

MAY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

For details of Parish Church events, please see page 7

Wednesday 1st: Parish Hall, 7.30. WI meeting

Thursday 2nd: Parish Hall (or your local polling station), from 7.00am. Local elections

Monday 6th: Parish Hall, from 1.00pm. 'Fizz & Cake'

Wednesday 8th: GB Primary School, 7.30pm. Ladies' fashion show (FotS)

Thursday 9th: The Cricket Ground, Eaton Hall, 6.00pm. Cricket Club match

Sunday 12th: Antrobus Village Hall, 8.00am. Antrobus car boot sale.

Monday 13th: Parish Hall, 7.00pm. Annual Parish Meeting; followed at 7.30pm by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Tuesday 14th: Parish Hall, 7.30pm. Garden Club meeting

Thursday 16th: The Smoker, 12.30pm. Ladies' lunch



Fizz & Cake



On Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May, we invite you to join us for Great Budworth's very own 'Great Get Together' (TGGT) in the Village Hall from 1pm onwards. Everyone's welcome to join us for a glass of fizz, delicious cakes and a refreshing cup of tea or coffee. The funds raised during this event will be split between Great Budworth Church and The Brain Tumour Charity.

The TGGT idea was inspired by MP Jo Cox and encourages communities up and down the country to get together to celebrate kindness, respect and all that we have in common. As Jo Cox said in her first speech to Parliament, "We are far more united and have far more in common than that which divides us".

This will be a great opportunity to get together over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing you at our very own village Great Get Together!

Jo Mulholland & Mary Clewes



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The Great Litter Pick-up

A call to arms by Mary Clewes, via the Great Budworth WhatsApp group, resulted in a hardy group of (mostly) youngsters carrying out an intensive tidy up throughout the village on Saturday, 6th April.

Starting at noon and armed with litter-pickers and hi-vis jackets, courtesy of Antrobus Parish Council (to whom go our warmest thanks), the team split up into smaller groups and spent an hour picking up litter along the full length of The Avenue, Westage Lane, High Street (including the bank at the bottom of the hill), and Smithy Lane, and in the Parish Field and the school field.

It was a very productive hour and on behalf of the community we extend our thanks to our little litter heroes (and the bigger ones, too!). Some were rewarded with ice creams from the Ice Cream Farm.

The photo shows most of the team: back row, from l. to r: Keith Shepherd, Karen Hammond, Katie Shepherd, Ben Shepherd, Freddie Elias, Karen Elias, Eleanor Isherwood, Ben Williamson, Jo Mulholland, James and Louise Tottle, with Huxley, their son.

Sitting on the stocks: Joe Clewes, Libby Elias, Sophie Wilkinson.

HILARY BRUDENELL - an appreciation

Following Hilary's death last month, we asked some who had worked closely with Hilary to send us their recollections of Hilary.

From Don and Karen Hammond:

Hilary was a generous, kind and caring lady who would listen to and help other people. Feisty, determined with her opinions, she was active in the village in a variety of official capacities over the years including their capacities as:

Parish Clerk to Great Budworth Parish Council,
Secretary of the Church Restoration Charity,
Secretary of the Parish Hall Committee and
Chairman of the School Governors.



She also contributed to village social life in many ways and helped many people in a quiet unobtrusive manner. She will be sadly missed.

And from the Rev. Alec Brown, is the following extract from his address at Hilary's funeral:

My first encounter with Hilary came after she sent me a letter in response to a piece I'd written for the Parish Magazine, not too long after I'd arrived in the Parish in July, 2001 – I can't remember now what I'd written about but Hilary's letter was very complimentary and she ended it by saying she was very much looking forward to future contact and collaboration – little did I know then what that would entail over the succeeding years!
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SCHOOL NEWS

We have an exciting term of events organised by the Friends of the School (FotS) this summer. Our FotS work hard to support the school by fundraising to enable our pupils to enjoy many extracurricular activities and school trips that they otherwise wouldn't be able to do. These events are open to everyone and we would love to see many from the village there.



First, on Wednesday 8th May at 7.30pm, FotS are holding a Fizz Fashion Show (see page 6 for details). If you've been to this event before, you'll know what a fun evening it is, as well as an opportunity to buy some excellent value clothing and accessories. Tickets cost £6 in advance, or £7 on the night, which includes a glass of wine and chocolate. The tickets can be bought from any FotS members on the playground, or from the Ice Cream Farm. There will be a raffle and purchases on the night will need to be paid for by cash or cheque.

Then on Saturday 20th July, FotS are organising the Budfest, with local band JCB. More details will be available for this in due course, as will details of our Maypole Afternoon!

We would also like to say a really big thank you to the Big Boys' Breakfast for the generous donation that they kindly gave us. All support from the village is very much appreciated.



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GREAT BUDWORTH CRICKET CLUB

The first fixture of the 2019 season is an away game against Eaton

at Eaton on 9th May at 6.00pm

The first home game is at Arley

on Wednesday 5th June at 6.00pm

Spectators are always welcome to all our matches.

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Hilary's unfailing, unwavering commitment and dedication to this community – the Parish Church, the School and the Parish Council – is well known and attested to, and I don't need to elaborate on this any further.

Over the years Hilary has been a friend to many in this community, and her personal characteristics have been well described by Catherine and Emma – on the School's Governing Body I think we were always amazed at her capacity to make sense of some of the most boring and inscrutable educational policy documents that you could imagine – who will do this now for us Hilary!

We have over these years shared good and happy times – Emma and Tommy's wedding for example, and sad and difficult times – her mother's death and the impending closure of the village school – and throughout Hilary remained clear sighted and focussed – a rare gift indeed. Her courage and dignity in the face of her illness and death was nothing short of inspirational and, in a strange way, comforting for all who knew her, and I'm sure did much to help Keith and the family in those last months and weeks.

Only a few weeks before she died we met to talk about her funeral – calmly and rationally as you would expect – and amongst other things she asked me if I would read out a letter from her at the funeral. This was an unusual request, but one to which I agreed, though with some trepidation! Sadly she did not have the strength to complete that particular task, and so we can only wonder at just what she might have said about us all – “Pull yourself together Vicar, and just get on with it!” would I'm sure have come my way!

So Hilary, as we say goodbye today, I can assure you that's exactly what we're all trying to do!

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

The Revd Alec Brown

Vicar, and friend.

See overleaf for a personal message from Keith Brudenell

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HILARY BRUDENELL — a message from Keith Brudenell

Sincere thanks to all of you who have supported my family and I in our efforts to help and care for Hilary during the 9 months of her final battle against cancer.

Hilary spent her final days under the excellent and expert nursing care at St. Luke's Hospice, Winsford, where she passed away peacefully at 8-20 pm on 15 March 2019.

Her loss is heart-breaking and the weeks and months ahead will be difficult but I know from the number and content of your cards and tributes (currently 86) that I shall not face this alone and will reflect on the many wonderful times we have enjoyed together during almost 44 years of marriage.

Love to you all, Keith

THE PARISH HALL PAVES THE WAY

It's nearly finished! 'What is?' you ask. Why, the paving of the ground adjacent to the Parish Hall, of course!

For anyone trying to decant stuff from their car into the Parish Hall's kitchen, tramping in mud, grass and general detritus has been an occupational hazard.

Parking on that ground, too, has always been somewhat problematic, with its uneven surface and a tendency to become a muddy morass at the slightest fall of rain.

So we welcome the Parish Hall Committee's decision to pave the area (with approval from the Parish Council, of course, which owns the property). Work began on Monday 2nd April and progressed apace, so that by the time you read this it should have been in use for a fortnight or so.



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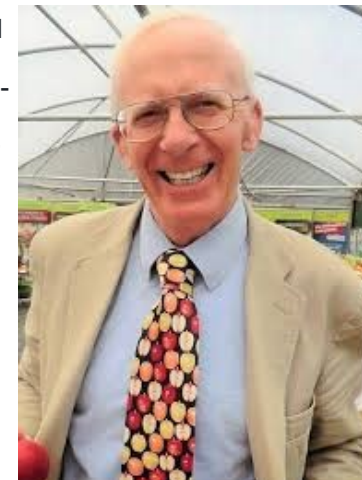
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GARDEN CLUB

Our April meeting was both stimulating and informative, as Harry Delaney (pictured), from Reaseheath College, talked to members about Aspects of Spring Work. In his usual entertaining manner, he gave us practical advice with demonstrations of how to plant, prune and beat the frost on your plants, as well as the importance of light and watering at the correct time of day.



He emphasised that this is the most important season for plant growth, as the 21st June is the longest day of the year and from then on, plant growth slows dramatically. He showed how to graft an apple tree and gave the specimen to Andrew Bushell, who chaired the meeting, with an instruction to grow it on and report back to members! A very full house enjoyed an excellent garden evening. Harry was thanked by Joan Broughton.

It was also the competition for members to bring a bowl of Spring bulbs, which made a colourful display. Eddie Horrigan judged the entries and chose the winning entries as follows:

- 1st. Joan Broughton, winning an RHS Banksian medal
- 2nd. Jane Fairclough.
- 3rd. Lilian Norbury.

Well done to everyone who entered that night.

New members, Ros Barclay, Maggie Earl, and Simon and Sharon Batey were welcomed to the club.

A full day coach trip to RHS Harlow Carr near Harrogate has been booked for Tuesday 6th August; and yes, there is a Bettys Café Tea Rooms there! Members' friends may come along, but names MUST go down now, with the full cost of £15 paid upfront.

The speaker at our next meeting, on 14 May, is Adam Pasco, who was editor of Gardeners' World magazine for many years. The title of his talk is 'Grow the Best Glorious Plants'.

At the end of this meeting all members attending will be given a plug plant, provided by Eddie Horrigan, to grow on for our September Show. This is a special meeting, and guests are welcome on the night.

We have many exciting events for members this year. For any information about any of these, will you please contact me in the first instance?

Jean Davies - 01606 892383 / 0789993 7683.



The Willow weavers, with the help of tutor, Juliet Hamilton, created some magnificent pheasants and cockerels at their day class and their creations were displayed for all to see at the April meeting.

Members and guests were entertained by Derek Poulson, who had the ability to speak in so many dialects: Irish, Welsh, Scottish, Geordie, Liverpool and Birmingham accents all rolled effortlessly off his tongue and kept us all greatly amused. Derek was a Yorkshire boy who went on to do drama in

Stoke and became an actor.

The evening trip around Tatton Home Farm was enjoyed by 25 members and, after a grand tour of the newly restored mill and Auntie Mary's cottage, we enjoyed refreshment in the new Clydesdale meeting room.

The meeting on 1st May will discuss two resolutions: the first is 'A call against the decline in local bus services' and is aimed supporting a campaign for better transport, especially in rural areas. The second resolution is 'Don't fear the smear', which encourages all women to attend routine screening. Both are essential and worthy of highlighting.

The speaker to follow the debates is Janet James (not the sculptress who was previously booked). Janet speaks on the life of Dodi Smith, the author of '1,001 Dalmations'. Janet is coming at short notice, so we are most grateful to her.

The walkers rambled from the Big Lock, Middlewich, on a canal towpath walk surrounding the town and back along the River Wheelock and the River Dane, stopping for lunch back at the Big Lock. It was an excellent walk, as the photo here shows. Well done and thanks to, Sue Ritchie, our guide!!

The book club are reading 'Homegoing' by Yaa Gyasi and some members are busy preparing their entries for the Royal Cheshire Show, including photography, paintings and handicraft items.



From l. to r: Shirley Almquist, Heather Bailey, Jenny Baldwin, Penny Kordel, Sue Ritchie, Lesley Anderson, Judy Spencer, June Wilkinso, Liz Smith. The person behind the camera was Mary Clewes

June Wilkinson tel.891534

George & Dragon Golf Society

Sunday 24th March saw the first day out of the George and Dragon Golf Society at Hawarden Golf Club. New Captain Iain Ritchie, assisted by his hard working Vice Captain, Jeremy Lawton, were first on the scene, working out the groups and ensuring President Graham Pickering and Secretary Ben Colman finally had a relaxed morning wandering around chatting as all the handicaps and order of play were sorted.

The Captain also threw in a couple surprises on his debut, announcing that along with the usual 'nearest the pin' and 'longest drive' prizes, there was to be a 'furthest away from the pin' award - which most of us felt fairly confident we were very capable of winning! He then announced that all over-18 handicappers would receive one 'Mulligan' - whereby a player is informally allowed to replay a stroke - much to the delight of all the over 18's and mumblings of the 18 and unders.

First on the rather daunting opening tee was Jeremy, who set the standard by hitting a great drive over the ravine. Surprisingly, this was followed by almost every member following suit. I say almost; there was one who, on his debut outing with us, had to have two or three attempts, but I won't embarrass Jack by saying who...

A very enjoyable round followed. The weather was excellent, the course was good and the golf was ... well, average. I think the added incentive of the Order of Merit Trophy, very kindly donated by an anonymous donor and which has now been officially named 'The Kieran Peters trophy' in his honour, added a little excitement to the occasion.

The winners on the day were: 1st - Ian Mulholland (39 points); 2nd - Graham Pickering (38 points); 3rd - Wiggy Tomlinson (36 points). NTP - Steve Cartwright. NTP2 - Jack Davies. LD - Ben Colman. FA (farthest away on par 3) - Jack Davies.

A quick refreshment stop on the way home finished the day off splendidly, as we discussed all the ifs, buts and maybes that inevitably follow a game of golf. The next date is Macclesfield on the 28th April.

Graham Pickering





FASHION SHOW

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Malcolm Torrance

Interesting times for the successful candidates. Together with the ongoing work to the Lime walk, there is the repair to the lower Pump House, partially funded by the Heritage Society; the careful spend from last year's filming money. Innovative ideas are required for the hoary old parking problem. Inevitably solutions may not please everyone such is the nature of village life but I hope that you feel I have given a balanced view. Our village has a longstanding history for grumbling after decisions have been taken. If we are passionate about our village, please come to meetings and tell the P.C. your thoughts!



John Travis

My family have lived in Great Budworth for 26 years, and our two sons grew up here. I retired last year, and I felt I had the time to contribute to the community. I joined the Council in January and I've enjoyed understanding how the council works, its duties and responsibilities to the Parish. In the past I acted as Treasurer to the local Scouts and also assisted in their sailing / canoeing at Local / County level. Our village has a strong community spirit, which together with its heritage and people make it a great place to live. I know the Council will manage the future challenges for the benefit of all and I hope I can contribute going forward.



Bob Wilkinson

For those of you who don't know me, I have lived and worked in the village all my life. I am currently Chairman of the Bowling Club, a member of the Parish Hall committee and have served as a past Chairman and committee member for over 40 years. Having been a Parish Councillor in the past for some 30 years and had time away from Parish Council work I have renewed energy to serve the community as a Parish Councillor again so I ask for your support to vote for me on 2nd May.

Once again, I have FREE sunflower plants for those children who would like to have a go at growing their own sunflower — and once again, there may be a prize for the best specimen at the end of the summer!

Collect your plant from me at Bakery Cottage High Street . Good luck!

Lesley Anderson





Anna Lee

My partner, Steven, and I moved to the village 12 years ago, when I retired as a university teacher. Having enjoyed the benefits of living in this community, I've been very pleased to contribute to it, too: I've been putting the Bulletin together for the past five years and am Secretary of the Heritage Society, and also a Parish Councillor. I believe that one of the main challenges facing the Parish Council is working to strike the right balance between maintaining our historic environment and adapting it to the demands of modern life (car parking problems being a prime example!).



Ian Mulholland

My wife Joanne and I moved to Great Budworth just over 2 years ago. When the opportunity to purchase 62 High Street came up, it was a dream come true. I work as an IT Operations Manager within a Sports Organisation and am responsible for a medium sized Team. I have embraced Village life and am actively involved in the various Clubs and Societies. For me, the Parish Council are there to preserve the look, feel and ambience of this most charming Village, along with supporting the most important people – our residents. I would passionately support this if elected.



Graham Pickering

Born and raised in Mid Cheshire I moved to the Village 7 years ago. I'm employed as a Solution Mining Engineer and have worked for the same company for 35 years. I'm married to Jackie who I'm sure many of you will know as the landlady of the George and Dragon. Our son Robert lives with us. In my spare time I like to play as much golf as Jackie allows me to, I also play bowls for Great Budworth. In my past life as a resident of Hartford I was Chairman of the local charity group and committee member for the Royal British legion.



Jane Robins

I feel extremely fortunate and proud to live in Great Budworth. Not only is it a beautiful place, it is home to a thriving, friendly community. I moved here 11 years ago with my husband Andrew and daughter Natasha. My background is in the heritage industry and I have worked for a number of organisations such as the National Trust, Tate Britain and Liverpool Philharmonic. I currently work at Great Budworth school. I understand the importance of preserving our heritage but will also be open minded when considering new opportunities and initiatives that could improve or enhance our village life.

CHURCH NEWS

Dates for Church Services:

Wed 1st May

10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee

Thursday 2nd May

7.30pm Celtic Evening Prayer

Sunday 5th May

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am All Age Worship - Rogation

Sunday with a short walk.

Sunday 12th May - Christian Aid Week

10.30am Matins

6.30pm Holy Communion

Saturday 18th May

9.30am Boyd Walk from Antrobus Church with Rev Alec Brown

Sunday 19th May

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong at Arley Chapel

Sunday 26th May

10.30am Parish Communion

Thursday 30th May

7.30pm Ascension Day Service



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2nd MAY LOCAL ELECTIONS DAY!!

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In a few weeks' time we shall all have the opportunity to select those who will represent us at borough (i.e. CW&C) and Parish Council level. To help you make your choices we list below the names of candidates for each body.

There are six candidates for the three borough places and 11 candidates for eight seats for Great Budworth Parish Council.

We have no information on the borough candidates, but assume - since each is a party candidate - that their party will provide further details. We simply list them and their party here.

In the case of Great Budworth Parish Council, we list the names of all 11 candidates, as well as a photo and personal message.

Cheshire West & Chester Council - Marbury Ward: THREE votes

BEESEY Sue	Green Party
ELLIOTT-SMITH	Liberal Democrats
GIBBON Lynn Joyce	Conservative Party
MARSHALL Phil	Conservative Party
MCDONNELL Lee Paul	Labour Party
WRIGHT Norman Geoffrey	Conservative Party

Great Budworth Parish Council - EIGHT votes

BOWMAN, Jenny	PICKERING, Graham
COLLIER, Robert	ROBINS, Jane
COPPELL, Stephen	TORRANCE, Malcolm
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Jenny Bowman

Great Budworth is a unique community. We may live in a historic village but there have been major changes both to how it looks and to people's lifestyles in the 50 years I've lived here. I believe the Parish Council needs to work with residents if it is to address current challenges successfully. For instance our parking and road safety problems have yet to be resolved. My work in local government over 30 years included helping local communities deal with difficult issues, an experience which may be helpful on the Council at this time.



Robert Collier

I have lived in the Village with my wife Clare since 2003, we have two daughters 13 and 11. As a family we enjoy life in the village and have developed good friendships and feel a strong sense of community. On a professional basis I am a chartered surveyor with over 20 years experience which I believe brings some valuable attributes to the role of Parish Councillor. I have been a Parish Cllr for the past 4 years and feel my Professional, Parish Council and Personal experience of living in the village would provide a positive contribution to the Great Budworth Community.



Stephen Coppel

I'm the "Policeman with the two black Labradors." We moved to the village 5 years ago and the sense of community is one of its treasures. Paula and I have been welcomed here and have fully immersed ourselves in village life in our short time here. So now, I would like to give something back. I will continue the hard work of the current members of the Parish Council, and will listen to your views and wishes for the future. I will abide by the core values of our village and serve you all with the upmost of integrity.



Don Hammond

Living in Great Budworth for well over 30 years, I have been involved in the village in a variety of ways. In ancient history I was Chairman of the Parish Council and the Church Restoration Committee, and more recently a founder of the Big Boys catering team, Chairman of the Parish Hall Committee and an elected member of the Cheshire West & Chester local authority representing Great Budworth in the Marbury Ward. Great Budworth is a beautiful village which needs to continue to evolve sympathetically - with help from the Parish Council and many volunteers. My CW&C contacts may help.