

MARCH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

For details of Church services and events, see p10

Monday 2nd: Parish Hall, 6.45pm. Parish Council Finance meeting, followed by

full Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Wednesday 4th: Parish Hall, 7.30pm. WI meeting. Speaker: Amanda Storey.

Monday 9th: Old School, 5.30pm (simple meal); or 6.30pm. Bookbinding workshop.

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Tuesday 10th: Parish Hall, 7.30pm. Garden Club meeting. Speaker: Stella Exley.

Thursday 19th: Antrobus Arms, 12.30pm. Ladies' lunch.

Saturday 28th: Parish Hall, 11.00am. WI Jumble Sale

Saturday 28th: The Avenue, High Street or School, 10am—1pm. Great Budworth Spring Clean.

Saturday 28th: Parish Hall, 7.30pm. Quiz Night in aid of Project Trust.

COMBERBACH METHODIST LITE BITE LUNCHES

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on

Thursdays 5th & 19th March



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.



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BUDWORTH BULLETIN

March 2020



As part of the national *Great British Spring Clean* campaign, everyone is invited to join in with the Great Budworth Spring Clean on Saturday, 28th March. The jobs we plan to tackle include clearing the remaining leaves from both sides of High Street hill, litter picking, sign cleaning, removing epicormic growth from the trees along The Avenue and re-painting the Cheshire Railings.

Everyone is invited so bring your loppers, secateurs, brushes, shovels, sponges and buckets or paint brushes and join us on The Avenue or High Street any time between 10am and 1pm to lend a hand. Even if you can only spare 30 minutes it will make a big difference to what we can achieve together. Even just being able to take some bags to the tip for us will be a huge help!

If you are interested in litter picking please join us at the school, where we will be able to give you a litter-picker, a high-vis vest, gloves and bags and then make a note of which area you are going to tackle.



Bring along your own travel mug and we will keep you topped up with tea, coffee and cake!



... and see pages 9 and 11 for reports on early starts made on a village spring clean!

GEORGE & DRAGON GOLF SOCIETY

The G&DGS was delighted to welcome Keiran Peters, of Great Budworth, as 'Guest of Honour' at our AGM held on 30 January at the George & Dragon, our 'spiritual home' as a Golf Society. Keiran generously sponsored our Order of Merit Trophy, the Keiran Peters Cup, and joined us to present it to the 2019 winner, Ian Mulholland, a popular winner and Great Budworth resident!

The AGM was generously hosted by Christopher and his team at the George & Dragon, keeping us topped up with an excellent buffet, as we welcomed four new members to the Society and discussed the finer points of golf, such as who can drive the longest and who is the biggest bandit!

The G&DGS was set up in 2017 and we have 23 active members playing at different courses on the last Sunday of each month from March through to September. We are a friendly bunch of mid to low handicappers and offer those who don't play golf often enough to merit a club membership the opportunity to play with a friendly and relaxed (yet competitive!) group of enthusiasts of this most frustrating of sports!

Whether you are a regular golfer or an occasional hacker, if you're interested in joining the George & Dragon Golf Society, then drop Ben Colman (Secretary) a message at: gndgolf@mail.com for more information.



Keiran Peters (left) presents the Order of Merit Trophy to Ian Mulholland (centre), overseen by Christopher Wright

NOTICE OF PARISH HALL COMMITTEE AGM



The Parish Hall Committee AGM will be held on 9 March 2020 at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. All residents of the Parish are welcome.

The Agenda will be publicised on the noticeboard of the Parish Hall some days before the meeting. Items on the agenda will include approval of the accounts, noting the appointment of Trustees and the like. Future capital expenditure and plans will also be discussed.

We are still looking for a volunteer to be Secretary; if you are interested please contact Don Hammond ((01606) 891397). The duties are not particularly onerous and there has been an advertisement on the noticeboard for some months which gives some additional details.

Don Hammond, Chairman

The next offering from Cheshire Rural Touring Arts is a one man show entitled:

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We are also showing a short Laurel and Hardy film to complete the evening!

So, reserve

Friday 22nd May

for a great night out!

More details next month.

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WI JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 28th March

Doors open 11.00am



It's that time of year when we start collecting good quality clothing, bric-a-brac, unwanted gifts and jumble for our annual good as new jumble sale. This has become a tradition in the village, so if you are moving house - or just having a good clear out - then please remember to keep it until Saturday 28th March! We will be at the hall to receive goods from 9.00am and the customers pour in at 11.00am. We offer tea and coffee for £1 - and you can even keep the mug!



MARCH LADIES' LUNCH

This will take place on Thursday 19th at The Antrobus Arms at 12.30pm.

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BIG BOYS' BREAKFAST

The 14th Big Boys' Breakfast was a great success, thanks to the efforts of all the Big Boys (pictured), the bacon cooking elves and our apprentice Big Boy, Freddie. Some 90 breakfasts were served to discriminating

diners, who enjoyed the village ambience.

Once again we thank Poplars Farm for the supply of the egg-cellent eggs.

The raffle, which was drawn by Sue Scott, was

won by Bob Wilkinson. The Big Boys also gratefully acknowledge anonymous donations which added to the fantastic result.

A record profit was achieved and donations exceeding £1,000 in total are being made to the Friends of Great Budworth School, the Budworth Bulletin, the Parish Hall, and St Luke's Hospice, together with a contribution towards the costs of the VE Day Celebrations on 8 May 2020.

Our next major event will be on Saturday 17th October when we are likely to be having a Greek Extravaganza.



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CELEBRATE VE DAY IN GREAT BUDWORTH STYLE!



Victory in Europe was on 8th May 1945 and various Great Budworth organisations will unite to celebrate the 75th Anniversary with a party on Friday 8th May 2020, which is a special Bank Holiday. (NB Many diaries were printed before the Bank Holiday was changed from Monday 4th May).

Full details will follow in April's Bulletin, but in the meantime, save the date. The

party is centred on the Parish Hall from the afternoon onwards, with food, music and refreshments in the early evening. Dress in the style of 1945 if you wish to give extra authenticity to the event. Suitable for all, be they young or old!

This event is supported by many local groups, including the WI, Bowling Club, Budworth Big Boys, The Parish Hall Committee and the Heritage Society.

Thank you

from the Bulletin team (and on behalf of readers of the Budworth Bulletin) to **The Big Boys** and to **The WI** for their generous donations to the Bulletin.

The Bulletin is funded by the Parish Council, advertising revenue—and donations from regular contributors. (Donations from other regular contributors will also be very welcome!)



The Cock O'Budworth

**Warrington Rd, Great Budworth, CW9 6HB
01606 891287**

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.

GARDEN CLUB

We held our AGM in February and the hall was full of members and guests, despite the cold and windy night. The atmosphere inside, though, was warm and friendly. The chair, Jean Davies, welcomed everyone to celebrate 20 years since the club's formation. She told how she started the club in 2000, and - unbelievably - she, Peter Davies and Jane Fairclough still hold the same positions as chair, treasurer and speakers' secretary, respectively! She said they were, sadly, 20 years older, but looked forward to the next 20 years!



Sylvia Godber retired on the night, after also being on the committee since the club's formation, and being the club's secretary for the last nine years for which we were very grateful. Sylvia was presented with life membership and a garden voucher for her sterling work. Sylvia is pictured receiving her gifts from Jean Davies, club chairman.

All other members were thanked for their continued support and a new member of committee, Malcolm Torrance, was welcomed. The Garden Club goes from strength to strength, even after 20 years. It's a wonderful achievement.

The new Events Cards were distributed. We have a fantastic year ahead, celebrating our 20 year anniversary. It's a year to look forward to indeed.

Our speakers were Elaine Marchment and Lynda Anderson, who are volunteer guides and speakers for the new RHS Bridgewater Garden at Worsley, Salford, which is being developed on the heritage landscape of the former Worsley New Hall. The site is being transformed by a tremendously talented team and has been designed by the iconic gardener, Tom Stuart Smith. The garden is due to open on 30 July this year. The speakers were excellent, illustrating how the RHS team are creating a stunning 154 acre garden in the north west, the first RHS garden for 20 years. This is the largest gardening project in Europe and one of the most significant events in the 215 year history of the RHS. The committee had visited last November to see the site, and a members' trip is to be organised for 4th September this year. Our speakers were thanked enthusiastically by Sarah Lawton.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 10 March in the parish hall at 7.30, when another well-known speaker, Stella Exley, will tell us, 'All I've ever wanted to do is grow plants'. This meeting will be the last opportunity to pay your annual subscription, or to make contact as to your position as a member. There will be a plant stall and it promises to be another excellent evening.

Please see our website (greatbudworthgardenclub.co.uk) for any information about the club, or contact me. Thank you everyone for continuing to support this wonderful club.

Jean Davies 01606 892383 / 0789993 7683 or mrsjeandavies@gmail.com

ROBERT WILLIAMS

On behalf of all the Wilkinson Family and myself, I wish to send a very sincere thank you for the support and kindness shown to us all during this very difficult time. We have been overwhelmed by your many beautiful letters, cards, donations, flowers and cakes too.

It will be 18 years this March since many of you witnessed the Rev Alec Brown marry Robert and me at St. Mary's Church and then have continued to watch our young family grow. Robert's passing has left a huge void in all our lives but, thanks to you all, we know we are surrounded by such strong friendships.

With the support of so many, we will continue to raise awareness of The Brain Tumour Charity and, importantly, raise vital funds towards specifically Glioblastoma research. To continue following our story, search 'Team Robster' on Just Giving and on Facebook.

A very sincere thank you again,
from Sarah Williams (nee Wilkinson).



Rob and Sarah, pictured with their children



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A Platinum Anniversary

It may seem premature to begin thinking about it, but in 2022 we shall either be celebrating the Queen's 70 years on the throne or we shall have a new monarch (in which case we will be commemorating the reign of his predecessor, the Queen).



Initial thoughts are that the Parish Council would lead this project and, to begin with, would ask villagers for suggestions as to what we could do, followed by an assessment/vote on the suggestions, until we make a final selection.

Obviously this will cost money that we don't have readily at hand, so some fundraising will inevitably be involved. One early suggestion is to develop the quiet garden in the village (located adjacent to the churchyard) adding a decorative metal arch/entranceway, improving the facilities and maybe doing something creative with the Queen Elizabeth variety of rose. But what are your thoughts and ideas? We invite Bulletin readers to come up with suggestions. Please send them by email to Cllr Jane Robins (janeann_lloyd@hotmail.com), or post them through the Parish Council letter box (outside the Parish Hall).

NJ Garden Maintenance

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Emma: tel 01606 891 229;
07704 074 979

At our February meeting, we had a thorough insight into the Suffrage movement of the 1900s from Barbara Andrews, who told us of some of the Cheshire ladies who were pioneers of the crusade to gain the vote for women. Members and guests were filled with admiration at the guts of these women - I'm sure if it were left to me we would still

not have a vote!!!

We celebrated our 88th Birthday with a supper and song evening, enjoying a hot supper and entertainment by Grumble-foot; that is, Terry Taylor and his group. It is amazing what talent we have on our doorstep. Thank you to Terry and his boys and all who supported both events. Members were told of future events, including the County Quiz, an archery day at Blakemere and a prospective trip to see 'Lion King' in Manchester.

The walking group continue to walk each month on the second Tuesday and follow it with a lunch at a local hostelry.

The annual meeting of the County, to be held at Winsford Academy, has Annabel Tiffin speaking on the evening of 10th March.

The book club are reading 'What Alice Knew' by T K Cotterill. Comberbach WI have a day visit to Ulverston and a tour of a Buddhist temple in July. If you would like to go I will pass on any names to Lesley Smith.

The WI are keen to get involved in the village VE day celebration on Friday 8th May. This is a changed Bank Holiday, so a good day for a village get-together. Get out your wartime clothes and dress the part !!

Our own next meeting is on Wednesday 4th March in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm, when Amanda Storey will give us a chocolate tasting evening - perfect for chocolate lovers! The competition is for a spring posy. All ladies are most welcome.

June Wilkinson 891534



A SCHOOL CLEAN-UP

February was definitely a month for some early spring cleaning: the school benefited from the clearing and cleaning efforts of a working party comprising Richard and Karen Elias and Rachel and Dave Wilkinson. The gang spent a good chunk of a weekend clearing rubbish from the playground and school field. The photos here show the labourers at their work and (below,

left) the bags of rubbish collected!



QUIZ NIGHT!

Saturday 28th March

7:30-10pm at the Parish Hall

In aid of Maddie's (Bill and Lesley Anderson's granddaughter) year in Senegal with Project Trust (an educational charity)

Bar available

Nibbles on the tables

Teams of five, please - but we can form teams on the night.

£5 entry fee per person

Book by calling 07768 740111 or 07709 765784

We look forward to seeing you all there!



What a Difference a Year makes...

CHURCH NEWS

March Services & Events in Church

Sunday 1 st	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am All Age Worship – St. David's Day
Sunday 8 th	10.30am Holy Communion (changed from Matins for March & April only) 4.00pm Special Choral Evensong with the 'Laudes' Choir. Light refreshments afterwards. All welcome.
Wednesday 4 th	10.30am Holy Communion, followed by coffee and chat
Thursday 5 th	7.00pm Compline for Lent (followed by Lent study group at 7.30pm – venue TBC)
Monday 9 th	5.30pm Book binding with Geoff Buchan, make a hand bound notebook - £10/ticket
Thursday 12 th	2.00pm Play and Praise (as above) 7.00pm Compline for Lent (as above)
Saturday 14 th	9.45pm Overnight sponsored sleep-out in the churchyard, under the stars. Raising funds for two charities for the homeless (tbc).
Thursday 19 th	7.00pm Compline for Lent as above
Sunday 22 nd	10.30am Service for Mothering Sunday
Thursday 26 th	2.00pm Play and Praise (as above) 7.00pm Compline for Lent (as above)
Sunday 29 th	6.30pm Stations of the Cross – Ecumenical Service



All other services as normal

Monday 9th March

Here's something different in Lent: Geoff Buchan will be showing us how to make a hand-bound notebook. We will meet in the Old School for soup and bread at 5.30pm and the book binding will be from 6.30pm. You can come along at 6.30pm if you don't wish to have the simple meal.

Tickets are limited to 12 places.

Sign up at the back of church. Cost: £10a ticket.



SCHOOL NEWS

Before the half-term break the school held an open afternoon on Friday 14th February, which gave parents and family members an opportunity to come into school to see the quality of work that the children had produced, following the school trip to Chester Zoo.



The pupils and staff are now using the new library. Thanks go to all the villagers who supported the pop-up party in the summer that was organised by Karen Hammond and Richard Elias. The party raised £1,200, which was spent on library furniture. FOTS then donated £2,735 to purchase the remaining furniture that was required. We also want to thank village residents for donating a substantial number of books.

As soon as we have a date for the official opening of the library we will let you know, as all are welcome to attend. We are awaiting replies from a number of VIPs as to a suitable date.

After half term, Classes 3 and 4 will be going on their respective residentials. I know they are all very excited - as are the staff - and that they will all enjoy the experience.

Richard Elias – Governor

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Burns Night was held on the 27th January at the George and Dragon pub for the fifth consecutive year and raised funds for the Church Restoration Appeal. It was a huge success, enjoyed by over 70 people, mostly regular attendees, and a warm welcome was extended to a few new faces joining us this year for the first time. We were presented with the finest traditional fare, prepared and served by the friendly and hardworking team at the George.

Thanks to the immense generosity of those who donated prizes and so enthusiastically joined in the games and auction bidding, a

record amount was raised of £17,000, which compares very favourably with last year's £10,500.

The auction was the highlight of the evening with Nick 'Hoppy' Hopkinson on form as usual as the charming, persuasive and fun-loving auctioneer, who started by reminding everyone that it's not a bargain hunt and encouraging all to buy themselves a little treat that night. Bidding for the ten lots seemed to be even more frenetic this year, with outstanding bids for, amongst other items, dinners hosted in two village homes, afternoon tea at Arley Hall, and dinners in two restaurants - with all these lots reaching more than double last year's winning bids. After last year's huge success, San Carlo's restaurant generously offered their chef to prepare dinner for ten in the winner's home, which again attracted some very active bidding. There was a new lot this year, from Bob and Dave Wilkinson inviting the winner to don their wellies and overalls to help with the milking and hopefully witness the birth of a calf which, was eventually won by Bulletin Editor, Anna Lee - hold that page! The event was rounded off with generous donations from two anonymous local donors.

The new style raffle offered some very attractive prizes: for example, a wreath workshop with Maggie Earl, a day out in a Morgan sports car, and a tour of Holt's brewery with lunch - including a few beers afterwards. The games, conceived by Hoppy, were enjoyed by all and, as a reward he will be given a modern calculator by the Committee.

Finally, a big thank you to Hoppy for making the auction and raffle so much fun. Thanks also to piper James Axon; to Robert Fraser for his perfect delivery of the toast to the haggis; and to Viscount Christopher Wright for generously donating £1500 to the Appeal.

Our Vicar closed by thanking everyone who had been involved and shared with us the use that will eventually be made of money raised during the evening.

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to Jane and Andy Robins for the spending time one Saturday morning in February (brrrr!) to clear fallen leaves from the pavement and drain at the bottom of High Street, near the pump house! The couple (pictured below during their endeavours) cleared all the leaves from the top section of the hill (down to the speed limit sign) and removed the majority of the leaves and leaf mush from the pavement all the way down to the pump house. Work halted only because family duty called (a child's birthday party), which meant that much of the mush had to be pushed to the side of the pavement against the wall. However, our two heroes returned to bag all the debris up and took it to the tip.



THE MYSTERY CONTINUES!

Someone out there definitely has a rogue knife in their cutlery drawer! This knife (the same as the one pictured below) has gone AWOL from the Munnerys' cutlery set. In its absence Mrs Munnery is unable to entertain more than seven people! It's quite possible that it went missing during one of the Dinner Club gatherings, so please, please (for Mr Munnery's peace of mind, if nothing else), search your cutlery drawer and let Jo (01565 777383) know if her knife has taken up residence there!

(Who knows? She may even give a finder's reward of half a dozen of her exquisite eggs!)

