# **DIARY DATES**

# Church Services are listed on page 14

Wednesday 1st, Parish Hall, 7.30pm. WI meeting.

**Monday 6th**, Parish Hall, 7.30pm. Parish Council meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Tuesday 7th, Parish Hall, leaving at 10.00am. WI walk.

Tuesday 7th, George & Dragon, 7pm. Platinum Jubilee meeting.

**Saturday 11th**, Arley, 11.00am. Great Budworth Cricket Club v Lord Ashbrook's XI

Tuesday 14th, Parish Hall, 7.30pm. Garden Club meeting.

Saturday 18th, Parish Hall, 11.00am. WI Jumble sale.

Saturday 18th, Parish Hall, 7.30pm. RTA production: Old Herbaceous.

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# Rural Touring Arts presents Old Herbaceous

Saturday 18th September, 7.30pm Great Budworth Parish Hall



by Alfred Shaughnessy

Pottering amongst the seeds and cuttings at the back of his ramshackle green-house in the garden of a Gloucestershire manor house is Herbert Pinnegar. Now in his twilight years, he's full of memories and tales of a bygone era. In between potting up and potting on, he recounts his journey from orphan boy to legendary head gardener, 'Old Herbaceous', and tells of his friendship with the lady of the house, Mrs Charteris.

Sown with seeds of gardening wisdom, this charming one-man show is a love story — a humorous and touching portrayal of a single-minded yet gentle man with a passion for plants. Approx. 1hr. 40 mins. including interval.

Tickets: £12 available from Jan Hiett (01606 891019) and Katy Hopkinson (01606 624472)

# GARDEN CLUB

he Garden Club held a lovely party, by kind permission of Anna Lee and Steven Jennings, in their beautiful garden at The Farthings. The sun shone and nearly 50 members enjoyed hospitality and friendship together. This was the first of its kind for two years. The club was celebrating 21 years since its formation. A fabulous birthday cake was made and our hosts generously provided us with glasses of champagne.



Jean Davies formed the club with husband Peter, along with



Sandra Parker (her then neighbour, who lived at the very property in which the party was held). All three were there to enjoy the day. Jean described how they started the club with a leaflet drop to all houses in the village, offering a get-together with a gardening speaker. They asked anyone who was interested to come and enjoy an evening with a glass of wine. Over 40 people turned up and paid a subscription of £10 that night. The rest, as they say, is history! The club has never looked back: it has a membership of 130 and a waiting list and the fee has only been increased once (to £15 a year) in all that time.

Jean has been Chair the whole time and Peter has been Treasurer. The only other committee member who remains from the original team is Jane Fair-clough, who has organised speakers for the club from its formation. Jane was thanked sincerely for her dedication to the club. Jean and Peter were presented with an RHS Banksian medal for their hard work over 21 years.

Following the pandemic, we are now starting again and this year the paid-up members have received a free year. New committee members are welcome, with new ideas, to move

on to the next 21 years! Please contact us if you are interested in helping to run the club.

The first meeting of the new season is on Tuesday 14th September in the parish hall at 7.30pm. This is our annual produce show for members: the schedule is in the Garden Club newsletter, which is emailed to members. This will be followed by a talk by Melanie Latham on the making of chutney.

For any information about any aspect of the club, please contact me. Jean Davies

# CHURCH NEWS (CONT'D)

## **Harvest Festivals:**

St. Mary And All Saints Church – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am

St. Mary's Chapel, Arley – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm

# Church Picnic – 24<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Kindly hosted by Don and Karen Hammond in their lovely garden. This was a great venue for this event! We thank everybody who came along to share in this lovely afternoon and to all who helped out in whatever way. £2000 was raised towards the costs of running the church. Thank you.

DON'T FORGET

Church teas will continue in the Parish Hall every Sunday from 2.00pm—5.00pm until the end of September, selling delicious home—made cakes and hot and cold drinks. We'd love to see you — do come along!

# Beautiful Budworth

Can I say thank you to everyone for the beautiful gardens, tubs, patio pots, hanging baskets and everything else that flowers to make our village look wonderful. I don't know whether it is green fingers, Miracle-gro or perfect plants, but 2021 has been a show to be proud of. Well done, everyone - you all deserve a thank you. I think if I was a visitor to the village I would be very impressed!!

June Wilkinson

(We're sure that June speaks on behalf of us all - the village has looked stunning throughout summer! Eds.)

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# CHURCH NEWS-JULY AND AUGUST

# September:

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion followed by Coffee

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm Celtic Evening Prayer in the quiet garden (in church if

inclement weather)

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 1.00pm Wedding

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am All Age Worship – Climate Sunday with special speaker

(see note below).

10.30am Online Worship - Back to school

2.00pm Baptism at Arley Chapel

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm Wedding Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Matins

6.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong at Arley Chapel

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm Wedding

2.30pm Service of blessing

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 10.30am HARVEST FESTIVAL

10.30am Online service for climate and harvest

12.15pm Baptism

October:

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 8.00am Holy Communion

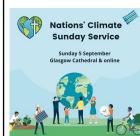
Parish Communion (this would normally be the Animal

10.30am Blessing service - now moved to 17<sup>th</sup> October at

10.30am)

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee

# Please Note - Special Service



On 5th September, our All Age Service will be part of the Nations' Climate Sunday Service Event where we pray and worship ahead of the COP26 Climate Talks in Glasgow. The service will be led by Curate, Dr. Jenny McKay. Our guest speaker is Andrew Needham of the Chester Diocese Environ mental Forum and we will learn about ways the church is adapting to change and how we can get involved and commit to "zero carbon" in our church community by 2030.



The WI were very lucky with the weather when we had our garden meeting at Bakery Cottage in July. On a beautiful warm and sunny evening, we heard about the history of the cottage. Bread was last baked and sold by the Adair family from the cottage in the 1930's, but Lesley Anderson baked fresh bread for us all to enjoy with our strawberries

and ice cream. It was a lovely finishing touch to a special evening.

The August meeting was the bowls evening on the beautifully mown bowling green and the winner's trophy went to Heather Bailey. Members enjoyed a light supper afterwards.



The next meeting is on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 7.30pm. This is our first meeting in the Parish

Hall since the Covid outbreak and Jacki Mafi will tell us of the pride and pain of fashion!! I cannot think what she is going to tell us that we have not already suffered, but I am sure it will be amusing, enlightening and fun. Everyone is most welcome: it is free to members, and guests may come along and pay (£5) at the door.

# **JUMBLE SALE**

The other major date for everyone's diary is Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September in the Parish Hall at 11 am when we hold our **JUMBLE SALE**. We sell bric a brac, good as new and lots of jumble.

We have a rail of designer clothes for you to look through, lots of famous labels as well as unwanted gifts etc.etc. Kay Bashford has been collecting for the Sale for quite some time, along with others. This is the WI's contribution to Green September week.



After the event is over we have outlets for

most that is left, so do bring along your donations of good quality jumble and unloved items of clothing and stuff. We have waited a long time for this event: we hope that this time it will take place !!!!

June Wilkinson 01606 891534

# BIG BOYS' BRILLIANT BUDWORTH BARBECUE

he Village eventually celebrated the end of lockdown with a most successful Big Boys' Barbecue on Saturday, 14th

August. Sausages sizzled, chicken crackled, burgers broiled and



browned with a dazzling culi-

nary display from the Big Boys' team. Some 120 villagers attended, enjoying the event both under the awning and in the Parish Hall.

There were ample supplies of liquid refreshments, Freddie did a great job selling raffle tickets and music was provided by our star DJ, Wiggy - who did a brilliant job mixing music for a

wide age range, with many dancing with enthusiasm, if not skill (see pic) until late in the evening.

It was great to see so many people and to have gained some new Big Boys to the team (see pic). Informal soundings on the night suggested that many people would like to see this event repeated next year. We will see.

The accounts have not yet been 100% finalised, but the Boys appear to have raised

something over £1000 for local and village causes. Donations amounting to £1000 in total will be made to: the Friends of the School, the Parish Hall, the Samaritans in Northwich, St Luke's and the Budworth Bulletin. [Thank you! Eds.]



NB Be prepared and save the date of Saturday, 23 October 2021. The Alpha-Male Big Boys' Big Fat Greek Symposium Supper is coming to the Parish Hall! More news next month.

# WI Ramblers

The ramblers enjoyed a five-mile walk from Moulton and Davenham along the River Weaver and back to the Havhurst Arms at Bostock for a scrumptious lunch. The next walk is to be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September, leaving the village at 10am from the Parish Hall.



# The proposal:

- To make Budworth Lane one-way from the junction with the A559 up to Cock Lane.
- To create a two-way pedestrian and cycle route along Budworth Lane between the A559 and Cock Lane.

This would provide local residents with safer, easier access between both villages and improve access for walkers into Marbury Park and make cycling safer. It would also remove the current risks associated with turning right (towards Northwich) out of Budworth Lane, and of crossing straight over the A559 to enter Great Budworth, where the line of sight is very short owing to the sharp bend and the steep hill results in traffic approaching from the left at speed.

# Other considerations to take into account:

- Impact on Budworth Lane properties/farmland and caravan park access;
- Impact on Cock Lane properties;
- Speed limits on both lanes currently 50 mph.

Outline costs and further details on road markings and signage etc have been requested to facilitate discussions and decision-making. Marbury Ward Councillors will support the view taken by residents and Parish Councils. CW&C will take the final decision if it is decided to submit this proposal to them. It would therefore be good to know residents' thoughts on the proposals (for and against) or any other ideas you may have: please email your comments to the Parish Clerk, Gill Ayres at: greatbudworthparishclerk@gmail.com before the end of Friday 22nd October or pop a note in the Parish Council postbox at the Parish Hall on Smithy Lane.

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# **BUDWORTH LANE A559 JUNCTION**

or some time the Parish Council has been concerned about the dangerous crossroads on the A559 where High Street meets Budworth Lane, as high-



lighted in the Northwich Transport Strategy 2018.

In the past, property on the junction has been damaged and concerns have increased about the safety of pedestrians and other road users. Complaints have been received from local residents about speeding traffic, poor visibility, unsafe bus stops, and difficulties crossing the road, especially given the line of sight and braking distance from the top bend. Visiting cyclists have raised awareness of dangerous incidents where life was at risk.

The Parish Council has repeatedly brought these matters to the attention of CW&C Highways, who have responsibility for such matters, but after meetings and discussions to address safety concerns, nothing was deemed feasible. They have always advised that to qualify as a Local Safety Scheme, five or more incidents/collisions involving injury have to be recorded. To date there have been two such collisions based on available data.

Action is required to avoid any further incidents / accidents, but *what* action? Especially when residents feel there is a serious accident waiting to happen on the A559.

The Parish Council has recently been made aware of a relatively simple, low-cost initiative, initially proposed by Comberbach Parish Council, which it is thought could address some of the issues associated with the junction.

(cont'd on next page)

# SCHOOL 100 CLUB DRAW

June winners:-

1st prize: 59 - Clare Rowe (£25)

2nd prize: 34 - Kath Hankey (£10)

July winners:

1st prize: 59 - Maria Isherwood (£25)

2nd prize: 34 - Janine Jans (£10)

# PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON HIGH STREET

t's well-known that for some villagers who live on High Street, entering and exiting their driveways by car can be very difficult — and downright impossible at times. Polite requests not to park — either opposite or too close to driveways — are routinely ignored and the situation has, if anything, got worse over time. The Parish Council has received many requests over the years to address this problem and Councillors, in turn, have regularly consulted Highways seeking a solution.

The Parish Council has concluded that double yellow lines should be introduced to try to ease this problem and Highways have now sent out a formal notice (which can be viewed on the Great Budworth website — see under 'Notices' on the Home page) proposing a 35m stretch on either side of the road, as shown on the illustration here (apologies for the poor reproduction).

Residents now have an opportunity to make objections and other representations to Highways and have until September 20th to do so. All such representations must be made in writing to: Kieran Collins (Ref: TRO 3181) Localities Directorate, Winsford Area Highways Office, Phoenix House, Clough Road, Winsford, Cheshire, CW7 4BD. Representations must specify the grounds on which they are made and quote reference TRO 3181.



# M6/J19 Scheme: change of completion date

ighways England report good progress on this scheme, though delays have been caused by industry-wide product shortages and long lead times brought about by Covid-19 restrictions and the isolation of supply chain workers.

The new link bridge, which forms a major part of the scheme, is expected to be open for traffic in November 2021, rather than the original summer opening date.



To minimise the impact on motorists, the remain-

ing work is to be completed during overnight closures. There will be closures of the M6 motorway or the junction 19 roundabout between 9pm and 6am, every Monday to Friday until completion of the project in November.

More details are available at: https://highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/north-west/m6-junction-19/

# THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

he village has a long history of commemorating national events in style and the Queen's Platinum

Jubilee in 2022 is an opportunity to come together to join in the national celebrations over the extended bank holiday weekend Thursday 2nd-Sunday 5th June. Anyone who was here for the Diamond Jubilee, Golden Jubilee or the Millennium will know how creative the village celebrations can be and how much fun they are for everyone who takes part.



I'd love to hear your ideas, so please contact me via phone 07815028184 or email janeann\_lloyd@hotmail.com with details of any events that <u>you</u> would like to organise that we could include under the umbrella of village celebrations. These could be things organised by you as an individual or organised on behalf of a group e.g. WI, Brownies, Sailing Club etc.

It's never too early to start planning, so I am holding a very informal meeting in The George & Dragon at 7pm on Tuesday 7th September to start mapping the potential events (to avoid clashes). Please feel free to join me

if you have an idea you'd like to propose, if you would like to help or, better still, if you would like to take on the role of co-ordinating the village celebrations!

Jane Robins

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# THE HERITAGE SOCIETY

fter 18 months in the Covid wilderness the Heritage Society Committee got together last month to review how it should work in the future. It was agreed

that the Society plays a valuable role in ensuring that the historical character of the village is supported and maintained. For example, the Society recently contributed £3500 (thanks to the annual subscriptions and our fundraising events) towards the repair bill for the Lower Pump House.

Over the years the Society's aim has also been to encourage public interest in the village's history and heritage. We are conscious of the constant inflow of newcomers to our community and we would like to involve them as new members – whether or not they live in a listed property!

We are therefore considering making a few changes, which are:

- the committee proposes that everyone in the village is to be entitled to be a member of the Society merely by dint of living here;
- there will no longer be an annual subscription;
- instead, future projects or schemes that the Society wants to support will be financed via fundraising events/ donations or by our members donating their time or skills and knowledge.



Our excellent chairman and some of our committee have been in place for years - in some instances, decades - and one or two them say that they are very old and far less agile than they were. So we would welcome anyone who is willing to join our small but passionate committee, to continue the great work which the Society has done over the years. For example, for the last few years (pre Covid 19) we've arranged working parties (a dozen wheelbarrows, plus owners, to clear winter's mess in the lime avenue or, more recently, to clean up road signs round the parish so that HGV and van drivers



can actually read the SLOW signs) and you may even have enjoyed carols around the Christmas tree with mince pies and mulled wine, an event which is supported by funds from the Society and the Big Boys' Breakfast.

Getting involved is good for this village! So, who's coming to help?

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# GREAT BUDWORTH CRICKET CLUB (GBCC)

he season has progressed well for the club, but unfortunately there have been several cancellations owing to rain. Here are some recent results.

GBCC 175 for 5, Manchester Racquets 148 for 6. GBCC won by 26 runs.

Lymm 114 for 4, GBCC 115 for 2. GBCC won with 3 overs to spare. Andrew Phillips scored 33, Darren Curryer 27 and Paul Lancaster 27.

Warrington over 40's 133 for 3, GBCC 102 all out. GBCC lost by 31 runs. Nick Winton scored 29, Steve Hankey 18 and Stuart Witlow 15.



GBCC 153 for 6, Warrington over 40's 143 for 8. GBCC won by 10 runs. Matt Hankey scored 31, Peter Taylor 27 and Tim Whalley 27. James Dutton took 2 wickets for 16 runs.

There is an away match to be played against Kinsley and the last home match of the season is against Lord Ashbrook's X1 on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September (11.00am start). Why not come along and watch in beautiful surroundings?

The results of the children's short story competition will be announced in October's Bulletin





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After missing out on hosting a fundraising coffee morning last year, thanks to the pandemic, we are very pleased to announce that we'll be back in the Parish Hall on

# Friday 8th October, between 10.00 and 12 noon,

offering a range of home-baked cakes and biscuits. As in the past we'll be holding a raffle and there'll

be a bring and buy stall, too. We look MACMILLAN forward to seeing you all!

**CANCER SUPPORT** 

# **Great Budworth's Asset Register**

he Parish Council needs someone suitably qualified to update the Parish Council's Asset Report, which was last reviewed in 2019. It is a short report (8 pages) that contains descriptions and valuations of all the land and structures owned by the Parish Council, such as the pump houses and the Parish Hall. The full report can be found on our website (Asset Report 2019). In recent years the updating has been done by Rob Collier, a surveyor by profession, but as he is now Chairman of the Parish Council, this is no longer appropriate. Is there someone who would be kind enough to volunteer to take over from Rob? Or do you know someone we could approach? If so, please contact the Parish Clerk, Gill Ayres, either by email

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# **Great Budworth Sharing Memories**

've got a background in history and heritage, having worked in a number of museums, as well as the National Trust, and have always been fascinated by the past; I can't go anywhere without wanting to know more and trying to imagine what

life would have been like there 50, 100 or even 500+ years ago. I've often wondered about who lived in the various houses in the village

and have enjoyed chatting to Alan Bailey about local history and reading Alan's (and the Heritage Society's) meticulously researched books on the history of the village and the surrounding area.



Whilst there is nothing I could add

to this excellent research and writing, I started to think about how I could find out more about the 'ordinary' villagers who were so important to their families, friends and neighbours, but now only exist as names on a census record or a headstone.

I eventually decided that the best way to reach the most people would be to start a



Facebook group and so, in June 2019, the Great Budworth Sharing Memories Facebook group was created. As well as encouraging members to share their photographs and memories of the village and its characters, the group is also a place to learn more about the village, and to record current village events.

So far there are over 520 members and we've been able to reconnect old school friends, and enabled people to discover relatives they never knew they had. Together we are building a wonderfully comprehensive picture of life in the village over the

years and the many people who have been to school here, visited or called the village home.

If you aren't on Facebook but have memories or photographs that you'd like to share, or ones you'd like to have included in our archive (and perhaps trigger other people's

memories), I'm happy to put them online for you. Just give me a ring on 01606 891176 or email me at janeann\_lloyd@hotmail.com.

All are welcome, so if you are interested in finding out more please join us on Facebook at *Great Budworth Sharing Memories*.

Jane Robins

**Photos, from top:** School photograph, 1904; Mabel Jackson at Hill Top Farm in 1935; Roadworks in the 1970's



# **PARISH HALL NEWS**

est in Peace - the Village Hall and Bowling Green Charity number 236036.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Hall held on 10 August 2021, the members present agreed unanimously to close the existing Village Hall and Bowling Green Charity number 236036, which is more generally known as the Parish Hall Committee, and transfer the assets to the recently established Great



Budworth Parish Hall Charity number 1192421, which has been established under the new structure as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. This was recommended by our legal advisers and others to bring it in line with best practice. In reality, this will make little difference to the operation of the Parish Hall, although behind-the-scenes it will be necessary to change bank account names, put new headings on documentation et cetera.

The AGM also approved the accounts, which as you might expect showed a modest loss on the significantly reduced turnover during the lockdown. There was a discussion on ways in which the lighting of the Hall might be improved, the possibility of improving the ability to screen presentations, films and the like, the repair or relaying of some paving stones outside the Hall, further improvements to the Parish Field parking provision, the desirability of having improved refrigeration and flooring in the kitchen and the need to replace some double glazing in the windows.

Sue Scott was thanked for her help in coordinating bookings, the meeting recognised the help and assistance given by the retiring Officers of our now-defunct Charity during the year and the meeting was closed in good time to get to the George & Dragon.

If anyone requires further details, please contact Don Hammond on 07977 223330.



..... to Becky Gaskarth and Stuart Scott and their two daughters, Izzy and Ellie, who have moved into 'Brecon' on Heath Lane, along with their dog, three cats and various chickens.

The family moved from Barnton and are loving their new home. They have lots of plans and want to be there forever! Becky grew up on a farm in Wilmslow, while Stuart spent his early years in Stirling. Stuart is a director of an insurance company where Becky also works. 12-year old Izzy, a keen footballer, goes to Weaverham High School, while 7-year old Ellie attends Comberbach Primary School.