Martin  
Chairman, Church Restoration Committee

## GREAT BUDWORTH HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Heritage Society is very pleased to have funded the recent repair and repainting of the railings adjacent to the bottom pump house (pictured). There were many patches of worn and rusted railings. As reported in June's Bulletin, the Quiz Night organised by the Heritage Society raised the funds to pay for the repairs.



All are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Heritage Society, which will be held on Tuesday, 4th July, at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. The meeting will be chaired by our Hon. President, Viscount Ashbrook, and will be followed by light refreshments and a Q&A session, in which members will be able to raise any questions or concerns relating to the Society with committee members. There will be no guest speaker this year.



### Would You Like To Be Taken Out For The Afternoon?

Beth Binyon (one of our WI members) is involved in a group which offers to pick people up from their homes and take them out for an afternoon to share food and company and to take them out of themselves. Do you think you would benefit from this and enjoy the company? If you are interested we will give more details in September's Bulletin — or I will pass

your name on to Beth. Please contact me.

June Wilkinson 891534

### The Cock@Budworth



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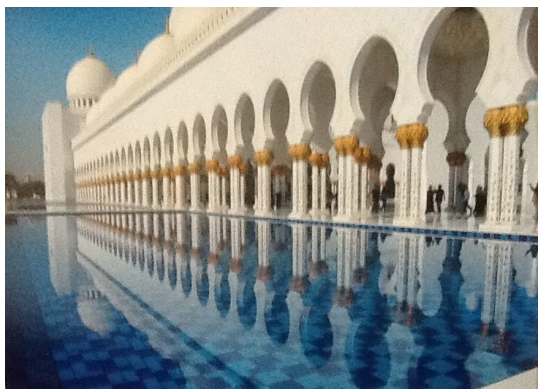
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The story of the career of Rowena Lovatt who worked for Lux lux designer lingerie was enjoyed by members at the June meeting. Rowena was an excellent speaker whose life in lingerie kept us all greatly amused. The competition for a silk item was won by Mib Byram.

Our WI members entered ten entries at the Cheshire Show—and walked off with a number of prizes: Liz Bentham did it again, winning first prize with a beau-

tiful still-life watercolour of poppies growing through slabs. The colours were stunning and the painting was a credit to her talents. Lesley Anderson got first prize for her photograph of reflections of a pool in Addis Ababa (pictured, right) and I won third prize for my recycled pearls in a brooch and necklace. Well done to all who entered. The goods will be on display at the next meeting.



Our walking group took a different plan for their June ramble. They started from Riverside Organics at Davenham and walked towards the village via Bridge End Farm where we took a detour enjoying a coffee and a walk around the garden then on to the village where we admired the new village mosaic mural on the Davenham Players' theatre wall. It was a credit to the village and well worth stopping to look (on Church street). We finished along the Dane valley back to the Café at Riverside Organics for lunch.

Four members from Great Budworth are volunteering for the County Choir to sing at Chester Cathedral for the WI Carol service on 6<sup>th</sup> December.

We have a garden meeting at Gill Ponticelli's home in School House on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm when we'll enjoy a glass of fizz, look around the garden and watch a beauty demonstration by Gill's daughter. Bring along a chair to set the scene and relax in lovely surroundings. Members and guests are welcome and we hope the weather is kind !!!

We have a friendly bowls evening on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August on the village's beautiful bowling green at 7pm prompt. Bostock ladies will join us and everyone will have a chance to have a go, especially if you have not played bowls before. The evening will end with light refreshments.

June Wilkinson  
Chairman

### Draft letter concerning Westage Lane

"I am writing regarding the road surface on Westage Lane, Great Budworth, Northwich. Cheshire.

The road, which is quite narrow in parts, is in urgent need of repair, the margins are badly eroded in places making passing other road users hazardous. Additionally, a section of the lane around the boundary between Cheshire West and Cheshire East is badly damaged owing to the habits of both rabbits and badgers who have burrowed or built a sett into the sandy soil of the banks on either side, and presumably underneath the road, and caused the surface to collapse.

Efforts have been made over time to repair the road surface, but to no avail. The road is now dangerous to drive along; it is increasingly likely that an accident is going to occur.

I urge you to take urgent action to remedy this problem."

Email to: Kieran Collins, Area Highways Manager, Cheshire West Highways email: [kierancollins@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:kierancollins@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk) and Simon Davies, Area Highways Manager, Cheshire East, email: [cehnorth@cheshireeasthighways.org](mailto:cehnorth@cheshireeasthighways.org)

### Great Budworth Church of England Primary School an "Outstanding Church School"

Our village school is described as 'outstanding' in the Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) Report, following the recent statutory inspection of the school. Of particular mention is the inspirational leadership, the School's Christian character, the expert teaching and modelling of Christian values by the staff and the exemplary behaviour of the children.

The school, through its distinctive Christian character, meets the needs of all its learners. Pupils are taught strategies for dealing with conflict that are rooted in principles of forgiveness, understanding and respect. Pupils demonstrate strong motivation for learning, resulting in good progress for all groups as well as excellent attainment, confirmed in the Ofsted report earlier in the year.

The impact of collective worship and the effectiveness of religious education on the school community is outstanding. Pupils lead worship. There is a good balance of learning about and from Christianity.

The curriculum is clearly informed by a Christian vision and a desire for children to reach their maximum potential academically and develop socially, morally and culturally. The governors regard the Christian distinctiveness as a priority.

We can be justly proud of our school.

Hilary Brudenell,  
Chairman of  
Governors





The Parish Council has received a number of totally justifiable complaints about the amount of dog poo being deposited along The Avenue. Concerned members of our village community have been seen clearing the worst piles themselves. A stalwart member of the Parish Council (thank you, Marie Kershaw) did a complete clear-up on 16th June. A total of 45 dumps were found and picked up! There are three waste bins sited through The Avenue: one at the junction with School Lane, another at the junction with Farthing Lane and one at the junction with Westage Lane.

There is therefore no excuse for any dog poo whatsoever to be left in situ. One culprit, obviously a rather large dog, particularly likes to perform near to the junction with School Lane. Please can we all act in concert and remonstrate with any dog walker not conforming to the responsible dog owner's code of 'Pick it up and bin it'. Apart from unsightliness, this is a real health hazard to us all. The Avenue is a safer route to School that parents are encouraged to use; the presence of large amounts of dog poo will threaten this practice. It is our intention to place larger warning notices along The Avenue in the near future. The Parish Council hopes you will support this drive to improve behaviour.

Analysis of your responses to the questionnaire on options for future Parish Council projects is under way. A report will be made to the next Parish Council meeting. We will then have to cost the various options, determine priorities and put a programme in place.

The proposed options include regrading the surface of The Avenue, installing a traffic mirror at the junction of Farthing Lane (right) and Westage Lane and persuade Cheshire West and Chester Council to repair the surface of Farthing Lane. This proposal is designed to increase the amount of use made of Farthing Lane for parking by the 'school run' as they bring and collect children who attend Great Budworth School – a safer option than having children dropped off in the centre of the village.

We have all become tired of the deteriorating state of the road surface on Westage Lane. At the bottom of this report is a draft note to both Cheshire East and Cheshire West Highways Departments. (The area that is falling into disrepair is right on the boundary between the two Councils) If you have access to email we would be grateful if you could send the note to both Authorities in the week beginning 3 July. As a former Local Government employee, I know from first-hand experience that a deluge of letters is more effective than a single email. Please support this initiative - let's try and get something done before there is a serious incident along that stretch of road. Thank you for your support.

The next Parish Council meeting is on 3 July, 7.30pm. The agenda will include recent planning applications

Hilary Brudenell  
Chairman, Great Budworth Parish Council.



## GARDEN CLUB

The monthly meeting of the Great Budworth Garden Club, was again full to capacity, with an excellent plant stall. The itinerary for the forthcoming holiday on June 26 to the north east was given out by Henri Giller. Other sign-up sheets for trips out were offered. We have a busy summer ahead and our gardens are all full of colour and perfume.

Our speaker for the last evening was Barry Grain, head gardener from Cholmondeley Castle, who presented excellent slides and talked us through his plans for the future garden, as well as his entry for the RHS Tatton show.

The sad death of Lavinia, Marchioness of Cholmondeley (pictured, right, with Barry Grain), who was a fantastic gardener, has given Barry and his team, overseen by her son, David, the 7th Marquess, an opportunity to renovate the historic garden. Barry's enthusiasm was infectious and he was warmly thanked by Christine Eves for an excellent presentation.

The next meeting at the parish hall is on 11th July and entitled Keeping Bees, which will be a popular and topical talk, by Frank Hilton.

There is a full day coach trip to Hodnet Hall and Wollerton Old Hall gardens on Tuesday 18 July. Three gardens are open for members only, on Tuesday 1st August in High Legh and Appleton. An evening visit to Grappenhall Walled Gardens in own cars is on Tuesday 22 August. Please contact Jane on 01606 891131 or Janet on 01925 349895 to get your names down before these trips become full.

The produce show is on Tuesday 12th September. To check the schedule please contact Jerry on 01565 649988. This will be followed with a talk by Green Koos about Exotic Plants. Enjoy a wonderful summer with your gardening friends. For any other information, please contact me.

Jean Davies 01606 892383.



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# CHURCH NEWS

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Jul 10.00am** Ordination Service, Chester Cathedral (no 10.30am service in Great Budworth, just the 8.00am Holy Communion service).

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> July** Friends of Great Budworth Church Trip to North Wales.

**Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Jul 6.30pm** Deanery Evensong at St. Mary's Chapel, Arley Hall with The Rev'd Judith Evans preaching, and preceded by a bring-your-own picnic in the Picnic Area from 5pm. All very welcome.

**Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Aug 10.30am** All Age Service for Lammastide with the Revd Christina Westwell.

## RESTORATION NEWS

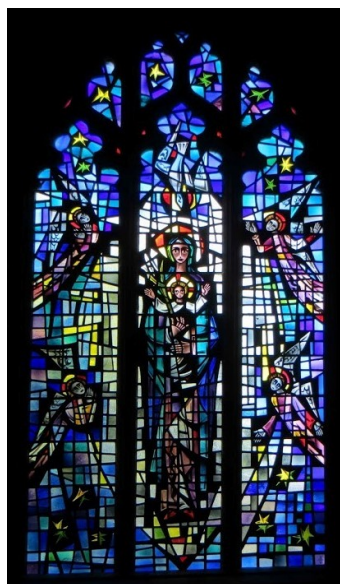
Work to the south side stonework is now complete, and preparations are underway for the provision of a new heating system for the church, to include new boilers, radiators and a different arrangement for the boiler flues. The overall cost of this work is likely to be in the region of £40,000 – a lot of money, I know, but this work is very necessary and will greatly benefit the church – building and people – for decades to come, and will result in lower energy costs into the future, thanks to the efficiency of the new equipment. We are extremely grateful for the hard work of the Restoration Committee in this respect, and for the generosity of so many people, without whom we could not have achieved so much already. So thank you – and I look forward to seeing at least some of you at our last fund-raising event of the year, another enjoyable Race Night at the Cock @ Budworth on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November. For further information, please see Jim Martin's article on page 14.

## FROM THE REGISTERS

**Baptism:** welcome to Samuel Wilson who was baptized on 11<sup>th</sup> June.

**Weddings:** congratulations to Charlotte Sutton and Tim Alderslade, who were married on 10<sup>th</sup> June; to Natalie Clements and Matthew Staniforth, whose marriage was blessed in Arley Chapel on 16<sup>th</sup> June; to Amber Hamilton and Sam Cotton; and Jade Greenwood and Stuart Bailey, who were married on 24<sup>th</sup> June.

**Funerals:** rest in peace Russell Birkenhead, whose funeral took place at Vale Royal Crematorium on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, and Joan Ford whose funeral and burial took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

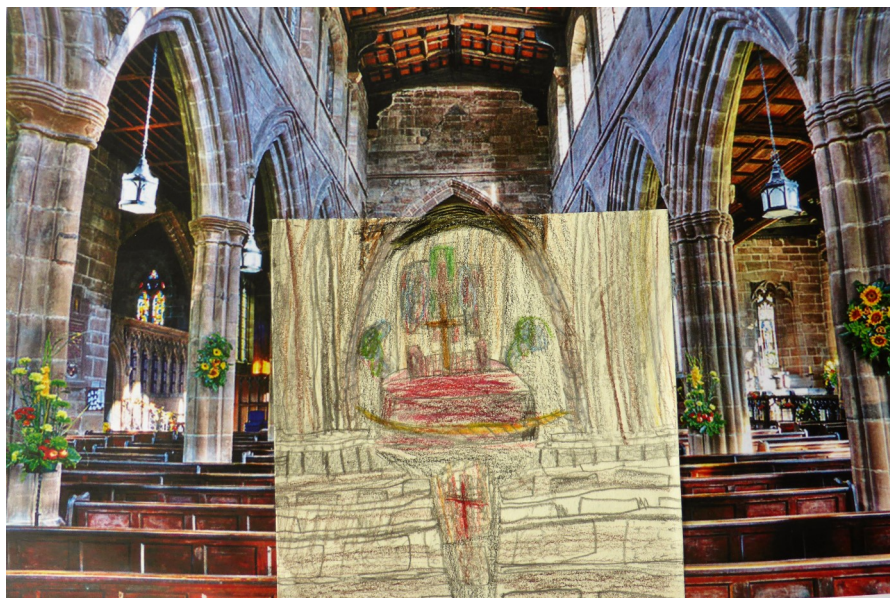


Above: Lillia Banks,  
Class 4 Winner

Left: Ben Marriott,  
Class 4 Runner-up







Above: Evie Steele, Class 3 Winner

Below: Grace Moores, Class 3 Runner-up



## JULY & AUGUST IN THE GARDEN

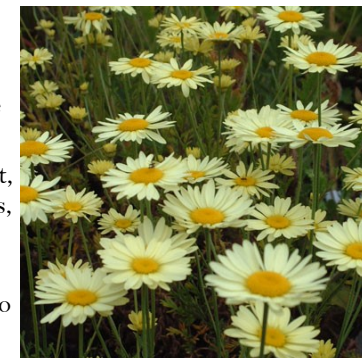
by Tom Acton, Former Head Gardener at Arley Hall

Some plants relish hot baking sun, so these drought-resistant plants often prove their worth when spells of dry weather make some plants look limp and exhausted.

Grey foliage plants such as Artemisia, Cotton Lavender - and others, such as Convolvulus Ceneoreum are all drought resistant, as is a small shrub with grey leaves and delicate white flowers, Perovskia. Russian Sage, with tall stems of fine cut grey leaves and attractive blue flowers, will also tolerate drought. All sages like a dry sunny position. Rock Roses and plants with succulent fleshy leaves, such as Sedum Spectabile are also drought tolerant.

Anthemis E.C.Buxton (right) makes a lovely contrast, with masses of daisy-like flowers. Another Anthemis, 'Wargrave', of similar habit, but with cream flowers, also has a long flowering period.

July is the month when herbaceous borders come into their own, providing colour and interest for the rest of the year.



Chris and Sylvia Godber would like to thank the many people who donated to the charity Dogs for Good on the occasion of their Golden Wedding celebrations in May. Dogs for Good is a charity involved in the training of dogs for people with special needs, especially children with autism ([www.dogsforgood.org](http://www.dogsforgood.org)). A total of £2,200 was raised.

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# GREAT BUDWORTH C.of E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Art Competition



Above: Noah Kelly, Class 1 winner

Below: Sarah Hickson, Class 1 runner-up



Right: Alana Luckraft, Class 2 winner

Below: Joe Steele, Class 2 runner-up

