

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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MARCH

Saturday 2nd: Parish Church, 9.00—11.00am. Coffee Morning to launch Church Teas season.

Monday 4th: Parish Hall, 6.45pm. Parish Council Finance meeting, followed by Main Council meeting. All welcome.

Tuesday 12th: Parish Hall, 7.30pm. Garden Club meeting. Speaker: Colin Hickman.

Thursday 14th: Memorial Court, Northwich, 7pm. Cheshire Federation WI meeting

Tuesday 19th: Arley Hall, 7pm. Friends of Arley AGM, followed by Norton Priory talk.

Wednesday 20th: Winsford Academy. Group WI meeting.

Thursday 21st: The Smoker, 12.30. Ladies' lunch.

Saturday 23rd: Parish Hall, 11am. WI Jumble Sale

Monday 25th—8th April: 'Journey into Light' exhibition of prisoners' art.

Wednesday 27th: School, 5.30. FOTS Easter Bingo Evening

Friday 29th: Parish Hall, 7.30pm. RTA show: Ryan Cook, country music singer.

Saturday 30th: Parish Hall. WI willow weaving workshop.

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BUDWORTH BULLETIN

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**Parish Hall
Friday 29th March
Ryan Cook**

Mixing classic country music with modern satire, Ryan Cook has forged a sound between contemporary folk and dyed-in-the-wool country. His acoustic live show combines thumb-picking guitar styles, original folk & country ballads and vintage music from the 1940's and 1950's.

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REMEMBER !

Clocks go forward 30th-31st March

A CHINK IN THE CURTAIN OF MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE?

A plea to Cheshire West & Chester for help over the poor signal in our area has resulted in some information which **may** offer a glimmer of hope!

The issue will be raised at the next Connecting Cheshire Board Meeting, which has Mobile Phone Connectivity as a standing item.

A recent report from Ofcom includes a section on 'Getting coverage to the rural areas'. Ofcom plan to hold an auction of more airwaves used by mobile networks. To make sure more people in rural areas get better reliable mobile services, companies bidding in the auction will be offered a discount if they can demonstrate a commitment to improving the coverage in rural communities.

A couple of more pieces of advice, which may be helpful:

I have a smart phone; Rod has a very un-smart phone (i.e. no internet access). Nevertheless, he frequently gets a better signal than I do! I thought this was just accidental until I read a press article which appeared to confirm that this was universal. So the message might be to go and buy a basic Nokia!

Secondly, buy a top of the range handset and sign up with BT/EE, O2, Three or Vodaphone - and request WiFi Calling. This is not dependent on mobile networks.

Jenny Bowman



There is great enthusiasm for litter-picking and there's no time like spring time for doing it - before the hedges and verges grow too thick, so please do your little bit around your patch. Why people drop litter or throw it out of their car windows, I cannot understand, but it is best to try to keep on top of it to avoid fly-tippers.

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June Wilkinson

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CHURCH NEWS

MARCH DIARY DATES

(All events take place in the Parish Church, unless otherwise stated)

Saturday 2nd, 9.00am to 11.00am. Coffee Morning in church to set rota for Church Teas.

Sunday 3rd, 10.30am. All Age Worship

Wednesday 6th, 10.30am. Holy Communion followed by coffee and chat. All welcome.

7.30pm Ash Wednesday Service of Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes

Thursday 7th, 7.30pm. Celtic Evening Prayer for Lent

Sunday 17th, 6.30pm. Evensong at Arley Chapel

Monday 25th, Art Exhibition arrives in church 'Journey into Light' Prisoners' artwork, exhibiting till 8th April.

Sunday 31st, 10.30am Mothering Sunday Service (Summer Time begins – clocks forward).

All other services as normal (back of Parish Magazine or website www.greatbudworthchurch.co.uk).

Thursday 14th, 21st, 28th March & 4th, 11th April – 7.00pm Compline/ Evening Prayer for Lent, followed by Lent discussion group at 7.30pm. All are welcome to join us at either the Evening Prayer, or the discussion group, or why not be daring and attend both! A great evening of fellowship and friendship. Venue for discussion group TBC.

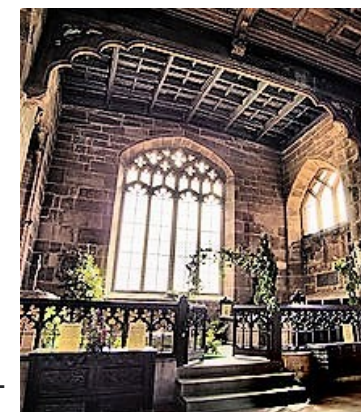
Don't forget, we would love to see you at:

The coffee morning on Saturday 2nd March 9.00am to 11.00am to set the rota for church teas 2019.

The exhibition of prisoners' artwork

'Journey into Light' exhibiting in church from 25th March to 8th April.

We will be holding an open evening with refreshments - date TBC. watch out for posters and check website.



Don't go, M&S !!

It's surely safe to say that the vast majority of North-wich residents shop at M&S for something, whether its underway or a meal deal, so the sense of loss at the prospect of this much-loved high street friend leaving the town is widespread.

But what can we do about it? Well, you can sign one—or both—of two online petitions currently underway. One has been started by Mike Amesbury, the Labour MP for Weaver Vale. You can access Mike's petition at: <https://www.change.org/p/marks-and-spencer-petition-for-m-s-to-stay-in-northwich>.

Alternatively, you can sign up to the online petition that Cheshire West Conservative group have started. You can access it via: <https://www.cheshirewestconservatives.org.uk/campaigns/petition-ms-stay>.



The Big Boys Triumph again!

The Big Boys' Breakfast went with a bang and a banger on Sunday, 27 January in the Parish Hall. Congratulations are in order for the whole Big Boys Team (some of them are getting a bit too slick), one bacon elf and our new apprentice, Freddie, who did great work clearing tables, carrying supplies and performing various onerous duties!

As usual there were last minute glitches including a hot water cylinder failure, which necessitated an urgent review of working at height regulations for health and safety purposes, and the village wide electrical power cuts. However, the overall calorific breakfast was deemed delicious by our 80+ adult diners and some 19 smaller customers.

We send out thanks to all of our loyal clientele for supporting this nutritionally challenging event and it looks like the profit will be around £750-£800. At our next hastily convened Big Boys meeting we will discuss the allocation of funds and proposals for our next major production.

Don, Dave & the Team



Friends of the School Family Easter Bingo Evening! Wednesday 27th March

Great Budworth Primary School
Doors open 5.30pm for eyes down at 6pm
Entry: £1 for adults; Children: free
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The February meeting was a members' evening when everyone had the opportunity to share their favourite irritation, which resulted in a varied selection, including motorists who hog the middle lane of a motorway, tattoos, litter louts and fridge magnets. Some were banished to Room 101. There were lots of laughs and we all felt much better for getting them off our chests. Shirley Almqvist was thanked for keeping us in order!

The WI enjoyed their 87th Birthday party with Bram Taylor and his band. He was very well received and everyone enjoyed a hot supper and a slice of birthday cake.

The ramblers had a beautiful sunny day to circumnavigate Plumley and Holford, finishing with lunch at the newly refurbished Smoker Inn. The avid readers of the Book Club have been reading 'Housekeeping' by Marilyn Robinson.

Members were reminded to clear out their wardrobes and cupboards for the forthcoming **JUMBLE SALE** at the Parish Hall. This is an occasion not to be missed! Besides jumble, we appreciate nearly new clothes and unwanted gifts; we also need help, so please make a note of the date: **Saturday 23rd March at 11am.**

Future dates include the Cheshire Federation WI annual meeting at the Memorial Court Northwich on Thursday 14th March at 7pm. Beth Tweddle is the guest speaker.

The Group meeting will be at Winsford Academy on 20th March with musician Elfin Bow and her band; and there will be a willow weaving workshop on Saturday 30th March in our Hall. There is also a visit to Tatton Home Farm on 10th April at 7pm.

At our next meeting, Graeme and Naomi Simister will tell us about the work of the Children's Adventure Farm Trust, which is in Millington, almost on our doorsteps. The competition is to bring along a teddy or a soft toy which you can pass on to our speakers to take back to the centre for their special visitors. The meeting is on Wednesday 6th March in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm and all are welcome.

June Wilkinson, tel. 891534

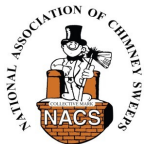
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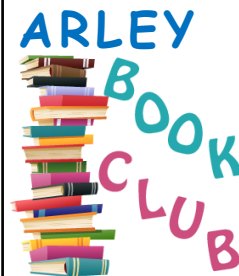
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Fielding, Tomlin, Wodehouse, Picoult, Greene – just a few of the authors we have discussed at the Arley Book Club in the past 12 months.

The Arley Book Club is a book club with a difference – we have a qualified 'leader' who gives insight into the books we read and promotes a lively structured discussion. Whether members love or hate the chosen book, they all get a chance to voice their opinion. We meet in Olympia at Arley every couple of months to share our views on the nominated book, enjoy a coffee, a light lunch and a glass of wine. The books to be read and reviewed in the year are chosen by the group at its December meeting. The titles are deliberately varied and include classics, biographies, and recommended 'good reads'. The members come from near and far and have been doing so for 20 years. Sadly, of late membership has reduced, owing to old age and infirmity. We need new blood to enliven the body.

This month the book under review is "Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine" by Gail Honeyman and we will meet to discuss it on March 20th at 10am. If you think that you might enjoy the group then please come along for a 'taster' session (no obligation). Please contact Jim Wardhaugh (01565 777512) or Lynda Giller (01565 777160) for further details.



LADIES' LUNCH

March's lunch is on Thursday 21st at 12.30pm at
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The Church Restoration Committee held the annual Burns Night, for the fourth consecutive year, at the George & Dragon pub, Great Budworth. The occasion attracted over 70 people who enjoyed the finest of traditional fare and generously supported the event, which raised the magnificent sum of £10,500. A big 'thank you' to Jackie and her hard-working team at the George, who made this Burns Night possible, and to Christopher for his generosity in donating the evening's profit.

The amount raised will go towards funds required for the essential restoration and repair of our stunning Grade 1 listed Church which in the last year benefited

from the replacement of its central heating system at a cost of £32,000 and repairs to the tower clock of £6,000.

One of the highlights of the evening was the auction of a galaxy of attractive prizes, all generously donated by people in the area. We had theatre and concert tickets, dinner at the Hammonds', a pool party with the Peters and a landscape of the village painted by Hazel Torrence; a boy racer's dream of a trackside day at Oulton Park and your own San Carlo chef to entertain ten of your friends in the comfort of your own home; and, lastly, the use of a bijou London apartment for the weekend. Our charming and good humoured auctioneer, Nick Hopkinson, handled the auction with great style and made everyone feel as if they had walked off with the bargain of the evening!

Thank you to piper James Axon and to Robert Fraser, who delivered the address to the haggis. Thanks, too, to Richard Kershaw, who was the ever welcoming host and helped to make this such a fun evening. It was a particular pleasure to welcome our Vicar and his wife, Audrey, both looking so well.

Burns Night next year will be on Monday 27th January 2020 and if you would like to join us just call in at the George and add your name to the list along with a small deposit.



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GARDEN CLUB

As we start the new Garden Club year, our gardens are full of colour from spring flowers and our horticultural enthusiasm is returning after winter, all in expectation of a wonderful year ahead.



We held a very successful AGM, when the committee were re-elected en bloc; the treasurer showed a good balance on the books; and the new events card was distributed to all members paying their subscriptions. A copy of the Club's constitution was available for members to read, as were minutes of last year's AGM. We hope that the few outstanding subscriptions will be paid by the March meeting, please.

The chair, Jean Davies, thanked the committee individually for their sterling work over the last year. "Everyone played their part with enthusiasm - it is so appreciated, with everyone going the extra mile to help. The success of the club is down to every single one of you," she said, and thanked all for their support.

The meeting that followed was chaired by Henri Giller. He introduced the speaker, Phil Smith, head gardener of Wollerton Old Hall (pictured above), a favourite venue of all of us. Phil spoke about the garden throughout the seasons and illustrated his talk with his own photographs. He answered everyone's questions and proved to be a very educated, professional man, with a lovely personality. He was thanked by Heather Bailey, who gave him some of her own snowdrops.

Our Life Members and kind benefactors, Eddie and Margaret Horrigan, gave everybody a primula to start off their garden with colour. We are so appreciative of this and members were delighted.

The next meeting is on 12 March at the Parish Hall at the new time of 7.30, when Colin Hickman will talk about agapanthus, nerines and tulbaghia. The second holiday payment will be due that night. Guests are welcome to attend this meeting.

Remember to tend your pot of spring bulbs for our competition in April. Let's try to fill the hall with perfume and colour!

For any other information needed, please contact me in the first instance.

Jean Davies.

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Look, no 'Road Closed' signs!

Trees have been felled, badgers diverted, the road resurfaced, road markings painted, new fencing installed ... and all those 'Road closed' signs (and associated paraphernalia) have finally been removed. Yes, Westage Lane is now fully and permanently opened throughout its full length! Lots of people were involved in urging the various public bodies to ... er ... get on with things, but none more so than Councillor Lynn Gibbon, to whom we extend our sincere thanks!



FORGE BROOK BRIDGE, MARBURY



The permissive path and Forge Brook bridge have been an asset to residents and walkers in the area for accessing Marbury Park without using cars or walking along the dangerous roads. Dog walkers and ramblers often use this route, too, and the loss of the bridge has been a concern for many. Marston Parish Council (MPC) have been looking into getting the bridge reinstated and would like to have it designated a Right of Way as an 'Asset of Community Value' (ACV) under section 69 of the Highways Act 1980. This would need both the support of the farmer who owns the land and fundraising for a simple gated bridge to be installed.

Initially MPC approached CW&C, as they have the powers under sections 25/26 to make a Public Path Creation Order but, as this would take time and involve cost, it has been rejected and pushed

back to parish council responsibility. The bridge and path were installed by the farmer using funds from DEFRA under a scheme which has since been discontinued. Unfortunately, the monies paid to farmers to allow access has been cut and we may now have a problem persuading the farmer to agree, even if we have the funds to replace the bridge. The farmer has reported issues with litter and unsocial behaviour on the banks of the Mere and on his land.

Any help and support would be greatly appreciated and MPC currently have a petition to show the support for the reinstatement of the bridge. Please contact the clerk to MPC, Caroline Constable at clerk@marstonparishcouncil.co.uk if you wish to get involved.



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SCHOOL NEWS

We have an exciting and busy half term coming up! 7th March is World Book Day, when our pupils will be coming to school dressed up as their favourite character from a book. The following week, the children will be focusing on science, with a trip to the Life Bus which is visiting Cransley School (an interactive mobile classroom designed to help pupils make healthy choices). We are very grateful to Cransley School for inviting us to join them in this.

As Science Week continues, all our pupils will be visiting the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester. We are delighted that FOTS are covering the coach cost of £1k. Coach transport is increasingly costly and we are grateful for the support that our local community gives to our FOTS events, which enable them to raise the funds to support these exciting learning opportunities.

We would love you to join us for our FOTS Easter Bingo evening on Weds 27th March - see the advertisement for this event on page 3.

In response to requests from some villagers, Mrs Finney has written to all parents reminding them of the need to park considerately at all times. The school is very keen to ensure that we support our neighbours in this and we will be encouraging the children to walk a bit further, where practical, so that cars are not parked in inappropriate places.

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