

FEBRUARY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

For details of Church services and events, see p11

Sunday 2nd: Parish Hall, 9.00am-noon. Big Boys' Breakfast

Tuesday 4th: Yoga in Chester Cathedral

Wednesday 5th: Parish Hall, 7.30pm. WI meeting: 'How Women Won the Vote'

Thursday 6th: Comberbach Methodist Church, 12noon. Lite Bite Lunch

Tuesday 11th: Parish Hall, 7.30pm. Garden Club AGM

Thursday 20th: Comberbach Methodist Church, 12noon. Lite Bite Lunch

Thursday 20th: Ladies' lunch. Cock O'Budworth, 12.30pm

Wednesday 26th: Parish Hall. WI's 88th Birthday party

Saturday 29th: Parish Church, 10.00am - 12 noon. Church Teas coffee morning

COMBERBACH METHODIST LITE BITE LUNCHES



All are warmly welcomed at these simple lunches on the dates below. On the menu is a choice of soup and a roll, followed by a dessert or cheese and biscuits, a drink and lots of friendly chat.

The cost is £4 and time is 12noon to 1.30pm. If you need a lift then ring Alan on 891248.

Thursdays: 6th & 20th February; 5th & 19th March

ADVERTISEMENT RATES IN THE BUDWORTH BULLETIN

Bulletin advertisement rates haven't been increased at all during the nearly six years that the current team have been producing it - and it's unlikely they were increased much before that! Our costs, however, have more than tripled as the Bulletin is now 4-8 pages larger than before and is printed in colour. We hope you agree that the results are worth it and that the advertisement rates represent good value for money, given that the Bulletin is delivered to **260** homes within the village and beyond - and is read by many more!

Our new advertisement rates: up to 1/4 page £6; 1/4 to half page £12; full page £24

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BUDWORTH BULLETIN

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BIG BOYS' BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY 9.00 am—noon

in Great Budworth Parish Hall

But please note: when it's gone, it's gone!

Come early for maximum choice!



Pricing remains frozen for a 4th year - just £12 for an adult and £6 for a little person.

Responding to requests from a handful of clients, we will supply 'decaffeinated coffee' for wimps, gluten-free sausages and bread for coeliacs, vegetable sausages for vegetarians, as well as the conventional calorie-laden Gastro Delight of a Traditional Big British Breakfast provided by the Great Budworth Big Boys.

For the first time there will be a porridge option for those wanting a soluble fibre starter.

Proceeds go to local charities and projects.

Further details from any Big Boy, including Dave Hiatt (891019), Richard Elias (892141), Don Hammond (891397).



Happy New Year to our readers! We started the new year programme in January with a talk by Matthew Leap, who gave us a

demonstration on making various soaps, bath bombs and shower gel. Not only did Matthew make soap products, but he told us about the history of the soap industry, especially in the North West, where the River Mersey and the canal system enabled the ingredients to be brought in for production and the finished soaps to be distributed. The salt mined in the area was also an important ingredient in the soap products. Members each took home a small sample of home-made lemon soap.



Mib Byram will represent Great Budworth at the National AGM at the Royal Albert Hall, London, on 4th June and members put their names down for the Cheshire AGM, which is on Tuesday 10th March at 7.30pm at the Winsford Academy. The speaker will be Annabel Tiffin from NW Tonight and tickets are £5.

Next month for our February meeting we have a special speaker: her name is Barbara Andrew and her subject is 'How British Women won the Vote'. Barbara is an excellent speaker; she comes well recommended and I extend an invitation to everyone to join us for the talk. We have invited members from neighbouring WIs so we hope for a good crowd. The date is Wednesday 5th February at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

The other notable date in February is Wednesday 26th February, when we hold the 88th WI Birthday Bash. The format is a social evening at the village hall: a hot supper is served and we will be entertained by Terry Taylor and his group who will play easy listening songs. Tickets are £10 each and everyone is welcome (men especially !!!)

Book Club

The book club are reading 'What Alice Knew' by T. K. Cotterill. The group are meeting on 10th February.

New Year, a new programme - and with it a very warm welcome to anyone to come along and join the happy throng!!!!

June Wilkinson 891534

CHURCH NEWS

Services & Events in Church

Sunday 2 nd	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am All Age Worship for Candlemas
Wednesday 5 th	10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee and chat
Thursday 6 th	7.30pm Celtic Evening Prayer
Sunday 9 th	10.30am Matins 4.00pm Holy Communion
Thursday 13 th	2.00pm Play and Praise
Sunday 16 th	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Communion 6.30pm Evensong at Arley Chapel
Sunday 23 rd	10.30am Parish Communion
Wednesday 26 th	7.30pm Ash Wednesday Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes
Thursday 27 th	2.00pm Play and Praise
Saturday 29 th	10.00am – 12.00noon Coffee morning to set Church Teas rota



From the Ministry Team at St. Mary & All Saints

We would like to thank everybody who attended any of the services over the Christmas and New Year period. We raised money for The Children's Society and The Barnabus Fund.

We also received gifts at the Toy Service and afterwards from many people, which we were able to distribute to Family Centres and Children's hospitals. All gifts were well received.

Thank you and, although it is rather late, we wish everyone a happy and peaceful New Year.

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After many years of dedicated service as the Treasurer for the Parochial Church Council, Mr. Chris Godber has stood down from the role as of 31st December 2019. The Vicar and Parochial Church Council are therefore looking for someone to take on the Treasurer's role as soon as possible.

Some basic accounting knowledge would be useful. Chris will advise on how things are run.

If you are interested in having a look at the role of Treasurer, please have a word with the Vicar, The Rev'd Alec Brown, or the Churchwardens.

The Rev Alec Brown 01606 891324
Margaret Cross - Churchwarden 07732324001
Pauline Ridgway - Churchwarden 01565 733494



LADIES' LUNCH



The first Ladies' lunch of 2020 will take place on Thursday 20th February at The Cock O' Budworth at 12.30pm.

Ladies, come along and enjoy fellow female company.

Call Hazel on 891908 if you have any queries.

SCHOOL 100+ WINNERS

NOVEMBER

1st prize £25 - Hazel Forwood (no. 52)
2nd prize £10 - Keith Brudenell (no. 20)

DECEMBER

(Double winnings)
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2nd prize £20 - Sue Ritchie (no. 19)



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SEEING OUT THE OLD YEAR AND 2020 IN!

A Magical New Year's Eve Village Dinner was attended by 45 people in the Parish Hall on 31st December.

The first magic experience to greet people as they arrived at the Parish Hall was its transformation into a sparkling fairy grotto, thanks to Kay Bashford and her daughter, Helen.

Bill Anderson was front of house, offering glasses of sparkling wine as people arrived. This got the party spirit going. Canapés circulated until we moved to our tables for the main course, which offered a choice of boeuf bourguignon or salmon, with vegetable and salad accompaniments.



The desserts, very kindly provided by some in the audience, looked amazing and tasted delicious. Jax, the Magician, toured the tables as were eating, and later took to the 'stage', baffling and entertaining us with a whole series of new tricks.

At the end of the party we joined everyone outside the lych gate to sing Auld Lang Syne and watch the fireworks. A whole army of guests arrived the following morning to help clear up the Parish Hall – with the result that all cleaning and clearing up was done within an hour - thank you!

There has been a village party in Great Budworth to see in the New Year going back very many years now. Organising it and preparing the food depends on a small group of unpaid volunteers. For the past five years the volunteers have been Hazel Forwood, Lesley Anderson, Anna Lee and Jenny Bowman. We need new blood! Would any others in our community like to join the organizing team?

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Emma: tel 01606 891 229;
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INNER JOURNEYS: YOGA IN CHESTER CATHEDRAL

As part of the 2020 theme of journeys, the Cathedral is looking at aspects of our own inner journeys and will be hosting a series of events in collaboration with The Bodhi Tree Studios to explore this.

The yoga class is based on physical postures, deep breathing and listening to the body. It is suitable for all abilities and perfect for those who want to learn the fundamental poses in yoga. The class will finish with a short meditation and relaxation. You may bring your own yoga mat, or there will be spares available to use.

Cost is £10 per class or £8 for students. If anyone is interested in attending please let Jenny (mckayjenny56@gmail.com) know if you want to share lifts. Next classes are on 4th February and 10th March. This is a great way to relax and experience peace in a new way in our hectic lives.



Church Teas Coffee Morning!

**Saturday 29th February
10.00am to 12 noon
in the Parish Church**



Maggie and Margaret invite you to join them in church for our annual coffee morning. This is to set the rota for this year's church teas which commence on Easter Sunday 12th April.

We hope you are able to come along so we can have a catch-up with everyone.

If you are unable to make it, please give us a call with your preferred dates. We thank everyone who supports this fundraiser each year; the church greatly appreciates the funds raised, which go towards the upkeep and everyday running of this fine, medieval building.

Not heard of church teas, but would like to get involved? Give us a call.

Margaret Cross: 07732324001 Maggie Earl: 01565 777262

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS KNIFE?!

Jo Munnery's cutlery set is one knife short of a picnic! It went missing in the Parish Hall on New Year's Eve — but there's no sign of it there. Do you have it? Have you seen it? If so, please either let Jo know, or post it through the Parish Hall letter box. She'd really appreciate having a complete cutlery set again!



NICK HOPKINSON, HIGH SHERIFF

In April we have a very exciting event in the church. Nick Hopkinson, aka Hoppy, (pictured) will be having his Declaration as High Sheriff of Cheshire, following his name being pricked on vellum with a Royal bodkin.



The average Englishman/woman is aware of only two sheriffs: the Wild West sort who wore a silver badge with the word 'Sheriff' written on it; and the Sheriff of Nottingham. For most of us, along with the fact that Bob Marley once sang a song about shooting the sheriff, that is the sum of our knowledge.

And even that knowledge is sketchy: our information about American sheriffs comes almost exclusively from Hollywood - and we have no idea whether Robin Hood's arch enemy in Nottingham was any more or less cruel than the sheriff of Leicestershire, or any other shire.

You will probably be comforted and relieved to know that running the armies, collecting taxes and presiding over courts and their punishments (including executions!) is no longer on the list of High Sheriff duties; and knowing this certainly helped with Hoppy's decision to accept the role. The current High Sheriffs are more concerned with rehabilitating the renegade rather than rounding him up and hanging him - and this is a recurring theme in Hoppy's life; many of you who know him will be aware of the extensive charity work in which he's involved.

On the 7th April at 7pm, in our beautiful village church, Hoppy will be installed as High Sheriff of Cheshire for 2020/21, when he will take over from Mark Mitchell DL, in the role. He will be the Queen's link to law and order in the county and has elected to have his Declaration here in Great Budworth. He has also asked our vicar, Alec, to be his Chaplain for the year.

This is the oldest secular office in the country after the monarchy itself and is over 1000 years old. It is a hugely prestigious office and it's wonderful to have this service here in April.

High Sheriffs wear a ceremonial uniform called Court Dress. It has remained essentially unchanged since the late 17th century and consists of a black or dark blue velvet coat with cut-steel buttons, breeches, shoes with cut-steel buckles, a sword and a cocked hat. A lace jabot or white bow tie is worn around the neck. The High Sheriff's crest is pictured below.



Says Hoppy, "I am privileged to serve the Queen for my year as High Sheriff. However tempting – or tempted I become - I promise not to reintroduce either Shrieval tax collecting or capital punishment.

I see this as my opportunity to help make Cheshire a better and safer place in which to live and work."

Hoppy extends an invitation to the whole village to attend the service, where he will share more about the origins of the office and his plans for the year - and of course you'll be able to see his interpretation of the court dress!

Everyone is very welcome.

GARDEN CLUB

Already we are in February for the second decade of the roaring '20s ! We have had a very mild winter so far and snowdrops and daffodils are already showing some colour in our gardens.

We start our new garden year with the AGM on 11th February at 7.30 in the Parish Hall, when your attendance or apologies are requested and subscriptions are to be paid, so that we can go ahead with our next exciting programme.

We also have speakers that evening: Linda Anderson and Elaine Marchment, from the new RHS Garden Bridgewater - which members visited in November to see the progress that is being made. I look forward to seeing you there.

The members' Christmas party was a wonderful evening, with professional singer David Massan to entertain us. David sang songs we knew and we danced the night away after supper.

The buffet table groaned with delicious food, thanks to our members' contributions. I think it's the best selection of gourmet food in Cheshire!

We are celebrating 20 years of the club this year. How quickly time has gone! Thank you each and every one for all your support in the past. I look forward to seeing you all at the many planned events this year.

If you have any questions, or apologies to give for the meeting, please contact me in the first instance. After the meeting we can see how the membership lies, then people from the waiting list can be invited to join our incredible garden club.

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SCHOOL NEWS

In December the entire school enjoyed a trip to Norton Priory for a Victorian-themed Christmas in which the children made Christmas crafts and gingerbread. On the last day of term, the school held its Carol Service in the church, where the children sang highlights from their nativity production.

Everyone has settled back into the New Year at school with a busy timetable this half term. In Class 1 their topic is Dinosaurs. We look forward to hearing about their work in sharing assembly. Class 2 are focusing on Animals and as part of this will be looking at living things and their habitats. This term, Class 3's topic is Rainforests: looking at where they are found, their climate and how we can protect them. They are also getting excited about their upcoming residential to York, which takes place in February. Class 4's theme for the first half term is African Adventure: they've been invited to take part in a variety of sporting activities this term, including sports hall athletics, dodge ball and the golden mile.

Budworth Tots' first term was a success and will run again this term every Tuesday 1.30pm – 2.30pm.

On January 21st January the whole school enjoyed a trip to Chester Zoo where, as well as seeing a variety of animals, the children also enjoyed workshops on topics such as rainforests and conservation of animal species and their habitats, all of which tied in with the themes for this half term.

Richard Elias – Governor



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You can report the fault simply by accessing the CW&C website at: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk and then selecting 'Report a highways issue' from the options displayed on screen. If you don't have access to the internet, you can phone the council on 0300 123 8 123.

The kinds of things you should report are as follows:

- potholes
- loose cat's eyes
- loose kerbs and flagstones
- broken gullies (grids on the road, not from a house water supply)
- damaged manhole covers
- damaged and blocked grids

Once CW&C have received a report of a fault, they will investigate it within five working days so they can determine the urgency and type of work involved. They will then schedule work and conduct repairs as soon as possible. In some cases repairs may be completed as part of their scheduled maintenance.



The Cock O'Budworth

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Michelle and the team wish you a warm welcome to The Cock O'Budworth. Set in the beautiful Cheshire countryside overlooking rolling fields, the Cock O'Budworth is an idyllic country pub with a spacious beer garden, serving a range of award-winning Joseph Holt ales and lagers, along with traditional pub food. Our summer menu offers a range of deals throughout the week, including two for £13 Monday-Saturday, Curry Thursdays and Fish Fridays. Our stylish function suite is also available to hire for all types of private and corporate functions. Contact a member of the team on 01606 891287 or email: thecockatbudworth@joseph-holt.com to reserve a table or enquire about our function suite.

A warm welcome to Great Budworth to

... **David and Katie Burgess**, along with their children, Lyra and Evan, and David's father, Dave - oh, and not forgetting their excitable miniature poodle, Flaine. The family finally (after months of renovation on the house) moved into Spinneys, on Smithy Lane, over Christmas. The entire family may often be seen walking around the village, as Flaine takes them all for a walk (see the photo, minus photographer David).



... **and to Giles and Carly Maynard-Connor**

and family, who have moved into Summer Cottage, at the bottom of High Street.



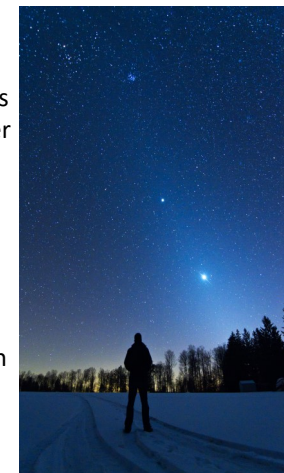
The village has a lot of history for them as they were married at the church in 2014 and both their sons were christened here. They have four children: Erin, 21, Cara, 18 (both at university, but home for during holidays), George, 4 and Charlie, 2.

They are all pictured here at Charlie's christening.

SKYWATCH

The planet Venus orbits our Sun inside the orbit of Earth. Consequently, it can be seen in the sky at different times of the year as either a 'morning' or an 'evening' star. It never rises higher than about 40 degrees at the extreme positions and disappears for two months in mid-2020 when it passes behind the Sun. Towards the end of January it will be possible to see Venus after sunset, low down in the western sky; in the following months it will rise higher in the sky until 24 March, when it shines brilliantly for several hours before setting at 11pm. From July onwards it will rise in the eastern sky before the Sun and be visible for six months, so there should be plenty of opportunities to see this planet, despite our weather!

Happy New Year, Tony Flynn.



Venus, lower right, with Jupiter above and to the left of it, at sunset