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BUDWORTH BULLETIN

June 2021



Budworth Big Boys' Barbecue

Friday 2 July 2021 at the Parish Hall

From 6.30pm

Join us to celebrate the end of the Budworth Covid
linked lockdown!

Where? Under the awning and/or in the Hall
until late with typical Big Boys Entertainment & Music.

Cost? Advance tickets £10 per adult and £5 per child under 13
Ticket includes food and a first drink. Cash bar.



Big Boys' Greek Evening Plans!

Once we have celebrated with the Budworth Barbecue, we encourage readers to save the date of 23rd October 2021, when the Budworth Big Boys will be re-organising the postponed event from 2020, almost certainly reminiscent of Greek holidays of yesteryear.

Subject to final confirmation, we are planning a Greek Night.

For health and safety reasons, plate throwing may be limited, and cardboard plates are unlikely to produce the satisfying crashing cacophony and the shrapnel-like debris which poses a hazard to the innocent. However, the opportunity to enjoy good Greek food, ouzo, Greek dancing, the high quality of modern Greek wine and perhaps even some retsina (very much a Marmite wine) should be attractive to villagers and guests. Further details will emerge in due course.

Big Boys' Breakfast: Finally, fear not: the opportunity to overdose on a calorific breakfast fry up will return in 2022.

Proceeds: the Big Boys' profits after direct costs are donated to local causes which have in recent years included the Friends of the School, the Bulletin, St Luke's, the Joshua Tree, the Parish Hall Charity for various projects, the School, the Pump House replacement tap project and the like.

Don Hammond



Next year marks the 70th anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne. She will be the first monarch to celebrate a platinum anniversary. Many of us recall the hugely successful celebrations in the village to mark Her

Majesty's Diamond Jubilee and we are sure there will be a great deal of enthusiasm for celebrating this milestone as well.

With this in mind, your Parish Council would very much like to hear your suggestions as to how best we might celebrate this event. To get your creative juices going, here are some of the ways in which we celebrated the Diamond Jubilee: scarecrow competition, open gardens, street party, exhibition of Great Budworth history.

Send your comments and ideas to Jane Lloyd at: janeann_lloyd@hotmail.com

GREAT BUDWORTH CRICKET CLUB

GBCC opened the season with an away game at Lymm CC on Wednesday 19th May. The weather was excellent, considering the recent poor weather and the team were happy to get a game in.

GBCC won the toss and elected to bat, opening with Steve Hankey, who made a steady start, anchoring the innings on what was a damp two-paced wicket, until retiring on 27. Steve Norton and Andrew Philips gave the innings some middle order impetus, both quickly getting to 26 before retiring. At the end of the innings GBCC finished on 116 for 2 in their 20 overs.

In reply, Lymm CC managed to get to 97 for 6 in their 20 overs, with notable bowling performances from Spencer Osborne with 1 for 14 off his 4 overs; Derek Grabham with 1 for 16 off his 4 overs and Andrew Philips with 1 for 19 off his 4 overs.

Overall, a very successful opening victory for GBCC.

June fixtures are as follows. Everyone welcome.

Sunday 6th:	Single Wicket, 2.00pm
Wednesday 9th:	Moss Hey, 6.00pm BBQ
Sunday 13th:	Serious Law Sixes, 2.00pm
Wednesday 16th:	Reynolds, 6.00pm BBQ
Sunday 20th:	Appleton (away), 1.30pm
Sunday 27th:	Manchester Racquets, 1.00pm



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CHURCH NEWS

At the time of writing (mid May) we are continuing with services in Church on a slightly more limited basis than before the Pandemic, but hope that by the end of June we will be "back to normal" in most respects (but watch this space!). Our monthly Evensong Services at Arley Chapel will resume on Sunday 20th June – the day after we should all have enjoyed the annual Summer Fair!



Discussions are on-going within the PCC and the Social Committee about various fund raising and "get together" events, including of course Church Teas, which may resume from July – again, please watch this space. One event which will be going ahead will be a "Church Picnic" in the beautiful garden of Don and Karen Hammond (The Butts, Smithy Lane, Great Budworth) on **Saturday 24th July from 3-5.30pm**, with music, bar, children's trail, byo picnic/afternoon tea and, of course, a grand draw! This will be a ticketed event, with a small charge for entry, which will include a glass of sparkling wine/soft drink and strawberries. Tickets will be available in June, but please make a note of the date now and come along if you can – we'd love to see as many people as possible!

Discussions are also being held with members of the Restoration and Friends Committees about Church fund-raising, including a Quiz Night in the Parish Hall in Great Budworth on Thursday 14th October and a possible sponsored walk up Snowdon in September.

Restoration works and other projects

Restoration work on the Tower and several smaller improvement projects within the Church are well under way, as the photos below show. Thanks once again to all those who have contributed so generously over the last few years to the cost of this work.

The Rev'd. Alec Brown.



At the May meeting we realized that, of our 40 members, 10 had their birthdays in May. We were delighted to hear about the Daniel Adamson, aka "The Danny", a restored steam ship which is on the River Weaver between Sutton Weaver and Acton Bridge. It is a beautiful ship and two of the volunteers, Chris and Peter, told us of the journey from rotting

wreck to the

ship she is today. There are opportunities to visit the ship or cruise on the Weaver from early July and the WI hope to join them for an evening cruise.

We also recently had a talk by the Blood Bikers, who transport blood and organs from hospital to hospital. They have bought another bike, which they asked the Cheshire WI to name, as Blood Bikers have received so many generous donations from the WIs they have visited. The new bike has been named "Denman WI" after Lady Denman and the college, which has now closed.



Steamship 'The Danny'

At the next meeting on Wednesday 2nd June our speaker will be Barbara Foster, a volunteer at Dunham Massey Hall, who will tell us of a romantic scandal in the Hall. We have to Zoom again as Boris has not given us the OK to meet indoors yet, but hopefully we are nearly there!! The details of the Zoom will be sent to members before the meeting.



July 7th is a garden meeting in the village and August is bowling on the green, so both meetings are out of doors and we have the Jumble Sale booked for Saturday 18th September at 11 am.

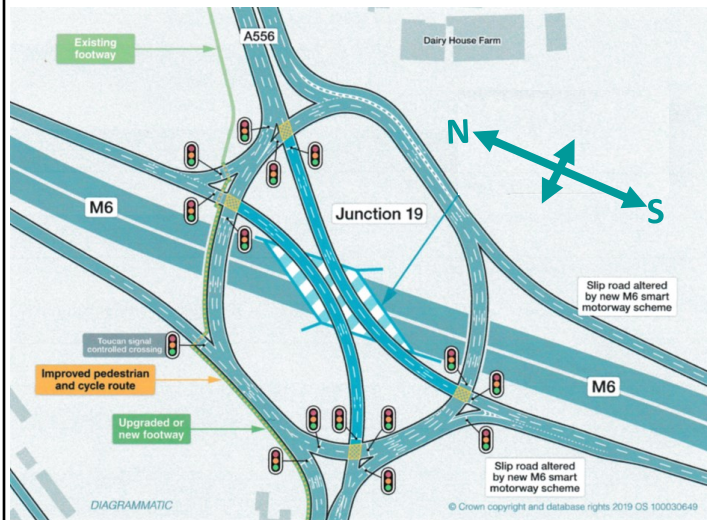
The ramblers enjoyed a walk along the Weaver from Acton Bridge and the book club are reading "The Girl Who Came Home" by Hazel Gaynor.

If you are new to the village, or would like to join us, I have a few programmes of our events for 2021: leave a message and I will drop one through your letter box.

Take care.

June Wilkinson 891534

M6 JUNCTION 19 IMPROVEMENTS



The work to improve Junction 19 of the M6 was due to be completed this summer, but it is now expected to be finished in the autumn.

As for what will be different, a new bridge has been built that crosses over the M6 and the roundabout, thereby enabling M6 traffic in each direction to transfer from the

motorway to the A556 without having to negotiate the roundabout (see the illustration). This will benefit locals, who should find the roundabout less congested. There will also be improvements for pedestrians and cyclists in the form of dedicated paths.

It's worth noting that in June the roundabout will be closed overnight every Monday to Friday from 9.00pm to 6.00am. It will also be closed for TWO FULL WEEKENDS, from 9.00pm on Friday 4th to 6.00am on Monday 7th June and from 9.00pm on Friday 11th to 6.00am on Monday 14th June, with the weekend of Friday 18 June also booked, as a contingency.

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relevant business or police could be contacted.

- Challenging the satnav companies (though it was pointed out that HGV drivers routinely avoid seeking an HGV-suitable route).

Parish Council/Parish Hall & Parish Field Agreement

Various issues raised by trustees of the 'new' Parish Hall charity were discussed and it was agreed that:

- A 25-year management agreement (rather than a lease) would be acceptable, provided there is a six month break clause included, so that either party could terminate the arrangement.
- Once the management agreement is signed, the Parish Council will insure the building and reclaim the premium from the charity.
- The next steps are that the 'old' Parish Hall Charity is to meet to formalise the dissolution of the existing charity and transfer assets to the 'new' charity (constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation). Also, the whole village will be given the opportunity to vote on the matter at the Annual Parish Meeting. It is hoped that this will be held when Covid restrictions are eased after 21st June.

Top Pumphouse Trees

CW&C had refused permission to remove and replace the holm oak trees adjacent to the top pump house on the grounds that there was a lack of evidence that the trees are the source of structural damage to the adjacent property. A structural report may be required as evidence and this would be the responsibility of the property owner. The Parish Council had already had a basic tree survey done, which recommended pruning, but this would not preclude the property owner obtaining their own arboricultural report to analyse root samples in more detail.

Queen's Jubilee 2022

Cllr. Robins drew attention to the Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) campaign to celebrate her platinum jubilee by planting new trees and protecting ancient woodlands and forests. The Parish Council will revisit this at its next meeting.

Date of next meeting: 5th July.

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The Annual Meeting of Great Budworth Parish Council was held via Zoom on Wednesday 5th May. The following is a summary of the key matters that were discussed, along with resolutions and actions that were agreed. The full minutes of the meeting will be available on the Great Budworth website (under the 'Great Budworth Parish Council' menu item).

Cllr. Collier was re-elected Chairman and Cllr Lee was re-elected Vice-Chairman.



CW&C Councillor's report: Cllr. Marshall (CW&C councillor) reported that a new CW&C Head of Highways was recently appointed. He expressed concern that Marbury Ward (of which Great Budworth is part), which is essentially rural in character, is losing out to urban areas in terms of highways investment. Parish Councillors drew his attention to the poor state of roads and pavements in and around the village and asked him to flag this issue up with CW&C as a priority. Cllr. Robins asked what the threshold is for resurfacing rather than merely patching, which is no more than a 'sticking plaster'. Cllr. Coppell was concerned that there could be a serious accident caused by the poor road surface, especially as the village is on the Cheshire Cycle Route.

Lower Pumphouse

Cllr. Lee had received a lengthy list of questions from CW&C regarding the water quality risk assessment. She will endeavour to find the relevant information and answer them. Cllr. Torrance has spoken with the culvert landowner who has agreed to take steps to avoid the flooding problem occurring again in the future. Cllr. Hammond had arranged and overseen repairs to the floor of the pumphouse (*this has since been completed*).

Pleached Lime Trees

Cllrs. Torrance and Wilkinson were thanked, together with the owner of Noah's Ark and Mr. Dunkerley, for their financial contributions and hard work in digging out and replanting the new tree.

The Avenue

'No Cycling' signs had been fitted to posts at either end of both sections of The Avenue (which is a footpath and therefore not to be cycled along). Lawtons had been instructed to repair the kissing gate at the junction of The Avenue and Farthing Lane (*this has since been completed*).

HGVs in the Village

Recent events, during which HGVs caused serious damage to both property and vehicles, were discussed. CW&C had been contacted and a meeting was to be arranged to press for action to address the problem. There is already a weight restriction in place but the following suggestions were made and will be investigated:

- Impose a width restriction, though this would cause problems for waste disposal vehicles that need access and would require unsightly signage in the heart of the conservation area.
- Better signage on the A559 to alert lorries *before* they turn.
- Improved enforcement action to catch lorries passing through. This might include residents notifying the Parish Council of details of any offending lorries so the

GARDEN CLUB

Easing of restrictions, gardens growing at a fast pace ... indeed everything is changing around us! Our own garden is well ahead, with potatoes, beans, peas and many flowers all planted out and looking good (see photo).



Our last meeting on Zoom had one of our favourite speakers, John Foley, from Holden Clough Nurseries in the Ribble Valley. He was as good as always and another trip must be considered next year.

We have scheduled our next meeting for the 22nd June in the hope that by then we shall be permitted to meet in the Parish Hall. If all goes as we hope, the meeting will start at 7.30pm. If not, it will be once again be via Zoom - or something similar? Let us keep our fingers crossed, for if all goes well, what a fantastic night it will be when, at long last, we shall all be able to hug each other! Maggie Earle will give us a flower demonstration which will be wonderful. There will be no refreshments, in order to allow more space for seating. If anything should change, members will be emailed immediately, so fingers crossed for normality.

Members are invited to a trip to the new RHS Bridgewater Garden on 1st June starting at 10.45am. We must travel in our own cars and enter together in a group. This was booked a year ago, but had to be cancelled owing to the pandemic. If you put your name down last year, or if you want to go now, we have space, so please contact me ASAP to confirm details.

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The Crompton family

The Cromptons (Pete, Steph and Isla) recently moved into the house at the top of Heath Lane after eleven years in Appleton. Pete and Steph both work from home and both coach junior football. Daughter Isla, 9, enjoys swimming, playing football and dance.

The Bartley family

Nicola, Grant, Flynn (11) and Kaylan (9) Bartley have moved into The Spinneys, Smithy Lane. The family also includes Enid, the dog, and cats Havana and Jessica. The Bartleys haven't come far - just from Comberbach. Grant works in finance and Nicola is a speech and language therapist and writer. Nicola tells us: "We're very excited to have moved to Budworth and have already had a warm welcome from our neighbours."

We wish the Cromptons and Bartleys every happiness in their new homes!



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SCHOOL NEWS

What a busy half term it has been! May 7th was the NSPCC Number Day, with all the children taking part in lots of activities involving numbers.

- * Class 1 had a brilliant time doing Incy Wincy spider counting;
- * Class 3 counted in sequences, using their times tables - and then played a number sequence relay, counting in sequences of 25s and 50s;
- * Class 4 designed their own board games. Who knows, maybe we saw the next budding John Waddington design their first game!

Forest School continues this term with all the children attending a session one afternoon a week. The children love the activities they complete in these sessions, some of which involved class 1 and 2 'Going on a bear hunt' and Class 3 and 4, inspired by reading 'Man Fish' and 'When the giant stirred', working in teams to build boats that had to contain the essentials required to sail the seven seas. They even thought of a first aid kit! They all also learnt to tie knots, one of which was a square lashing knot: those of you who were cubs or scouts will remember that this was a tricky knot which is designed to be load bearing and so the children built frames which could be used to construct shelters.

As Year 6 start their final term at Great Budworth and their transmission to high school is not far away, they were pleased to receive their leavers' hoodies, which were kindly paid for by the **Big Boys' Breakfast**. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, as the children appreciate receiving these and always look forward to wearing them during their final term at the school.

Finally, we can announce that we have successfully recruited our new head: Mrs. Lucy Wainwright will be joining us in September. Mrs. Wainwright is an experienced head who is used to working in a small rural Church of England school within Cheshire West.

Richard Elias – Governor



SCHOOL 100 CLUB DRAW

The winners for April are:-

1st prize: 47 - Peter Wilkinson (£25)

2nd prize: 19 - Alan Ford (£10)

Prizes will be handed out when we can.