

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### FEBRUARY

**Wednesday 7th:** Parish Hall, 7.30pm. WI meeting (photography).

**Tuesday 13th:** Parish Hall, 7.45pm. Garden Club AGM and talk.

**Thursday 15th:** Red Lion, Pickmere, 12.30. Ladies' lunch.

**Thursday 22nd:** The Lambing Shed, Ollerton 12.30pm. WI Birthday Lunch.

**Saturday 24th:** Parish Church, 10.00 - 11.30am. Church Teas coffee morning.

**Tuesday 27th:** Cock @ Budworth, 8pm. Cricket Club AGM.



### LADIES' LUNCH

The first Ladies' Lunch of 2018 will take place at 12.30pm on Thursday 15th February at the Red Lion, Pickmere. Newcomers are always welcome! Further information from Hazel (891908).

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# BUDWORTH BULLETIN

February 2018

## TIMBERRRRR !!!!

Children making their way to school on Thursday 18th January via Farthing Lane and The Avenue encountered a major obstacle in the form of a large tree which had fallen during the high winds overnight. Those with nimble limbs may have been able to scramble over the sizeable trunk - which blocked the full width of the lane - but their parents, and grandparents ...? To the rescue came The Two Magnificent Daves: Dave Wilkinson and his father-in-law, Dave Hankey (pictured). Within hours they had logged the whole tree and took away the major branches. Smaller, lighter branches were gathered in a pile out of the way and should be moved soon.

On behalf of the village: thank you, gentlemen!



**H**appy New Year to all our readers! We look forward to the WI year and a new programme. The first meeting of 2018 was on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, so it was a bit of a shock to the system but, despite sniffles and coughs, we had a good attendance to hear Fred Jones (pictured below), a professional toast-master, tell us many tales of his job. He looked extremely smart in his toast-master's white bow tie and red-tailed coat and spoke on "Oh, what a carry on". He continued, unruffled, as our President went out with a nose bleed. Delicious cakes were served by Kath Hickson and her team.



The WI in Great Budworth is 86yrs old in February so we have a Birthday meeting on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February when Mark Byram will tell us of his work in photography and give us tips and ideas for a good picture. The competition is for a portrait photo. Tea hostesses will be Hazel Forwood and June Raby. Later in the month, on Thursday 22 February, members will go to the Lambing Shed, Ollerton, for a birthday lunch at 12.30pm.

The walking group went from the Barn Owl, Burford and walked to Lymm, around the Dam and back for a hearty lunch back at the Barn Owl.

The book club are reading 'The Fourth Friend' by Joy Ellis.

We have a varied programme for 2018, with talks on Japan, Birds in the Garden, Portrait Sculptor Elizabeth Raffold, the Arley Housekeeper, Blood Bikes, a trip to the Lowry to see a ballet, and a British Bake-off contest - plus many more. We have lots to interest you and a warm welcome awaits all.

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We are hoping that we will not have to close the field to casual parking but we will listen to the advice and then form a view (any restrictions will not apply to those residents who have a right of way across the field).

**The Avenue:** We are still planning for the portion between School Lane and Farthing Lane to be re-laid during February half term, depending on the weather. This, when completed, will not only improve access to Farthing Lane for school and walkers but will also enable the school to use that route to take children in and out to coaches, thereby lessening the impact of coaches on the middle of the village.

**Budget 2018/19:** The Parish Council budget for 2017-18 was £9,391. The Parish Council has set the figure for 2018-19 at £9,654 - an increase of 2.8%, which was the Consumer Price Index annual inflation rate as at November 2017. However, CW&C tell us that the Parish precept will itself increase by 5.7%. The reason given by CW&C for the difference between the two percentages is that the Parish's tax base for the year 2018-19 is likely to be lower than in the current year as a result of increased discounts and exemptions for properties in the Parish. As you will appreciate, that is not something over which the Parish Council has any control.

CW&C tell us that the increase in our budget will lead, for example, to the Parish precept payable for a Band D property being increased from £43.68 in 2017-18 to £46.17 in 2018-19.

*Hilary Brudenell*

*Chairman, Great Budworth Parish Council*



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**Wind damage:** First, huge thanks to Clan Wilkinson and friends who sorted out the fallen tree and the associated damage on Farthing Lane. (See the photo below and the item on the front page of this issue)

The Parish Council met on 8 January and considered a range of issues, as follows:

**Repair of Westage Lane:** we are no further forward! In fact, a hint was given in a conversation between our Parish Clerk and someone in East Cheshire Highways that it may be that the plates needed to put a temporary surface down may not be available until the new financial year! This is obviously totally unacceptable. The Parish Council will continue to press to change this.

**It has been noticed that someone - no idea who - has been moving the cones and then driving along Westage Lane. If you know who this may be, can I ask you to remind them how dangerous this is: it is closed for a reason!**

**Heath Lane wear and tear:** I think we can all see the deterioration to Heath Lane every time we use it. Again we'll keep up the pressure on CWAC but, realistically, it is linked to the repair of Westage Lane.

**Dog fouling notices:** These are still in place. Thank you.

**Fields in Trust:** The Parish Council received a number of representations about the proposal to designate the Parish Field a Field in Trust. It has been resolved that the Parish Council will not pursue this any further.

**Parish Field:** The Parish Field is in a waterlogged state of disrepair. A meeting with a drainage specialist is planned.



## GARDEN CLUB

The new year started with a party to celebrate the arrival of 2018. The snowdrops and daffodils are appearing daily, and before long it will be Spring. The seasons are wonderful and we gardeners look forward to it all.

The Christmas party had a fabulous buffet table, groaning with gourmet food, all prepared by our members. There are many people to thank for a wonderful evening!

Marilyn Francis had organised a lot of new member servers who delightedly filled our plates, whilst Peter Davies served two full salmon.



Jane Fairclough

kept count of party numbers and their contributions, which changed often! Sylvia Godber had arranged plants for the table, which were given later as prizes in a free raffle. Thanks to you all. June Wilkinson and Lillian Norbury prepared two quizzes, which kept everyone amused. Special thanks to both of them. All in all, it was a good social evening (as you can see from the photo here) for members to mix and enjoy each other's company.

The AGM is on Tuesday 13th February, at the Parish Hall, when subscriptions for the year will be due and new events cards given out. If you are not able to attend this meeting, please send your subs to Peter Davies - or send them with another member. There will be a cut-off day for paying your money, which is after the March meeting, so if you have not paid by then, it will be assumed you just want to attend some meetings as a guest in future.

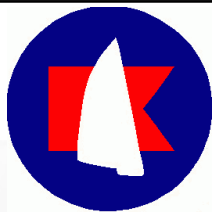
We have a speaker arranged for after the AGM: Stella Exley, who will talk on the subject 'Setting up a Garden Nursery'. Guests are welcome to attend this talk.

Thank you for all your support over the last year. I look forward to great gardening and friendship this next year.

Jean Davies  
01606 892383  
0789 993 7683.

## WANTED!

**B**udworth Sailing Club is seeking an enthusiastic and friendly person to help run the Galley (kitchen) on Sundays throughout the sailing season. Experience in catering would be beneficial but not essential. The successful person would be expected to prepare lunchtime snacks and serve drinks throughout the day. He/she must have, or be prepared to take, Level 2 Food & Hygiene Certificate. For the right person the scope of this position could be expanded in time to include help to cater for additional sailing / social events at the Club. The core hours are between 11.30 and 4.00. This may vary according to the activities at the club and will be by mutual agreement. If you are interested to find out more, please contact Alison Hubbard: 07778 545 262.



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

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## Church Teas and Books 2018 – Coffee Morning

Margaret and Maggie invite you to join them for coffee in Church on

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 10.00am – 11.30am**

We shall be setting the rota for Church Teas and would greatly appreciate your continued support for this fundraiser.

For anybody who doesn't know about 'Church Teas', they play an important part in our fundraising calendar. They will run each Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday from Sunday 1st April through to the 7<sup>th</sup> October, in the Village Hall. Groups of 3 to 4 people get together and serve tea and cakes to visitors from 2.00pm to 4.30pm.

New volunteers are always welcome, so if you wish to give it a go, you can either get your own group together, or you can join a group of our regular volunteers.

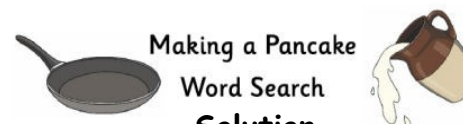
If you can help in any way with the teas – either through baking cakes or by helping to serve teas – please come along to the coffee morning and have a chat, or phone any evening.

Margaret Cross – 01606 48036

Maggie Earl – 01565 777 262

Thank you.

St. Mary and All Saints Church



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For the third consecutive year, the Church Restoration Committee hosted a traditional Burns Night on the 25<sup>th</sup> January, at the George & Dragon pub in Great Budworth. The event raised an astonishing £11,000, which will go towards the cost of a much-needed replacement heating system for the Church.



It was an immensely entertaining occasion for the 70 or so people who were there, all of whom contributed to our success. Particular thanks go to Christopher, Jackie and their hard working team, who provided food and service of the highest standard. The piper was there to welcome our guests and piped in the haggis. Robert Fraser gave the most memorable traditional address.

A highlight of the evening was an auction, in which several prizes - from Gary Barlow concert tickets, sumptuous dinners, and theatre tickets, to a day in Cumbria in a chauffeur driven vintage Rolls Royce – were on offer. Our thanks go to the donors and the many people in the pub who successfully bid for the auction lots. It would not have been so successful without Hoppy (Nick Hopkinson), our auctioneer, who handled the bidding expertly with his charm and good humour. There were certainly no bargains around on the night, but it was all for a great cause.

Hold the date - **Thursday 24th January** - for Burns Night 2019. With thanks to Viscount Christopher Wright.

Jim Martin  
Chairman, Church Restoration Committee



## GREAT BUDWORTH CRICKET CLUB

will hold its AGM on  
**Tuesday 27th February 2018 at 8.00pm**  
at The Cock @ Budworth.  
We look forward to welcoming all our  
members, both new and old,  
and would particularly welcome new  
playing members  
for the coming season.

## SCHOOL NEWS

As you may have already seen in the latest Parish News, our school has been part of an informal collaboration with Antrobus St Mark's Church of England Primary School since September 2016. The Education Department at the Diocese asked Sandra Finney to take on the headship at Antrobus on a part time basis, whilst remaining as Head at Great Budworth. The collaboration has brought great benefits to both schools, with the pupils enjoying many extra curricular events together. There have also been benefits through economies of scale, sharing of good teaching practices and peer support for staff. The collaboration was to cover a two year period, after which a decision has to be made about the future structure of both schools.



Following a process of evaluation of various possibilities, the Boards of Governors at both schools are proposing formalising the collaboration by creating a Federation of both schools, to start from September 2018. There will be many more benefits of continuing the good work that has already been started and both schools see this as an exciting opportunity to safeguard two distinct small rural schools that would otherwise be under increasing pressures. The schools would continue to share a head teacher and the two Governing bodies would merge into one Board of Governors.

We are delighted that the Federation will offer our pupils a better educational experience whilst maintaining the Christian ethos that is so integral to both schools. If you would like to find out more about this, please do contact the school. Thank you for your continued support for our village school, which is much appreciated.

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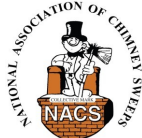
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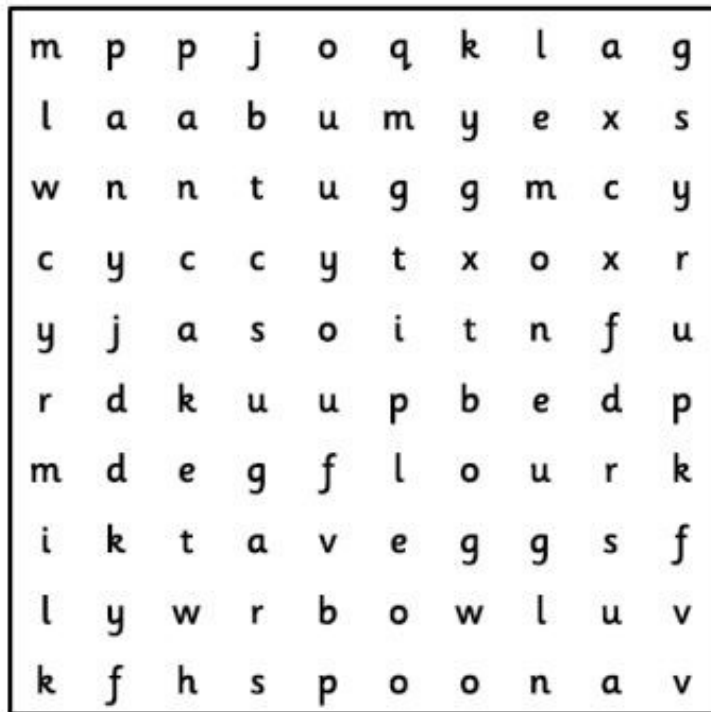
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milk	eggs	flour	butter
bowl	jug	spoon	pan

Pancake Day is on Tuesday 13th February.  
To mark the occasion, here's a wordsearch puzzle for our  
younger readers.  
(solution on page 9).

## Great Budworth Sees in the New Year in Dramatic Style

The New Year's Eve Party at the Parish Hall was enlivened by a high-profile murder of a well-known media magnate. The suspects were assembled: Oliver Steed, the fighting, drunk thespian (aka Don Hammond); Champagne Charlie Bronson, leader of the London underworld (aka Peter Davies); Babs Crayfish, the gangster's moll (aka Heather Bailey); Brian Sewer, art and wine critic (aka Rod Bowman); Terence Shrimp,



East-End photographer to the stars (aka Bob Wilkinson); Tamara Farrer-Bucktooth, fashion icon (aka Jean Davies); Mary Jane Faithless, singer and personality (aka Kay Bashford); Kitty Killer, a well-known investigative journalist (aka Lesley Anderson) and Detective Inspector Tennison (aka Karen Hammond), who supervised the murder investigation (and acted as performance director).



The clues were gradually revealed, motives were analysed and, at last, the murderer was revealed. The murder weapon: poisonous gas concealed in a widget in a champagne bottle!

Fortunately, there was still time to enjoy the food, drink some wine, reveal the evil villain (stand-up, Rod Bowman!) and get down to the church lych gate in time to sing Auld Lang Syne and see in the New

Year. Can you identify the cast of characters in these pictures?

It was all great fun **for one night only**, as they said in the Full Monty. It will be a hard act to follow in twelve months' time.

