

THE MAY ISSUE OF THE BUDWORTH BULLETIN

We are planning a Bulletin feature to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day next month and are looking for reminiscences of WWII, with a view to inclusion in the May issue of the Bulletin. Given that there'll be few - if any - reports of meetings in the next issue, I think we'll have plenty of space to fill!

As well as personal memories (from the very few who are old enough to have been around at the time), we're looking for accounts of the experiences of readers' relatives - experiences both from the conflict itself and from the home front. Reminiscences can be first or second-hand. For example, we have three items already: the first is a grand-daughter's inspiring account of how her Jewish grandfather escaped the prison camps as a boy and arrived in London, where he started a successful business; the second is a nonagenarian's memories of working in a munitions factory and the third is a sailor's account of a truly hair-raising encounter with the enemy shortly before VE day.

But we're not just looking for exciting memories; we're looking for the everyday experiences of ordinary people and the greater the breadth of those experiences, the better.

Please either email me (annalee1@btinternet.com) or post handwritten or typed pieces to me (The Farthings, Farthing Lane, Great Budworth). Copy deadline is 15th April. Don't hesitate to contact me with any queries. I hope to be inundated with memories!

Anna Lee



Wishing all our readers a very happy (if isolated) Easter



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THE CORONA VIRUS Great Budworth's response

An informal support network has been established via the village WhatsApp group (see p3 for more details). If you're not already signed up to this group, it's well worth considering as it functions as a virtual meeting place and source of support and advice.

The Ice Cream Farm is also doing its utmost to provide support to local residents, despite not being able to operate normally, as a result of the latest government strictures. As it's a very fluid situation there can be no certainty about what they can offer, so they suggest that potential customers check the notice that will be pinned to the gate.

It has been very heart-warming to see the younger residents of the village so promptly offering a wide range of help to those who are older or more vulnerable. Thank you very much! We hope we will not place too much of a burden on you! It all adds to the long-established networks of support that already exist among the older generation.

Sadly, one consequence of the epidemic is that virtually all the events scheduled for April - and beyond - in Great Budworth are now cancelled. This includes all the following:

THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE ALL CANCELLED

Saturday 28th March: Maddie Anderson's charity quiz

All Church services until further notice

Tuesday 7th April: Nick Hopkinson's installation as High Sheriff of Cheshire

Tuesday 7th April: Garden club meeting (as are all Garden Club meetings until further notice. Advice will follow in due course regarding June's meeting.

Saturday 25th April: The Dalian Singers in Church

WI Meetings: No meetings until further notice

Ladies' lunches: no lunches until further notice

Friday 22nd May: Cheshire RTA event: "And this is my friend, Mr. Laurel"

Dear Friends

As many of you will know already, Nick Hopkinson (Hoppy) takes up the position of High Sheriff of Cheshire in April, for one year.

This 'Installation' was to take place in the church on the evening of April 7th. The ceremony involves him making an ancient 'Declaration' in the presence of members of the judiciary, where he pledges allegiance to the Queen and makes a promise to behave himself in the year ahead.

We were excited to turn this into a real celebration - and had invited many guests, friends and family to share the event. We would have loved it to be a village occasion too.

Unfortunately, due to the current situation, we have had to cancel the church ceremony - and the Declaration will now take place with the minimum number of witnesses behind closed doors.

Hopefully.... once this is all over - we will get the opportunity to invite everyone to join us for a deferred celebration - but for now, we just need to concentrate on more important issues.

Thank you for all your support -

Stay well everyone,

Lesley (Hopkinson)



Hoppy in his High Sheriff's suit

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SCHOOL NEWS

Class 3 and Class 4 had a fantastic time at their respective residentials: Class 3 were in York, where they enjoyed visiting the Yorvig Viking Centre and learning about Viking life and DIG, where the children discovered the fun side of archaeology. They also got to see many other sights in York and I am told that in total they walked around 15 miles during their stay! Class 4 spent the week at Conover Hall in Shropshire, where they got to try a lot of different indoor and outdoor activities, including zip wire, abseiling, fencing, archery and camp fires.

It was World Book Day on the 5th March, which gave the children an opportunity to dress up as their favourite characters. These included the BFG, Mary Poppins, The Queen of Hearts, Cat in the Hat, The Tiger Who Came to Tea and Hermione Granger.

As part of Science Week the whole school enjoyed a visit by Wonder Dome, a fascinating, fun and interactive Primary School Planetarium Show which takes the learners on a journey through space. Let's hope it inspires some future space explorers! Also during science week, Class 1 tried out their new forest school, matching nature to their colour charts.

As a response to the corona virus, schools are now closed. However, in order to support key workers, our federated school, Antrobus St. Marks, will remain open so that children of key workers from either school can still attend. Staff from both schools are on a rota and will be in school in shifts. All children have been provided with pencils, books, handwriting pens and glue sticks to support the work they will complete at home. Teachers will phone children at home at least twice a week as a check-in.

Richard Elias – Governor



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Uncertainty in the Workplace

Revd Dr Jenny McKay

Normally, I would be calling this article “Springtime in the Workplace”. However, as I write this piece, Spring seems far away, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, and it is a daily evolving concern for all of us.

Practically, in my workplace, we are remote working where possible, and those of us who manage laboratory activities put in brief appearances only. Increased cleanings, ever-changing visitor guidelines and local social distancing keep staff as safe as possible and, to date, there has been no confirmed case of COVID-19 in any worldwide facility. The mind boggles as to what may happen though: will veterinary samples keep coming in; if not, what will happen to current staff? Will there be temporary staff layoffs and what will the impact of any one site being closed have on the business globally?

The major challenge seems to be how to live with uncertainty. People are overwhelmed, sometimes to the point of paralysing depression and anxiety, and future planning is out the window. No-one knows what will happen next, although we do know there will be extensive self-isolation, particularly for the older members of society. Can we donate to local Foodbanks? Can we pick up prescriptions for neighbours? The beauty of the current social media is that we can use it for much good and keep in regular communication with those who are alone or self-isolating. We must rally together and help those in need: is there someone we can call on phone or on Skype? *[On this, please see further: Church News, p8 and the WhatsApp item on p3. Ed.]*

Jenny



CORONA VIRUS & THE VILLAGE WHATSAPP GROUP

The village Whatsapp group could be more useful than ever in the current situation. It provides a free, immediate communication channel between residents in the village. If you are feeling isolated or need some help, it could be invaluable.



WhatsApp

There are now over 60 members of the group. Most of the time, the members share recommendations of tradesmen, offers of surplus tickets, queries about power supply issues etcCurrently, however, it is a place where members are offering practical help to neighbours who are feeling vulnerable and need support.

To join the group you just need a phone that supports the Whatsapp application. Send me a message from your mobile, with your name and where you live in the village (not the full address, just a road or area) and I will add you to the group.

If you don't want constant 'pings' from your phone, you can 'turn-off notifications' so you are not disturbed by them. Also, you may only want to join for a short while - you can leave the group at any time.

My number is : 07976 128006

Lesley Hopkinson



CHANGE TO MAIL COLLECTION TIME

From 23rd March, the last collection from the postbox in the village will be made at 4.00pm (it's currently 4.30pm) Monday to Friday. Saturday collection remains at 9.45am.

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QUIZ NIGHT!

Hello, I would first like to thank you for showing interest in my Quiz night at the end of March. I am sure that you are aware of the thought and time that Lesley and Bill have poured in to help me too and they deserve a big thank you! Unfortunately, due to the current circumstances of Covid-19 I will not be going ahead with the event. From both the recent advice from the government and Project Trust I fear that, with the pandemic only getting worse, holding such an event would be unwise. I apologise immensely that this has had to be a quick decision. However, if the situation gets better I will look into holding the event later into the year. Thank you once again for your support!

Maddie Anderson :)



As the current pandemic starts to have more and more impact, families on low incomes are less able to buy the food they need. Food banks, their normal source of support, are also finding that donations from the public are falling. In this difficult time, please support Mid Cheshire Food Bank, if you're able, whether financially or with a donation of food. Donations can be delivered to their warehouse at: **Unit 14, The Business Centre,**

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GARDEN CLUB

Another full house - and a crop of new members, who paid their subscriptions for the year ahead. A warm welcome to Jan Phillips, Val Chesworth, Anne Fergusson, Carol Burgess, Jane Gerrard, Neil Harvey, Elaine Perry, Jackie Graty, and Karin Jackson. We hope you enjoy the friendship and hospitality of the club and that you will learn more about gardening than ever before!



The speaker at our March meeting was Stella Exley (pictured), from Hare Spring Cottage Plants, near York. Stella was an entertaining and endearing lady, who described her dreams and ambition to

own a nursery. In ten short years she has created a wonderful business, developing national collections of camassia and sidalcea and winning gold medals at Chelsea and other famous flower shows (her very first gold medal being won at Arley Flower Show!). Her story had us all spellbound. It was an excellent evening and Stella was enthusiastically and professionally thanked by Anne Saville.

The second payment for the club holiday was paid to Henri and Lynda Giller, the final payment being due in May (the holiday is due to take place in June).

There is a coach trip arranged to visit the new RHS Bridgewater garden on Friday 4 September. This already has a long list of names, so please contact Jan Bashforth, 07809 030 525 if you would like to join the visit to this special venue.

The new 2020 NGS leaflets for Cheshire and Wirral gardens were available, so we are all very much looking forward to summer. The March Newsletter has the September Show schedule printed, so start planning your entries from now onwards.

Instead of the usual cuppa, we ended our evening with a glass of water! This was to try to help counteract and contain the dreadful corona virus. With that in mind, I'm very sorry to advise that our next meeting, scheduled for 7th April is cancelled.

Everyone is urged to do everything necessary to stop the spread of this disease, so I send you all my best wishes for good health and for a quick return to our gardens and lovely country.

For any information about our Garden Club in general, please contact me in the first instance.

Jean Davies, Chairlady.
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CHURCH NEWS

It is with deep regret that we announce that public worship is suspended until further notice. This advice has been issued by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in light of the Government guidance around non-essential contact. Therefore, there will be no church services from the 22nd March until further notice.

The church will remain open during daylight hours for visitors and anybody wishing to pray or to 'just be' in a quiet place. Hygiene and distancing rules will still apply - please wash your hands on entry to church.

The Ministry Team and volunteers will be available if help is needed with delivering shopping and / or medication if you are self-isolating, or if you can't get out for other reasons. Shopping will be left at the door to protect both parties.

The Ministry Team are available to talk by phone, email, and other social media. We are currently looking at the possibility of producing short services/thoughts for the day which will be viewable on 'Youtube'. Prayers can be shared with anyone by phone, email etc. if you feel this would help. Morning Prayer will be said daily in church at 9.30am on behalf of everybody, and the church bell will be rung during this time.

Unfortunately, physically visiting those diagnosed with COVID-19, or those self-isolating, is not advised. If it becomes absolutely necessary for someone to have a visit from a clergy person, please speak to us.

These are unprecedented times and we know there will be many people feeling worried and anxious; we are here to help where we can.

Unfortunately, we have decided that Church Teas and Books must be suspended until further notice. We need to protect both visitors and tea volunteers, so feel this is the right move to make, especially as a lot of our visitors are older, as are some of our volunteers! We thank everybody who came along to the coffee morning to sign up for the rota: your support is so much appreciated. This will of course affect our funds greatly, so if things should change later in the season, we may have a short run of teas.

The Concert on 25th April with the Dalian Singers has also been postponed to a later date yet to be arranged.

Contact numbers:

The Rev Alec Brown (Vicar) 01606 891324

The Rev Christina Westwell (Curate) 07870 687304

The Rev Dr. Jenny McKay 07554 416058

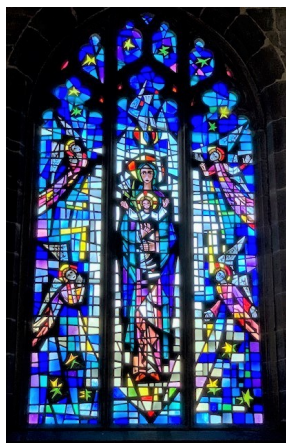
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Mrs Margaret Cross (Churchwarden) 07732 324001

Mrs Pauline Ridgway (Churchwarden) 01565 733494

Mrs Maggie Earl (Volunteer) 07970 927161

Keeping everybody in our prayers. Stay well. The Ministry Team



Our speaker at last month's meeting was Amanda Storey, a delightful chocolate maker from Bolton who showed us all her lovely chocolate novelties. There was no compulsion to buy, but some of us could not resist, so Easter is sorted !! Amanda originated from Antrobus, so she knew the village and we enjoyed hearing her chocolate story.

Some members went to the service in Chester Cathedral to celebrate 100 years of Cheshire WI and we all received a piece of birthday cake in a box. Other members went to hear Annabel Tiffin of NW News at the County meeting at Winsford. The quiz team flew the flag for Great Budworth at the County quiz.

The WI in April:-

We have been informed by WI headquarters in Chester that we should cancel or postpone all meetings until the virus is passed, so it is with regret that I have to advise you that we'll have no meeting in April and probably not in May. Not even the Jumble Sale can take place, so it is that serious !!!! We have provisionally re-arranged it for 19th September. Fingers crossed!

These are extraordinary times but when this is over we will, I hope, be back on track and will be so pleased to get out and about once again. I presume we can still walk out and enjoy the fresh air, but not too close contact - so keep your distance !!

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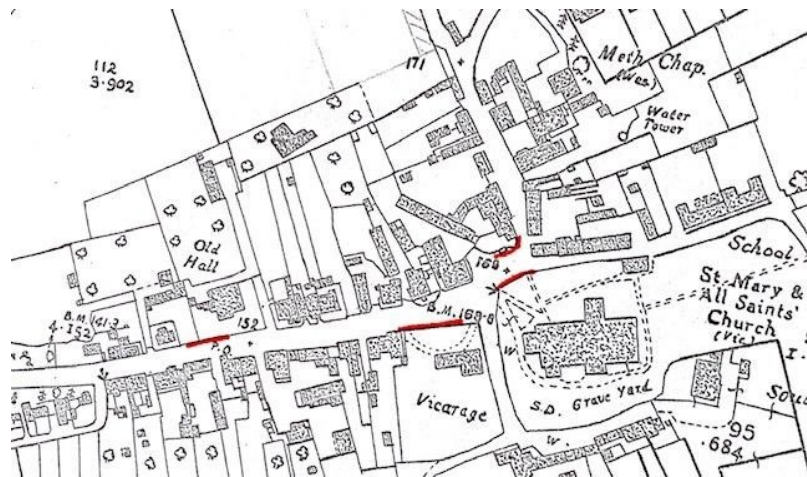
Our readers will be only too aware that the Parish Council have struggled over many years to find a way to accommodate modern cars in our ancient village - proposals have been put forward on many occasions, but in the past it has proved impossible to agree a plan which meets with the agreement of all residents affected.

Year on year the problems increase: residents with more, and often bigger, cars; and the village itself being very much on the tourist map. Attempts to steer cars away from particular trouble spots by putting a 'No Parking' sign on the top Pump House and planters in other parts of the street are routinely ignored. The weather has put the Parish Field out of commission for any parking through the winter, although the Parish Hall Committee have plans to improve the parking surface when the deluge recedes.

So the Parish Council decided to ask Cheshire Highways to review the situation with us. A group of us toured the village with them and CW&C Cllr. Norman Wright recently, looking at the pinch points. We discussed with them various solutions that had been suggested, but the Highways Team discounted most of them on the grounds of either Health & Safety or else non-compliance with Highways legislation.

The Senior Highways Manager said that he had always considered the only solution to be double yellow lines in certain parts of the village. These could possibly be narrow and pale yellow, which have the same legal force as the more common ones. The Parish Council is aware that many in the village have been opposed to this in the past, but have decided to test out current views about it.

On the map shown here you see four areas (coloured) in the centre of the village where double yellow lines were discussed with the Highways Team. The Parish Council are asking you to tell us in which, *if any*, of these areas (marked 1/2/3/4) you would favour having double yellow lines.



The areas where double yellow lines might be considered are: opposite Bakery Cottage (where parking on the road opposite the house hinders - and sometimes prevents - residents from driving in and out); outside The Vicarage and The Hollies; along the Church wall to the left of the lych gate and, finally, in front of the top pump house.

Would residents please write to us indicating their views and preferences. In order to avoid anyone expressing their views more than once, please include your name and address. Responses can be either posted in the Parish Council letterbox in Smithy Lane or emailed to the Parish Clerk, Gill Ayres, at: greatbudworthparishclerk@gmail.com.

The Parish Council will review the responses, including reasons advanced both for and against, at the next Parish Council meeting and will decide whether or not to request CW&C to look into the matter further. If a decision is made to refer the matter to CW&C, then CW&C Highways will undertake its own consultative exercise amongst the local community, when there will be a further opportunity to comment.

VILLAGE TREE SURVEY

Are your trees worrying you?

Last year a large oak tree on private land collapsed onto the hill in High Street, very fortunately without causing damage to any persons or cars.

The Parish Council decided to undertake a survey of the many trees for which it is responsible, such as the lime trees in the The Avenue, the pleached limes in the High Street, and trees on the Parish Field.

Four professionally qualified contractors quoted for the work, and at the Parish Council meeting in March Lally Tree Management were assigned the work.

When advertising the Tenders for the work, the PC asked each contractor to quote a price for surveying trees owned by householders in the village. Lally Tree Management are offering to do this for £8 per tree, providing the survey of such trees is done at the same time as the PC trees. Householders who would like to identify any of their trees for the survey will need to pay Lally direct for the service. Matthew Lally would like to start the work on 20th April and would obviously want to carry out any private work at the same time. If you are interested in him carrying out a survey of any of your trees, please

contact him direct via his email
(matt@lallytreemanagement.co.uk).

