

### On the subject of roads .....

If you read the report of the meeting between Highways and Parish Councillors (pages 8 and 9) you may also be interested in the following extract from the Chairman of Antrobus Parish Council's Annual Report last year:

Highway maintenance continues to be an issue on the village road network, which is 36 miles long over 33 roads. Reduced budgets year on year for District Councils has meant maintenance has not been carried out. This is not just a problem for Antrobus but affects many district councils who are Highway Authorities.

The 'Greenbook' approach means rural areas are affected to a much greater extent than urban areas of any district council. What the Greenbook does is pose the test of 'benefit to most people' by the proposed expenditure. The consequence is urban areas and even South of England versus the North results in public expenditure meeting that test leaves less for the North and nothing for rural areas. Antrobus has been on CW&C highway maintenance programme for several years but is always at the bottom of the list because it is a small Parish in terms of population. So what might have been a small job becomes a much larger one.

After the last election the Prime Minister, no less, said his government would replace the Greenbook test with a more equitable assessment procedure. We wait to see the practical effect of this change. In the meantime, we ask everyone to use the CW&C website to report every highway issue and send a photograph, please, as this helps the engineers at CW&C to assess the many complaints they receive. Antrobus Parish Council will also report complaints it receives, but individual complaints are added up so please report it to both to your Parish Council and directly to CW&C. It has more impact.

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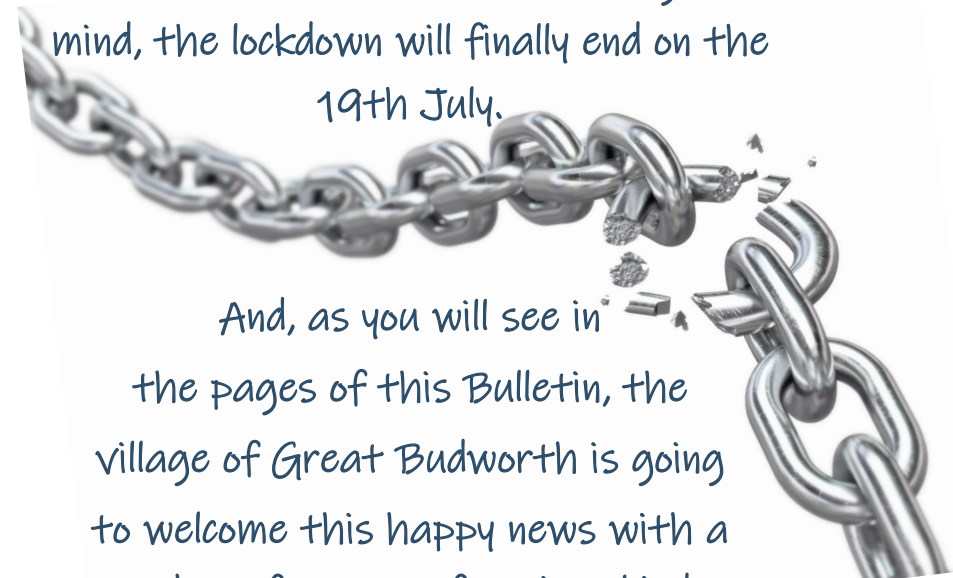
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# BUDWORTH BULLETIN

## July-August 2021

# Freedom!

If the Government doesn't change its mind, the lockdown will finally end on the 19th July.



And, as you will see in the pages of this Bulletin, the village of Great Budworth is going to welcome this happy news with a number of events of various kinds.

Let's enjoy ourselves!

## GARDEN CLUB

**W**e have had a very cold spring and the crops and gardens were about a month behind, but then we had a mini heatwave and it all caught up again. That's English weather for you!

Members visited the new RHS Bridgewater garden in Worsley (pictured right and below) and were very impressed with the amazing work to provide wonderful gardens and to show the impact of climate change and biodiversity. There are 154 acres, so over the coming years it will be increasingly amazing.



The restrictions have not been lifted as we had hoped, owing to the spread of the Delta variant of Covid, so plans for the club have had to be changed again. Speakers and demonstrators have to be re-booked to another date. We have also re-scheduled the belated 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday Garden Party, to be held at The Farthings, Great Budworth, to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August.

The September produce show is on 14th September, with the schedule as previously publicised, a sunflower competition and with a speaker, Melanie Latham, talking about chutney. Let's keep our fingers crossed for all of us being able to be together indoors by then.



The gardens have been very important to us all more than ever this last year - and we can still enjoy our fruit and flowers during this summer.

Jean Davies  
0789993 7673

## SCHOOL 100 CLUB DRAW

The winners for May are:-

1st prize: 59 - Angela Pickering (£25)  
2nd prize: 34 - Cameron Jack (£10)

## GREAT BUDWORTH CRICKET CLUB

**T**he Club has made an unbeaten start to the season. The first match was away against Lymm CC. GBCC batted first and scored 116 for 2 in their 20 overs and in reply Lymm managed to get 97 for 6.

Following on from this opening success, GBCC secured a comfortable win at home against Moss Hey. Moss Hey batted first and were limited to just 59, with 13-year-old Jack Munnelly taking two wickets on his debut for the club! The total was overtaken comfortably by GBCC for the loss of just four wickets.

The third win was a thrilling match against Reynolds CC who scored 114 in their 20 overs. GBCC replied with good innings by Steve Hankey, Paul Lancaster, Tim Whalley and Doug Toy, with Doug hitting a four off the very last ball of the game for victory. A BBQ was enjoyed by both teams after the match.

Remaining home fixtures are as follows. Everyone welcome.

### July

Wednesday 7th	Barnton 6.00pm BBQ
Saturday 10th	Antrobus 1.00pm (Keiran Peters Memorial Cup)
Sunday 18th	Family Day 2.00pm
Wednesday 23rd	Lymm 6.00pm
Sunday 25th	*ECAD 1.00pm (Peter McAndrew Shield)



**August** - All matches away from Arley

### September

Saturday 11th Lord Ashbrook's X1 11.00am

**Anyone interested in becoming either a playing or a social member please contact the club at [GBCCnewplayers@outlook.com](mailto:GBCCnewplayers@outlook.com)**

*\*ECAD: England Cricket Association for the Deaf*

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## CHURCH NEWS—JULY AND AUGUST

### JULY

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>** 7.30pm Celtic Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel or Quiet Garden

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>** 8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am All Age Worship \*\*

\*\* today marks 20 years since Alec became Vicar of St. Mary and All Saints. We will be having a socially distanced toast after the service. Please join us at the Service.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Holy Communion

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Matins

6.30pm Holy Communion

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>** Rural Mission Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion

10.30am Online Service for Rural Mission Sunday – Rev Christina Westwell

6.30pm Deanery Rural Mission Service at Arley Chapel with bring-your-own picnic in The Grove beforehand from 5pm.

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Parish Communion

10.30am Online Service - Rev Dr Jenny McKay

### AUGUST

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>** 8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am All Age worship for Lammastide

10.30am Online Service for Lammastide – Rev Christina Westwell

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Holy Communion

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>** 7.30pm Celtic Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel or Quiet Garden

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Matins

6.30pm Holy Communion

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>** 8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong at Arley Chapel

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>** 10.30am Parish Communion

10.30am Online Service – Rev Dr Jenny McKay

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>** 8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion

**Please book in with Pauline Ridgway for all services until restrictions are lifted (01565 733494 or pauline\_ridgway@hotmail.com).**



It was a delight to hear Barbara Foster tell us of her many years as a volunteer at Dunham Massey Hall. Barbara was a retired teacher before volunteering to be a guide. This soon involved dressing up as a maid and, as the years went by, she played other roles. When Barbara's husband, Cyril, retired from his butcher's shop, Barbara persuaded him to don a butler's outfit and join the team at Dunham. Her story was of the 7<sup>th</sup> Earl of Stamford who married a circus girl as his second wife, as a result of which they were shunned by the local gentry. Barbara was a very good speaker and we enjoyed her story.

Now we are so pleased to say that the WI will be meeting face to face on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, starting at 7pm. We meet at Bakery Cottage, High Street, by kind permission of Lesley and Bill to enjoy their lovely garden, a glass of prosecco and strawberries. We remind you to bring along a chair – though don't worry if you forget, as Lesley has ten spare chairs! There will be a short talk on the history of Bakery Cottage. This is free for members, but if you would like to join us for this evening as a non-member the cost is £5. It would help if you could let a committee member know to enable us to keep within safety guidelines.

The Bowls Evening is on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August starting at 7pm. Bring bowls if you can and please arrive at 7pm prompt if you would like to play in the competition. This is an ideal evening to have a go at bowls, as those who know how to play will help those who want to learn how to play!!

We end the evening with tea or coffee and a light supper, so bring something with you to share. This is called a faith supper (you have to have faith that something will turn up !!!)

This takes us to September when we have our usual meeting on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September and Jacki Mafi will be telling us of the pride and pain of fashion! This will, we hope, take place in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

The other major date for everyone's diary is Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September in the Parish Hall at 11am as this is to be the date of our JUMBLE SALE. We sell bric-a-brac, good-as-new and lots of jumble. After the event we have outlets for most that is left over, so do bring along your donations of good quality jumble and unloved items of clothing and stuff. Let's hope that this time it will actually take place!!!!

Take care, June Wilkinson 891534





## BORIS BLOCK ON BIG BOYS' BARBECUE

**BAD NEWS** - Government restrictions prevent the long-awaited Budworth Big Boys' Breakout Barbecue being held on Friday 2 July 2021 at the Parish Hall.

**GOOD NEWS** - The long-awaited Budworth Big Boys' Breakout Barbecue has been rescheduled to **Saturday 14 August** at the Parish Hall starting from around 6:30 PM until late with entertainment and music together with delicious food, bar facilities and the like.

**TICKETS** - The Big Boys have been delighted with the advance ticket sales - tickets for the 2 July 2021 will be valid on the 14 August. Anybody unable to come on 14 August can obtain a speedy refund from the ticket vendor that they used.

There is some limited availability of tickets for the 14 August at £10 per adult and £5 per child under 13 to include substantial barbecue food and a first drink.

## Church Teas 2021

*Please check the church noticeboard, Parish Magazine, etc. to see when Church Teas will commence.*

*At the moment, we are aiming for the 1<sup>st</sup> August.*



## NGS GARDEN OPENING

**Sunday 4th July 1pm - 5pm**

**Parm Place, High Street**

Jane Fairclough's garden is a well-stocked, half-acre plantswoman's garden with stunning views towards South Cheshire. It includes curving lawns, parterre, shrubs, colour-coordinated herbaceous borders, roses, water features, rockery, and a gravel bed with some grasses. There are also fruit and vegetable plots. In spring there is a large collection of bulbs and flowers, camellias, hellebores and blossom.

There is no necessity to book online this time. Pay on arrival.

**Admission:** Adult: £4.00 Children: Free **Teas**



## Scenes from Great Budworth life:

**Left:** a lovely early morning view of School Lane, courtesy of Julie Furness.

**Above:** avian visitors to Maggie Earl's back garden early one morning recently.

## Shrill sounds in the night!

At around 2.00am - 3.00am in the early morning a few weeks ago I could hear shrill sounds coming from outside. I presumed it may be an owl, but I'm hoping the ornithologists in the village can confirm this please.

June Wilkinson

*(Do let us know and we'll include the answer in the next Bulletin! Ed.)*

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## George & Dragon Golf Society

The G&DGS 2021 season eventually got underway with a last-minute booking at High Legh in early April. The course was in great shape and we had a 37

\*Stableford points tie for first place between local lad Wiggy Tomlinson and newbie Bryan Higgins, with Bryan taking first prize back to Wincham on countback. Tony Glaister took third spot with 36 points.

The 25<sup>th</sup> April saw us playing at Davenport Golf Club, a new venue for the society. The predicted poor weather held off for most of the day. It was a tight course and scoring was tricky, with Peter Pearce taking first prize with 36 points. Wiggy appeared on the leaderboard again in second place, with 35 points, and Tony Glaister once again took third spot with 34 points.

On to the fabulous Chester Golf Club on 30<sup>th</sup> May, with the weather set fair for one of the highest slope-rating courses in the area at 139. This gave a load of the higher handicap players two shots on a number of holes, inevitably resulting in high scoring. Bryan Higgins disgraced himself with 42 points and immediately had his handicap severely cut! Tony Glaister - appearing in the top three for the third event running! - came next with 38 points, followed by Ben Colman with 37 points.

Competition for the annual Keiran Peters Order of Merit Trophy is already hotting up, with some of the higher handicappers looking like good bets for 2021.

Another new trophy for this year is the Nid Peters Stableford Cup, generously donated by Nid, to sit alongside Keiran's trophy. This will be awarded for the highest Stableford score in the year. Bryan's 42 already looks tough to beat!

Together with the President's Shield, kindly sponsored by The Viscount Christopher Wright at the George & Dragon pub, we have an impressive display of trophies now on display in the pub.

We are always looking for new members, whether you're a regular club golfer or an occasional hacker, so if you are interested in joining our 25+ strong group, please drop Ben Colman (Society Secretary) a message at [bencolman@gmail.com](mailto:bencolman@gmail.com) for more information.

Ben Colman

*\*For the benefit of golf ignoramuses (such as me), in Stableford scoring, points are awarded depending on the score for each hole. A player or team scores one Stableford point for a bogey, two for par, three for a birdie, four for an eagle and five for an albatross. Double-bogies and worse just get a zero. Ed.*



Ben Colman, pictured with the Club's trophies

## YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!



### Parish Councillor Vacancy

**Great Budworth Parish Council currently has a vacancy for a member of the public to become a Parish Councillor**

If you feel you would like to get involved in making decisions about your local community and would like the opportunity to make a contribution to the area in which you live or work, then this is the position for you!

In order to qualify to serve as a Parish Councillor you must be aged 18 years or over, be a citizen of the UK, the Commonwealth or the Republic of Ireland and be eligible to vote; or, during the whole 12 month period before the co-option, you must (a) have owned or been the tenant of land in the Parish, or (b) had your principal or only place of work in the Parish, or (c) lived in the Parish or within three miles of it.

There is now a two-stage process:

1. If ten electors of the Parish give written notice to the Returning Officer, Cheshire West and Chester Council, **on or before 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021** (Council Offices, 4 Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BE), requesting an election to fill this vacancy there will be an election, with all local electors entitled to vote.

**But:**

2. If no such notice is given on or before 9th July, the Parish Council will be entitled (but not obliged) to fill the vacancy by co-option at its September meeting.

Any elector can apply to be co-opted. Please send all applications in writing (with whatever information about the candidate you wish to be considered) to Gill Ayres, Clerk to Great Budworth Parish Council, Great Budworth Parish Hall, Smithy Lane, Great Budworth, CW9 6HL, or (preferably) email her at: [greatbudworthparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:greatbudworthparishclerk@gmail.com) Tel: 07907 456 037





Five years ago, the village marked HM the Queen's 90th birthday with a concert in church that raised £485. Since that sum remains unspent, it is proposed that it is used to help deliver some of the events planned for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations in 2022.

It is hoped that villagers will approve this use of these funds, but in the event that anyone objects, please get in touch with Cllr. Jane Lloyd at [janeann\\_lloyd@hotmail.com](mailto:janeann_lloyd@hotmail.com)

## WI Book Club

The book club are reading 'The Girl Who Came Home' by Hazel Gaynor, a novel of the time of the Titanic.



## WI Ramblers

We are tentatively making steps to return to our monthly walks and enjoyed a stroll along the Bridgewater Canal from the London Bridge in Stockton Heath to Moore and back via Walton. It was a lovely day and ended with lunch at the London Bridge pub on the sun terrace. We plan to walk again on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July and leave the Parish Hall at 10am.



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## SCHOOL NEWS

Well, we returned to school after a glorious Whit holiday - and we couldn't have wished for any better weather - to news that the current restrictions would be extended. This means that we have to complete our last half term still under the strict DFE guidelines, which means that parents and children won't be able to enjoy the full experience of our usual end-of-year transition activities, such as sports day, end-of-year production, residential and leavers' service.



We returned to school on 14<sup>th</sup> June for a healthy school's week, which included a healthy cooking workshop, a Skip2Bfit workshop, Tai Chi for relaxation and for a healthy body, and our annual sports day (see photo below.).

Whilst class 2 weren't able to enjoy the full experience of a sleepover for their residential, they were able to go for the day and enjoy the facilities, which was some consolation.

Class 4 will still be able to enjoy their residential at Colomendy for a two-night stay in the adventure lodges on the 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> July.

Shirley Humphreys kindly lent us the ribbons so the children could dance around the Maypole, which, along with sports day, was filmed for parents to see.



A Science Week, involving some forensic sessions, a French day with Madame Ireland, and an Arts Week also took place, giving the children a variety of engaging activities.

Yet again, the Year 6 children were not able to enjoy the usual high school transition days. We wish them luck in their new schools and know they will be great ambassadors for our school. As well as the leavers, we have another transition as Mrs Finney is retiring at the

end of August and our new head, Mrs Wainwright, will come on board. We wish Mrs Finney a happy, enjoyable and well-deserved retirement after many years' service in education, in Great Budworth and elsewhere, and we look forward to starting our new journey with Mrs Wainwright.

We wish you all pleasant summer holidays and look forward to a normal start to the new academic year.

Richard Elias – Governor

## CHURCH PICNIC

**Saturday 24th July**

**3.00—5.00pm**

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## Parish Council News

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WITH HIGHWAYS MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Parish Councillors, along with Unitary Councillor Lynn Gibbon, met with representatives of the Police and CW&C Highways on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June. The meeting was in the form of a 'walkabout', during which various issues of concern to the community were discussed. (It should be reiterated here that all of these issues have been discussed with these same

bodies before!).

### POSSIBILITY OF HGV RESTRICTIONS THROUGH VILLAGE

Despite a lengthy discussion, limited solutions emerged. Highways agreed to investigate the potential for improvement to existing signage and the Parish Council will consider:

- the best ways and means to communicate with residents about goods deliveries by HGVs to their homes;
- targeted correspondence to residents of School Lane in respect of parking and deliveries;
- options for contacting delivery destinations, such as Arley Hall;
- possible camera to monitor traffic (location to be determined).



*Above and below: recent incidents involving HGVs*



### YELLOW LINES OUTSIDE BAKERY COTTAGE

CW&C will start the mandatory consultation process, with a view to installing a stretch of double yellow lines outside of and opposite Bakery Cottage, High Street. This follows countless occasions when the residents of Bakery Cottage have been unable to either enter or leave their property by car owing to vehicles parked outside their home.

### ONGOING CONCERNS

#### These include:

The lack of a maintenance plan for footpaths and pavements, with particular concern relating to the footpath along Budworth Lane up to the Comberbach. A similar problem exists on the northbound stretch of the A559 from Great Budworth to the Cock O'Budworth.

The lack of a maintenance plan for gullies and drainage in order to mitigate flood risk. At present these are supposed to be inspected annually, but there was agreement that whilst some could be reviewed every two years, others demanded inspections two or three times a year. It was noted that the owner of the land on the north side of High Street, where it meets the A559, had carried out some remedial work.

### A559

Councillors raised a number of issues in respect of this major road:

- the current speed limit;
- potential for traffic lights at the junction with High Street;
- options for a one way system coming from Comberbach;
- a suitable pedestrian foot way to Comberbach;
- a recent incident at the bottom of the hill in which a trailer towed by a vehicle turning into High Street from the A559 overturned, narrowly avoiding two cyclists waiting at the junction to turn out of High Street;
- the volume of cyclists attempting to cross at the junction.

### PARKING CONGESTION

This issue has been discussed within the Parish Council countless times, as well as being the subject of a report on a survey among residents in 2016. As was clear then – and remains the case now – any proposed solution simply shifts the problem to another part of the village. The issue is intractable. That said, many of the problems arise from either thoughtless parking or a preference among some residents to park on the street rather than using their own off-road parking (the survey revealed that only 17 properties in the village are without off-road parking).

### OTHER TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- The possibility of installing digital cameras at the bottom of High Street in order to ascertain lorry movements up the hill and also to identify problems when two large vehicles attempt to pass whilst going uphill to Comberbach. Comberbach PC to be consulted.
- To request CW&C to pay for three pillars outside Ring O'Bells to reduce the potential from physical impact to the house from HGVs. The Parish Council is liaising with the owner.
- The number of potholes throughout the village and its immediate environs. CW&C routinely wait until potholes are extremely bad, at which point resurfacing may take place. In the meantime they pose a threat to vehicles and a very real danger to cyclists.