

## COVID19 INFECTIONS IN CHESHIRE WEST

We have been lucky so far, but let's not get complacent. In the seven days to 18 September there were 117 confirmed cases of Coronavirus in CW&C, an increase of 15 on the previous week. But of course it's wise to remember that in adjoining areas - Warrington, Halton & Merseyside - the rate of infection is so high that they are subject to a series of lockdown measures.

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# BUDWORTH BULLETIN

October 2020



### The Running Pump

Usually better known as the 'bottom' or 'lower' pump house, this is the building at the junction of High Street and Warrington Road. This photograph was taken in 2003, during the rededication of the pump house following the successful completion of work to locate the source of the constant running water. A feature on it appeared in Cheshire Life in August of that year. For an update on the refurbishment of the Running Pump, see page 10.



## GARDEN CLUB



*Autumn morning in the churchyard*

We are now approaching October and November, which brings to mind John Keats' poem 'To Autumn'. He describes it as the 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness', and each day we see more mists in a morning and leaves beginning to change from green to yellow.

It reminds me of potato picking time when I was young. They were harvested later than in this modern age, and yet the farmers are still

concerned about the rainfall and worried that they will not be able to get onto their fields with heavy machinery. It is now darker in the mornings and evenings and the general feeling is autumnal.

We can always have an Indian summer, a small heatwave over this period, and many people enjoy holidays at this time.

This year, holidays and days away are very limited, since from the middle of September we have only been able to meet in groups of six in order to try to stop the spread of the pandemic. Still, our gardens will help us through this period as there is plenty to do!

This is the time to clean up debris, get rid of dead vegetation, tidy borders, clean gutters and clean the greenhouse. The exciting part is ordering new spring bulbs and planting some of them - but leave tulip bulbs until November. And don't be too eager to empty your borders as plants are often still growing; and leave seed heads on for the birds over winter.

Prick out any seedlings and cuttings you may have taken and keep in a dry, sheltered place over winter.

We then must look forward to another year, when we hope our camaraderie and friendship in the Garden Club will be able to start again, after a difficult, unprecedented year.

Jean Davies, Chair. 01606 892383  
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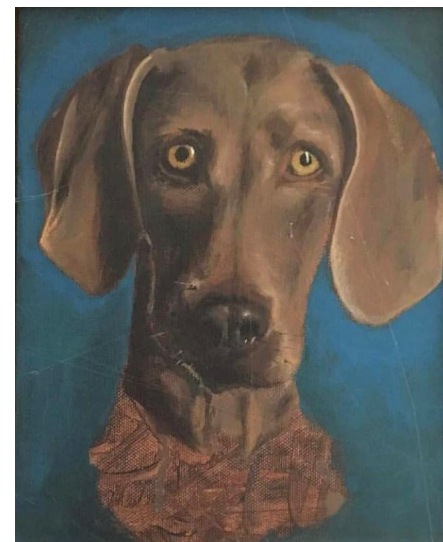
couple of my dog portraits and now I am  
showing a few more: a one-eyed cat and some  
characterful dogs. As you can see, I also do  
humans!



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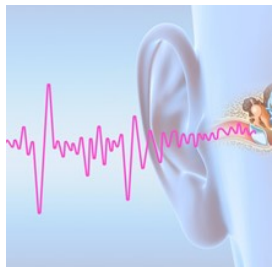
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niversary to celebrate and Christmas (?) is  
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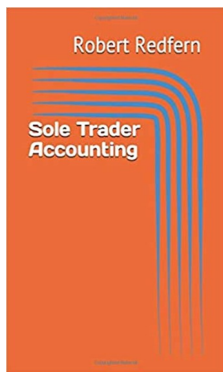
Do you, or does someone you know, suffer from that 'ringing in the ears' condition called tinnitus? Over a decade ago, Professor Jim Henry at Oregon University developed a successful tinnitus management programme for audiologists treating patients. After correspondence with Jim and examining more recent clinical research, I then coded a self-help free iPhone/iPad App for individuals with tinnitus. This app is now used in 14 countries and is a 'Tinnitusapps.com' favourite.

Tinnitus makes people anxious to varying degrees and self-assessment forms the first part of the App. Hearing loss usually accompanies tinnitus and for a significant number of people both conditions can be helped by a hearing aid.

The App includes an accurate hearing assessment via a web link, with kind permission from the Belgian sound engineer who developed it. You may then want to see a hearing aid supplier. I also mention some good, cheaper, completely in-ear canal types of hearing aid on the web. Discovering the personal tinnitus sound frequency leads to therapies with inhibition 'turn off' tones that are helpful for sleep and 'notching' for longer term relief which removes that frequency from favourite digital music tracks.

The app includes frequency match options. Listening to audio can be distracting and the App includes examples and daily/nightly routines, including planned enjoyable activities, soothing relaxation and how to use Cognitive Behavioural Therapy to encourage more positive thoughts, emotions and behaviours.

Links to the original research journal papers and Jim's workbook are included.



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**Bob Redfern, Budworth Heath**



The Autumn season is upon us - and we are in lockdown again!!! But we were so pleased and delighted that we were able to meet pre-lockdown in September on rather a damp evening to enjoy a get-together with a glass of cheer and enjoy Nid Peters' beautiful garden. It was decided to take our chairs around the pool, keeping our distances as we looked forward to greeting our speaker, Nick Hopkinson,

Cheshire's newest High Sheriff. Nick arrived in his amazing outfit - complete with sword and shiny shoes with buckles!

He told us of the history of the office and how he came to be chosen for the role. It is a great honour for Nick and Lesley and for our village. We are very proud to have a Sheriff on our doorstep. Covid has curtailed some of the special events that Nick and Lesley would have been invited to, but we were very fortunate that he graced us with his presence.

Nick presented Great Budworth WI with a special award (see photo, right), which we will hang in the Parish Hall for all to see. It was a total surprise that we were delighted to receive.

Strawberries and cream were enjoyed to bring the evening to an end and it will go in our records as a high point of a long, hard summer.

I have had an email from the Cheshire County WI Chairman, Jean Harding, congratulating us on the award. I think this has put us on the WI map!

On a lovely day in September the ramblers walked to Pickmere, around the lake, and returned via Aston by Budworth. We picnicked outside the Parish Hall on our return and it was good to see our local countryside.



Now the rules have been changed and we cannot meet as before, so we shall be back to Zooming for the October meeting. The plans were for a members' games night and so it will be, but with a difference. The ladies are trying to arrange suitable games and it may be easier to double up to help those who are less savvy with Zooming. Members will be notified via email with details and a link to join the Zoom. The date is Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October and the time is 7.30pm - but I regret you will have to make your own cup of tea and supply your own cake.

Now we come to our Jumble Sale. I feel it is like Dad's Army ("We're doomed!"). It should have been in March or April, then it was September, followed by October! So, hang on to your goods and we hope that one day in the not too distant future we shall rise again and the good quality up-cycled clothes and bric-a-brac will find new homes and all will be well. Watch this Space!

June Wilkinson 891534



## CHURCH NEWS

We continue to hold services in church since re-opening on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August: still social distancing, with no singing, no shaking of hands, no hugs, Holy Communion of only one kind (bread), booking in if wanting to attend a service, mandatory wearing of face coverings - and litres of hand sanitiser! It's certainly not church as we know it, but we are adapting to it; we are doing it together and the fellowship is great! You are very welcome to join us at any of the services.

Just remember that you have to **book in** with **Pauline Ridgway**, Churchwarden, either by emailing pauline\_ridgway@hotmail.com or phone 01565 733494. Please don't forget your face mask.



### Services for October

**Sunday 4th** 8.00am - Holy Communion BCP

10.30am - Animal Blessing Service

**Wednesday 7th** 10.30am - Holy Communion CW

**Sunday 11th** 10.30am - Said Morning Prayer

**Sunday 18th** 8.00am - Holy Communion BCP

10.30am - Parish Communion CW

6.30pm - HARVEST FESTIVAL at Arley Chapel

**Sunday 25th** 10.30am - Parish Communion

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING after the service, in \*church. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

\*This may have to be Zoom meeting, depending on Covid Regulations in place at the time.

For enquiries about weddings, baptisms or funerals, please contact Rev. Alec Brown on 01606 891324.

## HIELD CLOSE PLAY AREA - UPDATE

I have continued my fundraising efforts since the last Bulletin report. This has involved canvassing all sorts of organisations, from a football club to the Cheshire Police. I've also chased up CW&C and our local unitary councillor. I even



wrote to our MP, Esther McVey, asking her to approach the Chancellor to offer me an interest-free loan of £10,000 against my own property. I have yet to receive a reply. As you may have gathered then, progress has been very slow. The pandemic is, of course, a factor in this, as it is naturally diverting attention – and finance – to more pressing matters. I'm

assured by CW&C, though, that the Hield Close play area will not be forgotten when funds become available once more.

I want to take this opportunity to assure everyone who has been kind enough to donate to this cause that their donations are secure and that, if things came to the worst and I am unable to see this project through (my health is deteriorating) every donation will be returned in full to individual donors. Thank you once again for your concern and interest in this project.

Ben Benson



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## GREAT BUDWORTH CRICKET CLUB



**A**lthough this season has been severely affected by the Covid-19 lockdown, the club has completed eight matches, winning three and losing five. All the matches were well contested and the players' performances were very creditable, considering they had so little practice.

The Arley Cricket Ground has been looking beautiful this year. Where better to play and watch cricket? It was particularly nice to see so many people at the match against Lord Ashbrook's XI. The weather was lovely and a good game of cricket was played, with Lord Ashbrook's XI emerging victorious. With the fine weather continuing, the club is hoping to arrange a couple of late fixtures.

The club, after consultation with Maggie Blower, is hoping to arrange an annual match with the English Cricket Association for the Deaf, in memory of Peter McAndrew, our chairman, who passed away earlier this summer.

Unfortunately, this year's end of season dinner has had to be postponed, until when we are not sure, but keep looking in the Bulletin for the re-arranged date.

Mike Barker

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## SCHOOL NEWS

**S**o far, the children have settled in well to the new routines this term, including the staggered start and finish times. We are really proud of how they are adapting to the new structure of school - children are so much better at adapting to change than us adults! Class 2 have even made some posters to remind everyone how to stay safe in school.

We are seeing more benefits of the federation with Antrobus St Marks, with years 5 and 6 from Antrobus St Marks joining years 5 and 6 at Great Budworth, and it has been good to see the new friendships develop. The first couple of weeks back in school have seen us focus on wellbeing activities: personal, social and emotional opportunities with lots of discussion, literacy-based work and art across the theme. We are starting to follow our usual structure of concentrating on literacy, numeracy, reading and phonics, picking up where we left off in March.

Like everyone else, the school has been embracing technology and we have been holding a weekly virtual assembly with Antrobus St Marks, with each class joining in their classroom via Zoom. It seems that the school's broadband is better than mine! I must ask Mrs Finney who their provider is.

Finally, the school has had another generous donation of books for the school library (see photo), which is a great resource area for the children, all of whom enjoy spending time there reading the wonderful books. The library is a brilliant addition to the school and adds real benefit to the children's education.

Richard Elias – Governor



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## SCHOOL 100+ WINNERS

The winners for August Draw were:

1st prize- No. 67- Angela Pickering

2nd prize- No. 33 - Dave Hankey

There is one more draw left to do at the end of September to complete the 12 draws in the annual membership.

## THANK YOU

We never realised how vital these funds would be towards the Friends of the School (FotS), given that we have not been able to run any fundraising events since last year's Christmas Fair.

This year, the FotS have been able to use the money raised from the 100+ club, as well as prize money kindly donated back, towards fitting out the new library with book shelves, seating and, of course, new books (see photo), which the children had begun to use just before lockdown.

The funds have also helped to pay towards a much needed new dishwasher for the school kitchen, which was installed during the lockdown.

Annual Membership for the 100+ Club is now due and we very much hope that you would like **to join or rejoin** for the next 12 months. The membership form with all the information is included in this month's Bulletin. It's £12 for 24 chances of winning (1st & 2nd prizes each month). As they say, "You have to be in it, to win it"!

Thanks,

Rachel Wilkinson, 100+ club committee



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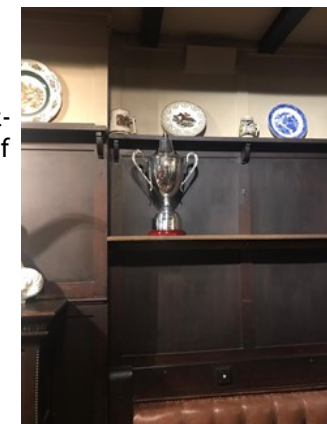
## GEORGE & DRAGON GOLF SOCIETY



The latest George & Dragon Golf Society match was played on Sunday 20th September at Buxton & High Peak Golf Club. It was won by Anthony Furness, whose handicap will now be suitably reduced to give all of us a better chance next time.

The final match of this season was held on Sunday 27th September at Mottram Golf Club, with the outcome determining the winner of this year's Order Of Merit (OOM) competition for the most successful golfer during 2020, the leading contenders being Nick Hughes and Ian Mulholland. The OOM trophy, which can now be seen on the trophy shelf in the George & Dragon (as pictured here), was kindly donated by Keiran Peters. We'll let you know who won in the next issue of the Bulletin.

Iain Ritchie



## This month's bon mot (i.e. space filler):

Millions long for immortality who do not know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon.

## MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Regular supporters of the Macmillan Coffee Morning - held at the end of September for some years now - know that it didn't happen this year! We do apologise for this - and for not forewarning you in last month's Bulletin. As you may be aware, the Charity is suggesting that supporters organise a socially distanced coffee morning, either in gardens, in the street, outside village halls, or else delivered to people's homes. We discussed these options and concluded that, considering the amount of organisation and effort involved (and leaving aside the vagaries of British autumn weather!) - and the much reduced funds likely to be raised - we'd prefer to wait until restrictions are lifted and then go ahead and organise our usual coffee morning in the Parish Hall.



Of course, given the restrictions just imposed, it could be a while before we get there! When we do, though - and we will - we hope you'll be there to support this very worthwhile charity.  
Anna Lee & Linda Flynn

## Dear Villagers,

The Parish Council held a virtual Zoom meeting on Monday 7th September, when the following items were discussed.

Councillors agreed to seek three quotations for the work to trees identified as 'Priority 2' (that is, trees requiring attention within six months), as recommended by the independent tree specialist, following his survey of Parish trees earlier this year. To keep costs down, contractors will be asked to specify any work that they think local volunteers might undertake safely - so watch this space!

Work continues, albeit slowly, on refurbishing the lower pumphouse. During the course of refurbishment, a water leak was discovered under the floor. This needs repair before the spout is replaced, but is proving somewhat problematic: the pump house floor is now uneven and the water supply is disrupted (and possibly contaminated). As a result, the pump house has been temporarily closed until the issue has been resolved.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday, 2nd November and will again be via Zoom. Parishioners can join the meeting by first registering with Gill Ayres, the Parish Clerk ([greatbudworthparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:greatbudworthparishclerk@gmail.com)).



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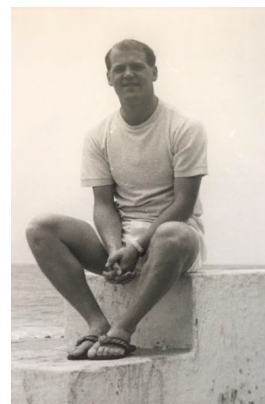
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## Paul Parker Celebrates His 90th



Paul was born in Warrington on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1930, to Alice and James Parker. He grew up there through the war, attending Bottler Grammar school. His national service was spent with the Royal Artillery, where he went through officer training at Mons, Germany, training to drive tanks and, rumour has it, getting his first driving licence at the same time! He then became the first in his family to go to university, to study French & German at Durham, including a year spent in Caen as assistant in a local senior school.

After University, his first job was with Elder Dempster Shipping Co in West Africa, based originally in Liverpool. With the closing of the Suez Canal he was sent to work in Dakar, Senegal, helping to handle the shipping forced to travel round the south coast of Africa. His second tour in Accra, Ghana was of even more significance as this is where Ruth sailed out to join him and they were married there in 1958 and then lived together for a further 18 months in Freetown Sierra Leone before returning to UK. He then moved to Chance Bros in Birmingham, before returning to Warrington and Lockers, and then Greenings, where he was involved in a management buy-out and became a Director of the resulting 'Screen Systems'.

Sport has always been a major interest for Paul: athletics and playing rugby, football and cricket for school; rugby for University, including the local 15 in Caen - and rugby in Africa (on very hard ground and often involving a pre-match curry as warm up!). On return from the coast, he focused on tennis and became an active team player and longstanding Chairman and President of Stockton Heath tennis club, as well as here in the village.

Now a proud Dad of Hilary and Claire, and with four grandchildren (Max and Eve, and Matthew and Rebecca), his sport is limited to hearing about what the children are playing or watching on TV, but that doesn't stop him having a view on the quality of the match!

We wish Paul all the best for his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.





## Who's the Tea Girl?

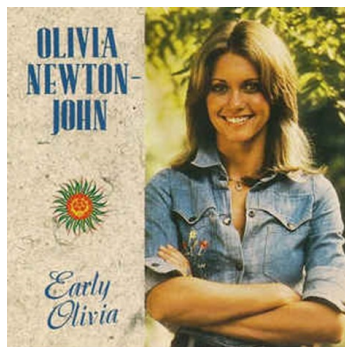
One day the boss rang to say he was sending down a mother and daughter, the latter to be found a job for a while. In fact, only the mother came, explaining that her girl had gone for coffee with friends. So I am faced with employing someone, sight unseen!

Mother explained that she wanted her daughter to have something to do for a few weeks to keep her out of mischief until her single was released. But what to do? No NI number, no P45, therefore no employer's liability cover - and would a work permit be needed, as it was not clear from mother's accent that the girl could legally work here. Red flags were flying all over the show: I was about to commit a whole load of criminal offences. However, mother swept all this aside: daughter would not be an employee, simply a visitor to the office from nine to five every weekday!

I don't think she came in as often as mother hoped, but she sometimes delivered my mail and gave me coffee once in a while during her spasmodic appearances. Her name had escaped me as no forms had to be completed in the circs. Weeks later, I registered whilst watching Top of the Pops that she was the 'O N-J' I had been obliged to accommodate, making, I think, her solo debut in the UK. No prizes for guessing the name (see pic, if you're in any doubt!).

By the way, did you know that William Roache (aka Ken Barlow) often stayed in our house in Great Budworth in the early days of Coronation Street? Dr Hughes had the house built for his retirement. Roache's first wife's mother was sister to Dr Hughes's wife, so they came often to visit auntie. Guided tours are available for a modest fee. Selfie yourself in the very bedroom Ken Barlow slept in! Please form an orderly socially-distanced queue.

Alan Freemantle



## 2020 CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOPS AT GUIDE POST FARM, CANN LANE, CW9 6LX

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These workshops have been very popular indeed in recent years. However, the Covid pandemic has called them into question this year. One possibility is that I hold socially-distanced workshops - with us all wearing masks, of course!

Please phone me on 01565 777262 or (mob) 07970 927161 to let me know your thoughts as to whether you think socially-distanced workshops would be feasible.

Maggie Earl

## HERITAGE SOCIETY

Once upon a time - well, in April actually - we thought that by August we'd be able to go round knocking on doors asking villagers for an annual membership sub of a few pounds - and also invite you to our AGM /social as usual. Registered charities are supposed to have AGMs of course, but we don't fancy getting a thumping fine for holding one! So, making the best of things, we're declaring a 'Membership Subs Holiday' for 2020/21, which we hope you'll think is at least as good as many another free offer.

Our main concern over last year has been the Bottom Pump House (though 'The Running Pump' sounds much better!). Thanks to the wet winter and then Covid lockdown, the work has taken far longer than the Parish Council - or we - ever dreamt or wanted - and issues with the incoming water supply pipe are just about being sorted as this goes to press. This really is good news because at one point it looked as though the building was resting on a mass of water-logged sand: not good news with the increased lorry traffic using the A559 these days. So when the final bill does come in, the Heritage Society will be handing over £3,500 - as its promised contribution to the five-figure cost of the project. We hope you agree that's Members' money put to good use.

More recently, the Government has published a Planning White Paper (i.e. consultation) aimed at increasing new house building nationally. Among its proposals is one to remove from the local decision-making process all planning applications for fewer than 50 houses. What will then happen to such applications? Some may remember the spate of housing applications ten or so years ago in rural areas such as South Cheshire, which



were pushed through on appeal after initial local refusal. It was the North Cheshire Green Belt that protected villages such as Great Budworth at that time. It may sound like an overgrown privet hedge, but at this point we don't know whether the North Cheshire Green Belt will still be protected. We shall keep an eye on developments!

Rod Bowman