

DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER

Church Services are listed on pages 14-15

Wednesday 6th, Parish Hall, 7.30pm: WI Meeting

Friday 8th, Parish Hall, 10.00-12 noon: MacMillan Coffee Morning

Friday 8th, Parish Churchyard all night! Sponsored sleep outdoors

Tuesday 12th, Parish Hall, 7.30pm: Garden Club meeting

Thursday 14th, Parish Hall, 7.00pm: Church Quiz Night

Sunday 17th, Ice Cream Farm, 1.00pm: Sponsored walk (see below)

Tuesday 19th, Hayhurst Arms, 12.30pm: Ladies' lunch

Saturday 23rd, Parish Hall, 7.15pm: Big Boys' Big Fat Greek Symposium



A short circular walk suitable for all ages will take place from the Ice Cream Farm on Sunday 17th October, gathering at the farm at 1pm. Donations are for 'Team Robster', the Brain Tumour Trust. There will be light refreshments at the farm after the walk. Do join us!

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BUDWORTH BULLETIN

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**Join us for a Church Quiz Night
with Hotpot Supper**

Thursday 14th October

Starts 7.00pm

**Get your teams together (up to SIX in a team),
think of a team name, and join us at the Parish
Hall for an evening of brain-testing questions
with added food for thought (hot pot), bar and
raffle.**

Tickets £10 /person.

**Tickets from Margaret Cross 07732324001 or
Pauline Ridgway 01565733494**

GARDEN CLUB

We were able to start again in September and use the parish hall after a long time. It was a great start to the new era post-lockdown. This of course could change at any time, but we go ahead with caution.



Malcolm Torrance & Kate Edwell
on the Plant Stall

It was our annual Produce Show on Tuesday 14th September, when members brought home-made and home-grown entries for the show, all displayed outside the hall under the canopy. The committee did a sterling job in stewarding this event. Eddie Horrigan and Shirley Humphries were the judges and were busy until it went dark !

The results were:

Winner of the Banksian medal for most points overall was Julie Treharne.

Runners up were: Jo Munnery and Liz Watham, with equal points.

Individual classes were:

Tallest sunflower - 1st Julie Treharne, 2nd June Wilkinson, 3rd Jean Davies.

Three runner beans - 1st Liz Watham, 2nd Jo Munnery, 3rd Jean Davies.

Apple Pie - 1st Anna Lee, 2nd Henri Giller, 3rd Lesley Anderson.

Three onions - 1st Jane Fairclough, 2nd Jo Munnery, 3rd Liz Watham.

Chutney - 1st Liz Watham, 2nd Julie Treharne.

Jam - 1st Peter Davies, 2nd Henri Giller, 3rd Dawn Freeman.

Nine perennial flowers in a vase - 1st Janet Bashforth, 2nd Jo Munnery, 3rd Jean Davies.



Apple pie entries

Each winner was given a Garden Voucher.

The speaker that night was Melanie Latham, who sold her home-made chutney. She told many humorous stories and was an ideal speaker to make us forget the gloom of Covid and to feel positive about the future of the club.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 12th October in the hall at 7.30, when Harry Delaney, retired Reaseheath lecturer, and a favourite speaker in the club, will talk to us on the subject of plant vigour.

For further information please contact me in the first instance.

Jean Davies (01606 892383 / 07899) mrsjeandavies@gmail.com

Why not join us? Book your spot in church if you don't like sleeping under the stars! If you prefer to sponsor us, rather than sleep in or out, there will be sponsor sheets at the back of church. Family groups welcome.

If you would like to join us for the sleep out, please contact Margaret Cross 07732 324001 or Pauline Ridgway (01565 733494).



WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

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

We shall be offering a range of home-baked cakes and biscuits. And, as in the past, we'll be holding a raffle and there'll be a bring and buy stall, too.

We look forward to seeing you!

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CHURCH NEWS

Services for October:

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| Sunday 3rd | 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.30am | Parish Communion |
| Wednesday 6th | 10.30am | Holy Communion |
| Thursday 7th | 7.30pm | Celtic Evening Prayer |
| Sunday 10th | 10.30am | Matins |
| | 6.30pm | Holy Communion |
| Wednesday 13th | 1.30pm | Memorial service for Nick Hopkinson in church (<i>see letter from Lesley, his wife, on page 8</i>) |
| Sunday 17th | 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.30am | All Age Animal Blessing Service |
| | 6.30pm | Harvest Festival at Arley Chapel |
| Sunday 24th | 10.30am | Parish Communion |
| Sunday 31st | 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.30am | Parish Communion |
| | 4.00pm | All Souls – Service of Commemoration |



Note special services:

Animal Blessing Service on Sunday 17th October at 10.30am with The Rev Dr Jenny McKay – bring along your pet and have them blessed during the service.

Harvest Festival at Arley Chapel on Sunday 17th October at 6.30pm with The Rev Alec Brown. All welcome to come along and join in the harvest thanksgiving in the lovely surroundings of Arley Chapel.

All Souls – Service of Commemoration on Sunday 31st October at 4.00pm. A service of reflection and in remembrance of loved ones who have passed away. There will be a sheet at the back of church where you can record the name of a person/s you wish remembering at the service, and you will be invited to light a candle as the names are read out.

There is no requirement to book in any more for services. We still recommend hand sanitising and wearing a face covering in church for services and especially for singing. Communion still in one kind only (bread).

There is room in church for those who wish to remain socially distanced during the services.

Events:

Friday 8th October – Sponsored sleep outside or sleep inside church (champing). From 9pm This is to raise money for Afghan Refugees. £82 will supply a family with emergency basics. How many lots of £82 can we raise?



BIG BOYS' BIG FAT GREEK SYMPOSIUM

The Big Boys present a GREEK NIGHT on Saturday 23rd October at the Parish Hall, starting at 7.15pm and ending somewhat later.

Enjoy an evening of great Greek food, Greek refreshments and entertainment for all the family. Who can resist the feel of sunshine, a platter of Greek Meze to start, a selection of traditional food such as stifado, moussaka, souvlaki, or lemon chicken with, of course, vegetarian options. Plates of Greek salad will accompany this food and then a pudding, washed down with ouzo or retsina for the brave and good Greek wine for the cowardly. Greek beer, soft drinks, and the like will also be available.

Big Boys entertainment and Greek music will all add to the atmosphere and remind you of the Greek holiday you missed, thanks to Covid.

The price is a nominal £25 per person to include an initial glass of ouzo, wine, beer or soft drink. All proceeds to local charities, including the Parish Hall, which has an ambitious refurbishment programme.

Tickets are available from John Tours (891432), Richard Elias (07833 239714), Dave Hiatt (891019) and Don Hammond (891397). You are advised to get your ticket as early as possible as availability is limited.

NB - We are also looking for donations of unwanted plates to celebrate in style with a traditional Greek plate smashing ceremony. Any plates designated for the scrapheap would be received with thanks.



OUR VILLAGE

We're very lucky to live in such a historic and attractive village, but some who've recently come to live here maybe hadn't reckoned on a downside to owning a house here - and we're not referring to parking problems!

With the exception of parts of Smithy Lane, the whole village lies within, and is protected by, the government's green belt policies. The village centre is also designated as a Conservation Area and many of the old houses in the village are listed as of 'Architectural and / or Historic Interest'. The plan below shows the extent of the



Conservation Area.

These designations have helped protect us from large scale developments, such as happened to Comberbach. Indeed, even here in Great Budworth, in the 1960s a major contractor tried (unsuccessfully) to build 40 new homes behind High Street and Church Street. The plan included gaining access by demolishing Smithy Cottage and the Bowling

Green!

It was not until the 1970s that mains drainage was installed in the village. Until then a tanker would arrive every Tuesday morning to empty the outside loos. In the 1980s all the electric wires that festooned High Street and Church Street were moved underground and a sympathetic street lighting scheme was installed shortly after.

But with these designations there also come restrictions on what we can do with our houses - and the additional expense this sometimes involves. Estate agents and solicitors often fail to point these issues out! These include:

- The green belt limits development of new properties and extensions beyond a size which would affect the character of the green belt.
- The fact that we are in a Conservation Area limits the rights of householders to change and extend their homes, which might otherwise be allowed under Permitted Development Rights. Any extension or development we may want to make, including lopping or cutting down trees (some mature trees have Tree Preservation Orders), requires permission from planners in Cheshire West and Chester Council.
- All our listed buildings (most of the village core) have the further requirement that any alteration, whether internal or external, including to garden walls, needs Listed Building Consent, whether planning consent is needed or not! Any repairs must be

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will help me create an impact in Africa and beyond. I have currently founded a soccer club through which I help the youth find purpose in their lives. From their eyes, as they look at me, I find how truly they are inspired by my story. They can't believe that I have passed through university and this is a dream come true to me and to them!"

Every penny that is raised in the UK is sent to Kenya, as all the administrators are voluntary. If you can help by sponsoring a child at the cost of £20 per month, or in any other way, please contact:

Bill or Lesley Anderson 891354 bl.anderson@zen.co.uk
Alan or Heather Bailey 891149 baileyalan4@gmail.com

A warm welcome...



... to Linda Wyers, who moved into Belmont House on the Heath in March this year.

Linda moved from Hale, where she had lived for 30 years, but is delighted to be joining the community in Great Budworth. It has brought her closer to her son,

Alex who lives in Westage Lane with Alanna and 10 year old Lily. Linda and her three children, Alex, Nina and Nik, are passionately involved in the family business, The Floorbrite Group, which was started by her husband, who sadly died in 2010.

Moving into Budworth Heath is a dream come true for Linda, who had always wanted to live in the country. Linda has already been to a WI meeting and is enthusiastic about getting to know people in the village and to join in with village activities.



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The Bala Children's Centre in Kenya



The Bala Children's Centre in Kenya was set up in 2000 by Bishop Domnic Ochoo, who took ten children into his home. It has grown rapidly and now there are over 200 children and 10 teachers who attend the Centre. These children are mainly orphans, of whom around 80 live at the Centre. The rest walk daily to the Centre - often long distances.

As you can imagine, the Centre has been devastated by Covid.

A few years after its start, a UK charity was set up by some stalwarts in Gloucestershire to help with the financing of the Centre. They have done a fantastic job raising awareness and funds. We have helped and now have eight sponsors in Great Budworth, but are looking for more.

The website is www.balachildrenscentre.com

The work that has been done is best explained in the following letter:

"My name is Ezra Omollo. I'm 24 years old having graduated from the University of Nairobi on 14th September 2018. Coming from a severely disillusioned family with less than a dollar a day income and nine other kids, I was taken into the Bala Mercy Children's Centre with the help of Bishop Domnic and was sponsored by someone in the U.K. When I completed high school in 2012, I passed and earned an admission into the university. Juggling between assistance from Bishop Domnic, other friends and earning while I was on holidays, I managed to complete uni. (However, some of my friends who scored university grades but were not eligible for the government loan found it even harder to get into the next level of education-university as they couldn't raise the relatively higher amount required for the self-sponsored students).

Getting to pass through the university has been a great blessing as I now hold in my hands a teaching certificate which will feed me and my family and friends and

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of the same materials and pattern previously used.

- We are also required to comply with Building Regulations and to notify the Council's Building Control Office of any relevant work we wish done before starting that work. This includes control of fittings such as fires and boilers, and any electrical work unless carried out by a registered competent person.



The 'new' houses built on the north side of Westage Lane (in the 1980s & 90s) are subject to even further restrictions under planning law by virtue of an Article 4 Direction, which effectively totally removes all permitted development. This area was developed with advice of the Royal Fine Arts Commission to reflect the nature of the old village. Houses of two, three and four bedrooms of mixed architectural styles linked by pathways were designed to mirror the rest of the village. Some of these features are protected in a way similar to listed buildings.

So it can be wise to talk to Cheshire West & Chester's planners before your builder gets to work.

Jenny Bowman



Ladies' lunch

At last! Ladies' lunches are to resume. The first one will take place at 12.30pm on Tuesday 19th October, at The Hayhurst Arms. Please let me know if you'd like to join us as I shall be booking a table.

Hazel Forwood (01606 891908).

Dog Walking

If you are located in the Great Budworth area and are looking for a local caring dog walker, I am available for daily walks, toilet/feeding and general care and attention visits. For your dog's individual requirements/needs, please give me a call.



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SCHOOL NEWS

The start of the new academic year saw the school start a new chapter with our new head, Mrs Wainwright, joining us and we look forward to our new journey together. Mrs Wainwright addresses the community in the following letter.

Dear Great Budworth Village Community,

I am delighted to be writing to you as the newly appointed Headteacher of Antrobus St Mark's and Great Budworth CE Schools. I have received a very warm welcome from the school communities and feel very lucky to be working in such a beautiful part of the world. I am excited to be leading two wonderful schools and I am looking forward to building a future together.

You can be assured that I will work with our dedicated and talented staff team to strive to create the best education for our pupils whilst they are members of our school family. I welcome your insight and suggestions as to what is working well and ideas towards progress and changes that could improve our schools.

You will find me committed to our schools and to working alongside our parents, families and communities to lead our schools into the future, whilst holding on to the important sense of tradition that is an integral part of school history. I look forward to working alongside you all to ensure our schools are truly 'The heart of the village.'

I look forward to meeting many of you at upcoming school events and hope we can work together for the benefit of the school and the village.

Kind Regards, Mrs L Wainwright
Headteacher, Antrobus St Mark's CE Primary & Great Budworth CE Primary School



to have a good look amongst the treasures. We had been inundated with good quality goods which were greatly appreciated by the anxious crowds waiting for the grand opening of the doors. Trading was brisk and the buyers left very well pleased with their purchases. The job of sorting the surplus was enormous! There were piles of good clothes, which were sorted for the homeless and refugees via Care UK. The bric-a-brac items were taken by the Gillers, who delivered to a charity shop in North Wales for animal charities and there was an opportunity to take the good quality designer rail of clothes on to a charity shop.

Many thanks to all the helpers and the contributors. We couldn't run this without your goods and your help. We are making a gift to air ambulance as one of the contributors asked for this.

SAVE THE DATE!

After a year's break, the New Year's Eve party will be back!
Arrangements are being made for up to 40 people..... More information, bookings and cost will appear in the November Bulletin.

GREAT BUDWORTH CRICKET CLUB (GBCC)

The season finished on a high with two wins, bringing a very successful season to a close.

GBCC 118 all out (Matt Hankey 43, Pete Taylor 28); Kingsley 85 all out.

Lord Ashbrook's X1 162 all out (Rick Ford 4 for 7, Steve Norton 2 for 6 and Stuart Whitlow 2 for 32). GBCC 164 for 4 (Nick Winton 31 retired, Matt Hankey 31 retired and Doug Toy 35 retired).

In total twelve matches were completed, with the club winning ten and losing two. Unfortunately, several matches were cancelled owing to poor weather conditions.

The end of season presentation dinner was held at The Cock o' Budworth and awards were presented for:

Batting: Matt Hankey, with an average of 143. Matt was only out once.

Bowling: Rick Ford.

All-rounder: Doug Toy.

Champagne moment of the season: Doug Toy hitting a four off the last ball of the match to win against Reynolds!



The Club is always looking for additional players of any age, male or female. If you are interested in joining us for next season then please contact us at GBCCnewplayers@outlook.com.

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We are back to having our meetings in the Parish Hall and it felt just like old times. The big fire door remained open to keep the hall ventilated, though one member suggested we may be safe from Covid but in danger of developing pneumonia! Jackie Mafi (pictured) gave us a detailed talk on the passion of fashion. For example, how Chinese ladies bound their feet to keep their tiny shoes on and how the English pressed chalk and arsenic

into their faces to keep their skin pure white. Over the years ladies and gents have devised some strange ideas for followers of fashion - and even today some inject Botox to plump up their lips! It says it all. We enjoyed the evening and look forward to Jackie returning to hear other talks she has in her repertoire.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 6th October at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall when we look forward to hearing a talk by Roger Devonside, who is an aeroplane wing walker!! I am never sure whether wing walkers are exceedingly brave or rather nutty-slack!! It will be an interesting evening and if there is anyone out there who wants to have a go at wing walking, then this is your chance to find out all about that potential new hobby! It is good to be trying to get back to normal on another step forward. Entry for WI members is free and visitors pay an entrance fee of £5 at the door.



Book Club

The book that is being read this month is "Life on a Knife Edge" by Lawrence Nasralla. I believe he lives locally and works for Waitrose. Lawrence grew up in Iraq and lived under the rule of Saddam Hussein. He has a remarkable story to tell, so it is a good read. The book group meet on Monday 4th October.

WI Ramblers

The September walk was from Lymm Dam, through the village and along the Trans Pennine walkway to Heatley, then back along the Canal, followed by lunch at a restaurant in Lymm village centre. It was a lovely walk with lots of interest along the way and approximately 4½ miles.

Our next walk is on Tuesday 12th October leaving the village hall at 10am. The route will be announced at the next meeting.

JUMBLE SALE

We were delighted with the results from the Jumble Sale. We were blessed with a fine day, so stalls were inside and outside, giving buyers much more space for them

A meeting of Great Budworth Parish Council was held on Monday 6th September in the Parish Hall. The meeting was attended by all seven Parish Councillors, all three unitary councillors and 11 members of the public.



The following is a summary of the proceedings. Full minutes of the meeting will be posted on the Great Budworth website. The next meeting will be held on 1st November. All are welcome.

Budget 2021-2022

The budget for 2021-22 was reviewed and approved.

Lower Pumphouse

Cllr. Lee reported that she was due to meet a representative from CW&C at the pump house on 16th September, when a sample of spring water would be taken for analysis.

Parish Hall and Parish Field Agreement

Transfer of assets to the newly formed Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) had been approved. CIO trustees had met and work was in hand to deal with such administrative matters as changing the bank account and policy matters, such as fire policy. The Parish Hall has been added to the Parish Council insurance policy.

Bowling Green and Tennis Club Lease renewal

A meeting has been arranged for Monday 27th September to discuss this. As well as the agreement, the meeting will also consider insurance matters, bearing in mind the issue of insurable interest.

The Avenue

It was not clear whether it is beneficial to remove the epicormic growth from lime trees or not, and so maintenance will continue as at present, with the existing contract simply to trim and strim the undergrowth.

Assets

At the time of the meeting there had been no response to the WhatsApp and Bulletin requests for a volunteer to help re-value the parish council's assets (*NB: there has since been an offer of help*). It was noted that there are two dimensions to the task: (1) to update and possibly re-value the assets in the Parish Asset Report to ensure we have appropriate insurance cover, especially for the Parish Hall; and (2) to revise the report so that it includes the values required by the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR).

Cllr. Wilkinson was thanked for his work to remove rails from the new gate to ease access for pushchairs, etc.

Cllr. Robins is looking into suggestions as to how best to mark HM Queen's Jubilee next year and would report back to the next meeting.

As many of our readers will already know, the death of Nick Hopkinson ('Hoppy'), was announced on 2nd September.

We shall include a full appreciation of Nick in a later issue, but in the meantime his wife, Lesley, has issued this letter to us all.

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

I would like to thank you all for your support and kindness over the last few weeks following the shock of the loss of my husband Nick (Hoppy). It still feels bewildering to write those words.

The display of respect at his private funeral on Friday 17th September was very moving and much appreciated.

As well as being my husband, Nick had a great many friends and business colleagues around the country - and indeed the world - and his untimely death has made an impact which is greater than I could have imagined.

There was a part of him that was in 'public ownership' and I have been overwhelmed by letters from people I don't even know - telling me what a difference he made to their small charity organisations, or how he mentored them to take their fundraising to another level - from the Manchester Camerata to an orphanage in Tanzania, from Petty Pool and The Joshua Tree to the Haemochromatosis Society.

During his year as High Sheriff, he helped many other causes and continued chairing some of their committees even after his year ended - Cheshire Food Bank being one example.

As well as his main focus on creating centres of excellence for supporting young people - the 'Youth Zones' across the country (the Warrington one is nearing completion), he was also personally raising money for Manchester Royal Children's Hospital, one project for the children's cancer department and another project for a children's brain scanner.

I am organising a Thanksgiving Memorial Celebration of his life on October 13th at 1.30pm and will - in true Hoppy tradition - be using this service to tie up some of these smaller projects, as they were funded by selling pieces of art that he had commissioned. This is not an appeal for donations from friends in Great Budworth for once! This is aimed at some of the corporate representatives and business leaders who will be at the memorial service.

I have not put a public notice about this service in a national newspaper or on social media - deliberately - because already I am being overwhelmed by numbers of people intending to come. The church will be at full capacity and we will have



speakers outside. Much of the seating inside the church will have to be reserved, unfortunately - as some people are coming from great distances across Europe - and I will have to ensure them a seat in church.

Everyone is welcome - but I would ask if villagers could hold back until most of the visitors arrive, before filling up the back of the church - or if it is a nice day, bring a chair and sit outside...

I am concerned about the continued risk of Covid, of course - so am asking people coming to take lateral flow tests and to wear masks if coming into the church.

After the service, everyone is welcome to wander back to the garden of The Old Hall for refreshments - although again, this could be a challenge if numbers get out of control.

I would ask anyone who is intending to come back to The Old Hall to kindly email our PA, Donna (donna@hoppyhome.co.uk) with your name(s) so that we have some idea of numbers for catering purposes.

I am indebted to local people for their offers of parking on the day, for the help in traffic management, for your tolerance - and of course to Alec our Vicar for his constant support. It was suggested by several people that this service should be in Chester Cathedral.... but I know that Nick would rather it was here - so I apologise for the inevitable major disruption on October 13th.

With heartfelt gratitude

Lesley and family

Christmas door wreaths

Start your Christmas by making your own door wreath in the barn at Guide Post Farm Aston by Budworth. Or you could try a door saw, holly ball, table decorations or garland. Come and have a go!

Mince pies and mulled wine will be served to help you along!

Starting 1st December to the 11th December in small groups of eight, there's a choice of three daily sessions:-

9:30- 12midday : 1:30pm - 4pm : 6:30- 9pm

Cost: £40 including wreath frame and greenery.

Ring Maggie to book your place 07970 927 161 or 01565 777262

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