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GARDEN CLUB

'Spring has sprung,' the restrictions are being lessened, and we are feeling more optimistic. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 13th April in the afternoon from 2 - 4pm. We are hoping for a little get together of members, still distancing of course, and there will be a Bring and Buy plant stall. This will be held outside the Parish Hall, where there is an awning to put out, in case of inclement weather.

We all have plants to bring as we have had a full year with no meeting and it will be good just to get out again. There will be a Seed Swap, garden magazines, and any garden sundries that you may want to bring. Members who won a bottle of prosecco last year, from our Newsletter competitions, will be presented with their prizes. The main purpose of the afternoon is so that members can collect their sunflower seeds, kindly donated by Eddie and Margaret Horrigan, which members are invited to grow on for the Tallest Sunflower competition at our September produce show.

We are slowly trying to get back to something like normal. From the 12th April we are all able to eat outdoors at pubs and restaurants and non-essential shops are open, along with gyms and our much missed hairdressers.

We shall be there to 'control the flow', if necessary, but we assume that will not happen! Perhaps you can make an afternoon out visiting other venues in the locality as well? Jane Fairclough, Parm Place, High Street, has a lovely spring garden that she will open for members during that afternoon, to add to your pleasure. Let's just make the first steps to get back to gardening and our club as we knew it.

Sadly, the Garden Club holiday to Dorset, arranged each year so professionally by Henri and Lynda Giller, has now been cancelled. We were due to go on 21st June, the very day of the final unlocking, but the coach wasn't available and some members, quite understandably, feared that the virus was a threat in a large group. On behalf of all members, we extend a million thanks to Henri and Lynda for all their efforts on our behalf in this ongoing saga of 'do-we-or-don't-we?'. This is the right decision, but we are all disappointed that the coronavirus has changed our plans and we remember the Garden Club holidays that have been so wonderful in the past.

We had a good Zoom meeting in March, and we shall continue meeting in that way for as long as needed. Please check your Keeping in Touch newsletter for all updates.

The plant shown (right) is a brugmansia, or datura. It is seven years old, looks stunning and never fails to impress. I have four cuttings for the plant stall - first come, first served! Looking forward to seeing you all.

Best wishes Jean Davies

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Hello readers, we are heading towards Easter and have now completed a full year of Covid. We are getting more experienced at Zooming for meetings and enjoy seeing familiar faces and listening to excellent speakers. We don't need to drive out on a cold, wet evening, switch the heat on in the Parish Hall and get the room ready for the meeting, so that is the plus.

But what we really miss most of all is the fellowship of meeting under one roof: the chats and smiles when we gather in the hall and the cup of tea and cake afterwards as we discuss the subject of the talk and catch up with family news. Zooming cannot replace that, but it is better than nothing.

I find it difficult to recognize people with their face masks on and I hope we will not have to rely on masks forever. Sometimes it is the voice that helps me to guess who is behind the facial covering.

The March speaker, Judy Theobald, told us of her various jobs, mostly in journalism and she amused us with bubbly tales of her life. Judy is a poet and story writer and she told us lots of witty anecdotes which were enjoyed by us all.



With a bit of creative thinking, meetings with her boss had become the highlight of Joan's day.

We have a treat for the April meeting on Wednesday 7th April at 7.30pm, when we have Janie Ramsey, former director of Sotheby's, who will tell us about 'The Jewels of the Duchess of Windsor'. A little while ago our own Kay Bashford showed us slides of the jewels, so it will be good to learn more of the story. The arrangements will be the same as before: Sue Ritchie will issue the Zoom invitation two days before the meeting and you are welcome to join us.

Subscriptions are due in April and we have given our members a cut-price fee to cover the year. If you would like to join us then please contact me on the number below.

June Wilkinson 891534

WI AFTERNOON CHAT



We meet each Wednesday afternoon for a chat via Zoom at 2.30pm. Do join us on 710 6677 7565 Password 1932.

Some just join for 10 minutes. We stay on for 45mins then, if we haven't finished chatting we log on again for another 45mins. It's all very informal.

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Parish Council & Parish Hall Agreement

Further to the distribution of a draft agreement between the Parish Council and the newly formed Parish Hall charity, Councillors were urged to exchange emails to share their views on the agreement. The matter will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting on 10th May and also at a meeting of the original charity, but this is unlikely to take place before the AGM in June, which members of the public are welcome to attend.

Is anyone used to wearing a mask yet?

When we first started wearing them it felt strange. I made our family a mask each from scraps of fabric, posting some out to family members we were not able to see in person. Some find it gives them a sense of protection; some find they make you hot; some just hate them. One thing's for sure: they make it harder to talk to people and harder to hear people. Some teenagers call them 'face blankets'. How quickly the children have adapted to them, choosing to use them as a fashion accessory. For me, one good thing is that I can now walk about singing to myself without anyone noticing! How long we shall have to keep wearing them is anyone's guess. Will I be able to re-use my Christmas masks this year? Only time will tell.



No, you can't have a note excusing you from PPE.

'Survivor of Home Schooling'

Do other readers have views on mask wearing - or tales to tell? Do let us know. One thing I've wondered: what impact has mask wearing had on lipstick sales? My granddaughter was shocked recently to notice that the masked beauty consultant serving her in Boots was heavily made up (as they usually are) - but only on the upper half of her face!

Anna Lee

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The Parish Council held a meeting via Zoom on Monday 1st March. The following is a summary of the main points of discussion and agreed actions.

CW&C Cllr Gibbon attended and reported as follows:

- Council Tax is to increase by 4.99% for the coming year.
- The poor state of drains and gullies was noted; however, CW&C advise that there is insufficient manpower to deal with flooding issues in the borough. CW&C had cleared a substantial amount of debris from the culvert at the junction of High Street and the A559, though Cllr Gibbon stressed that this was a gesture of goodwill as it was the responsibility of the landowner to ensure proper maintenance.
- As Great Budworth is within 10 miles of a landfill site, we qualify for a grant from the FCC Community Action Fund (previously known as WREN).
- The current consultation on the CW&C Waste Strategy is open until 18th March. Residents were urged to participate by completing the online questionnaire available on the CW&C website.



Lower Pumphouse

The blocked culvert (see item above) had highlighted the problem of water retention in the pumphouse. It was agreed that Cllr Hammond would arrange a meeting to be attended by himself, Cllr Collier and the paving contractor who carried out the work, to agree what needed to be done. (Re-paving has now been carried out.)

It was agreed to organise a working party to clear the accumulated debris from the left side of the pumphouse.

Pleached Lime Tree on High Street

The removal of the dead trees revealed large amounts of clay and water below ground level. This needs to be dug out and replaced with hardcore to aid drainage, so that a new tree can be planted. Cllr Wilkinson agreed to obtain a quotation for this work.

Grant Awards

Grants to the Budworth Bulletin (£450) and to the Friends of Great Budworth School (£500) were approved.

Cyclists on The Avenue

It was agreed that 'No cyclists' signs would be fixed at either end of both sections of The Avenue. A contractor would be sought to repair one of the kissing gates at the bottom of Farthing Lane.

Filming in the village 5th March

The film company agreed to donate £750 to the Parish Council.

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End of term Service for the High Sheriff

Arrangements are being made for an end of term Service in Church for the High Sheriff, Nick Hopkinson, whose term of office finishes on Friday 9th April. The Service will probably be held on Thursday 8th April in the evening, but the details have yet to be finalised and will be publicised as soon as possible. The Service will, of course, be conducted in a Covid-safe way and there will be a maximum limit on the number of people attending.

Nick Hopkinson writes:

A Covid Sheriff....who would have thought it? With the country virtually shut down for most of my year it became obvious that I needed to rethink what I wanted to achieve. Out went the fancy dinners, garden parties (including the Queen's), county shows and awards celebrations. In came Zoom, virtual fundraising, video making and writing letters. The top half of my uniform was seen by thousands whilst the breeches and tights resided in the wardrobe! Here, for example is a photo of a Zoom swearing in of new magistrates, with me at bottom right, in the top half of my uniform – and shorts in the lower half!

The year has been amazing ... in some very unexpected ways. Without Covid I could never have achieved much of what I have, that said I hope and pray the worst of the epidemic is now behind us.

Nick Hopkinson



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SCHOOL NEWS

The second half of the spring term began with news that all children would return to school on the 8th March. Whilst we continued to home school, the children took part in World Book



Day, when they had the opportunity to dress up as one of their favourite characters from a book and also to create them using a potato.

All the children were so excited about their return to school, even if it was still in their class bubbles. We know how much the children have missed seeing each other, so for the first couple of weeks following our return to school we focused on the children's social learning and wellbeing which we were able to do without impacting their educational needs, thanks to all the hard work and effort that all the children, parents and staff had put in during the period that we were home schooling. As part of this activity, each class has been enjoying forest school, where they made rope swings,

climbed trees, made dens and played a memory game in which they had to remember items and find them (see pics). More time has been spent outside completing the daily golden mile on our track.

Whilst each class may be in its bubble, the children still see each other in the Virtual Sharing Assembly, which provides an opportunity to present some children with certificates for all their hard work and effort.

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Children's Short Story Competition



Given that lockdown restrictions are likely to remain in place over Easter, we thought we'd offer our readers something to get the creative juices going over the holiday period. So, how about writing a short story aimed at children?

The competition is open to both adults and children between the ages of 8 and 15. There will be three prizes: £50 prize for the best short story written by someone who is 16 or over; £25 for the best short story written by a child aged between 8 and 15; and £25 for the best illustrations in a short story - though it is NOT necessary to include illustrations and the absence of them will not in any way influence judging as the stories will be judged on text alone. Illustrations will be removed for the purposes of judging.

The stories will be anonymised and submitted to an independent judge (yet to be appointed).

All entries will be published in A5 booklet form and will be distributed to the Bulletin readership along with the July-August issue of the Bulletin.

Here are the rules:

- In the case of children, entries must be submitted by the child's parent or guardian. The story must be entirely the work of the child.
- Entries must be between 300 and 1500 words in length.
- Entries must be submitted before Monday 31st May 2021.
- Winners will be announced in the July-August issue of the Bulletin.

You can upload your file as a PDF or Word document to: annalee1@btinternet.com. Receipt of emailed entries will be confirmed. Alternatively you can drop off or post your hard copy entry to: Anna Lee, The Farthings, Farthing Lane, Great Budworth, CW9 6HJ or to Jenny Bowman, 33 Westage Lane, Great Budworth CW9 6HJ.

What are you waiting for? Get writing!



CHURCH NEWS

Following discussions at the Parochial Church Council meeting on 15th March, it is with great pleasure that I can announce that public worship services will resume in Church on Easter Day, 4th April, and thereafter, following the usual pattern of services. Various online services will be held during Holy Week and the Church will also be open for private prayer on both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday from 11.00am to 4.00pm, as well as on Sundays from 11.30am to 4.00pm. Online services will continue twice a month and will be publicized both on the website and via the weekly sheet.



For the time being the precautions that everyone has been following to date will continue to apply: pre-booking for attendance at services, the wearing of face coverings, social distancing and still, sadly, no singing! For the time being Arley Chapel will not be re-opening for public worship.

It is hoped that activities such as Church Teas may be able to resume in May, but this will be confirmed and publicized in due course.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which is open to all members of the Parish, will be held via Zoom on Monday 26th April at 7.30pm and a link for this will be published nearer the time.

With best wishes for a very happy, peaceful and blessed Easter – and stay safe!

The Revd Alec Brown.

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One of the first things the children noticed – and which they have been enjoying since returning to school – is the new safe zone play area (see pic, right).

Following Jane Robins' departure, we are pleased to announce that Ceri Gratton-Berry has increased her hours to support the admin team, which will mean a familiar face for the children.

Happy Easter.

Richard Elias – Governor



Can you 'beat' this?

For Christmas 1967 my parents-in-law bought us a Philips handheld electric mixer. It's the only mixer we have ever had and it has beaten every cake, pavlova, etc. I've made since. Surely it is the oldest beater used by anyone in the Bulletin readership—or do you know better?

Heather Bailey

Well there's a challenge, folks! Can anyone better Heather's record for longest lasting domestic appliance?



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The winners for February are:-
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2nd prize: 36 - Bob Wilkinson (£10)
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Memories of Portmeirion

My first and abiding memory of Portmeirion, the Italianate-style village hidden away in North Wales, is seeing the owner, designer and architect, Clough



Williams-Ellis striding around the village every day wearing tweed breeches and knee-high yellow socks. The village has always had a (deliberately) slightly shabby look, with weathered pastel colours on the walls. Most of the cottages and apartments were rented out on twenty-year leases.

Many people travelled up from London every weekend in those early days, a long

drive when there were no motorways. Clough bought a hotel in Shrewsbury as an overnight stopping place for their use on the way to this secret retreat.

In the 1930s HRH Edward, Prince of Wales, discovered Portmeirion. There is only one official record of the Prince staying at Portmeirion, but people were very discreet in those days. He would fly in by sea plane, landing on the estuary waters, though his female friends would travel in a royal car. In 1935 there emerged became one favourite: Wallis Simpson, who travelled to Portmeirion by road as she hated flying. There was a special bedroom for the Prince's use. A local man carved the bedhead with the Prince of Wales's feathers. Clough was informed that he had to provide an en-suite bathroom: after all, as Clough said, "A royal bottom must have its own throne".

From the mid-1960s I became a frequent visitor to Portmeirion. One of my closest friends was Sylvia Jones, wife of Dai Jones, who farmed the Estate. Sylvia bought and sold antiques at the Antique Shop in the village. She had a gift for buying interesting items and the shop was always a delight. It was also the hub of fun and gossip and, if there were enough characters gathered there, she would lock the door to any potential customers so we could "have a good chat!"

During the Second World War, Ivor Novello (famous Welsh Musician, Composer, Actor, after whom the Novello Awards for composing and song writing are named) rented a large apartment in the Castle and was very happy there, especially as he was wined and dined by everyone in the area. Unfortunately, he was arrested buying black market petrol coupons for his Rolls Royce and was sent to prison for four weeks. This period of incarceration really destroyed his life and he stopped composing, moving to live with his mother in Wales after his release. His personal concert grand piano was sold to a local buyer. Thirty years later, when his estate was sold, I was able to buy the piano from a young female relative of Novello's.

Alastair Sim (actor and film director) also had an apartment in the village. He adopted George Cole (who became an actor) when Cole was sixteen years old. Sim paid for

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him to go for elocution and drama lessons and he always had a part in any film Sim made!

In 1941 Noel Coward wrote the play *Blithe Spirit* in one week whilst staying at The Watchtower – one of the cottages overlooking the sea. During a refurbishment of the cottages, I bought the 1920's table he used when he wrote the play. The table (pictured, right) is now back at Portmeirion on display in The Dome.



Brian Epstein also had a place at Portmeirion and apparently took The Beatles one weekend - hardly their scene, but they apparently gave an impromptu concert in the gardens.

In early 2020 I was asked if I would help with the Portmeirion Archives. It was most interesting to record some of the anecdotal history with the archivist. One of my favourites was of Dai Jones driving his father's tractor through a gate whilst a little man in a long overcoat stood at the side. Dai said in a strident voice "Well, open the gate for me!" He did not realise that he was issuing the command to HRH Edward VIII ...

When Sir Clough Williams-Ellis died in 1978 he wanted his ashes placed into a large firework rocket to be fired over the village. Sadly, this did not happen, "We can't have bits of Clough landing on our heads" said Sylvia in her strong Welsh accent. I said I thought it was a wonderful idea and replied, "Just put a hat on". After Clough's death I had a telephone call from his wife Amabel (née Strachey). She wanted to buy a four poster bed for herself - Clough did not like them. Her family thought she was too old to have a new bed. "How can I be too old to buy a bed?" she said. All her money was in a Family Trust, so we made a plan and I went over to Plas Brondanw, their beautiful home in Minffordd, a village close to Portmeirion, to buy some old furniture from the garage to help get the funds together. It was very, very damp and the veneers fell off everything at a touch, but I just shovelled them into bags. Amabel was then able to buy her much-wanted bed. A few months later



Clough & Amabel Williams-Ellis

there was an article about Amabel in the Sunday Telegraph Magazine, along with pictures complete with the four-poster. She told the world the story of how we had managed to fulfil her wish!

Kay Bashford