

MARCH DIARY DATES

Church Services and events are listed on pages 10-11

Wednesday 2nd, Parish Hall, 7.00pm. WI meeting. Speaker: Melanie Latham

Friday 4th, Cock o'Budworth, 7.00pm. Race Night. FULLY BOOKED

Saturday 5th, Parish Church, 10.00am-11.30am. Coffee morning to set rota for church teas

Monday 7th, Parish Hall, 7.00pm. Parish Council meeting. All welcome

Tuesday 8th, TBA. WI walk

Tuesday 8th, Outside Church, 11.35-12.35pm. Mobile library

Tuesday 8th, Parish Hall, 7.00pm. Garden Club meeting. Subject: heucheras

Tuesday 15th: COPY DEADLINE FOR APRIL BULLETIN

Wednesday 16th, Winsford Academy, 7.00pm. WI Group Meeting

Thursday 17th, Antrobus Arms, 12.30pm. Ladies' lunch

Friday 25th, Parish Hall, 7.30pm. Rural Touring Arts event: 'Cello on Fire'

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BUDWORTH BULLETIN

March 2022

Cello on Fire

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RACE NIGHT

COCK O'BUDWORTH

4 MARCH, 7PM

IN AID OF

THE GREAT BUDWORTH CRICKET CLUB

Great Budworth Cricket Club is organising a race night for club funds on the evening of Friday 4th March.

Tickets are £30 per head which includes supper, eight races starting at 7pm and an auction.

Anyone interested in tickets for the evening, sponsoring a race or donating an auction lot please contact Maggie Blower 01606 891213.

Cheshire West Libraries Mobile Library

The Mobile Library has been offering only a limited service since June 2021, owing to the pandemic. Happily, they have now resumed a full service.

The Mobile Library will visit Great Budworth on the following dates and times, when it will be parked outside the church.

Future dates: 8th March, 29th March, 19th April, 10th May, 31st May, 21st June, and 12th July.



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A meeting of Great Budworth Parish Council was held on Monday 7th February in the Parish Hall. The meeting was attended by all eight Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk and five members of the public

The following is a summary of the proceedings. Full minutes of the meeting are available on the Great Budworth web-site. The next meeting will be held on Monday 7th March. All are welcome.



Budget and Precept 2022/23

The draft budget for 2022/23 was approved. It was agreed that the sum of £1,500 should be allocated to the Platinum Jubilee programme of village events.

Highways Matters

Budworth Lane/A559: A negative response had been received from CW&C Highways to the proposal (which originated in Comberbach, not Great Budworth) for a one-way system along Budworth Lane on the far side of the A559, but no other ideas were put forward and it was agreed that it was difficult to see what else the Parish Council can do since responsibility ultimately rests with CW&C.

School Lane: Cllr Robins agreed to speak with the new Head of the school and ask that problems associated with vehicles using the lane be brought to the attention of parents, teachers and suppliers who use the route.

Parish-owned Trees

The Parish Council's application for permission to carry out work to the holm oak trees at the top pumphouse has been approved by CW&C.

The quotation from Treefellers for work to Parish-owned trees was accepted.

Parish Hall & Parish Field Management Agreement

The new Management Agreement between the Parish Council (the legal owner of the Parish Hall and Parish Field) and the Parish Hall Committee was approved by all and signed by the chairman, Cllr Collier, for the Parish Council and Cllr Hammond for the Parish Hall Charity.

Bowling Green and Tennis Club Agreement

The draft lease will be amended to provide clarity on insurance arrangements.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Maggie Blower was thanked for the work she has done, and continues to do, to pull together an excellent programme of events to celebrate the Jubilee. She presented a breakdown of likely costs and the Parish Council agreed to contribute £1,500 towards this.

Small Grants Application

The sum of £400 was approved for the Budworth Bulletin.

SCHOOL NEWS

Staff have been busy planning and delivering exciting lessons and developing inviting reading areas in the classrooms for the children to enjoy time curled up with a book. We thank our fabulous FoTS for enabling us to resource these areas, as well as funding for some new phonetically decodable reading books.

We are still on the lookout for mystery readers to share stories with our children. Please do get in touch via the office if you are able to help. In response to my plea in last month's Bulletin, we had a generous donation of pre-loved books, which will certainly boost stocks in our school library for the children to enjoy. This half term we have recruited two new librarians from our year six pupils to organise and run our school library. We are so pleased with their enthusiasm and commitment to this role. During storytelling week, we read lots of stories and shared our favourite ones too.

Another exciting event was celebrating the NSPCC Number Day. We came to school with numbers on our clothes, donated £1 to the NSPCC and spent the day engaged in exciting maths activities. Class 4 at Great Budworth were able to work via technology alongside our friends in Class 3 at Antrobus. Recently we explored Chinese New Year. Our classrooms were decorated with Chinese lanterns and the children enjoyed a special Chinese lunch menu of chicken and noodles.

Once we return after a half term break, we will be straight into Lent and looking forward to preparing for Easter through songs and drama. Are you a poet or an author of children's books who might like to visit school and share your love of literature with the children? We are planning events for the week of World Book Day, Thursday 4th March. Please do get in touch if you are able to help.

Our Twitter account is updated regularly and is available for viewing via our school website. Please do log on to find out more about our lovely village school.

Mrs Rachel Corradine – Deputy Headteacher

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TENNIS CLUB

The annual Kay Cup was due to be played on 5th February, but unfortunately had to be postponed. This tournament will now be held on the morning of Saturday 12th March.

The second annual tournament of 2022, the Parker Cup, is traditionally held on Grand National Day, which this year is Saturday 9th April. It will be held at the Great Budworth court from 10.00am until 4.00pm.

This event is also being held as an 'Open Day' for members and non-members to come down to the court to meet fellow tennis players. Refreshments will be available in the Bowling Club pavilion and we look forward to welcoming people to the Tennis Club. Everyone is welcome!

Please contact Sue Moorhouse, Club Secretary, on 07742 535256 or Coral Houston, Tournaments Officer, on 07711 406330 if you would like more information.



Ladies' lunch

February's lunch was a very jolly affair, attended by nine ladies. The March lunch will take place at the Antrobus Arms on Thursday, 17th March at 12.30. Please contact me by the 15th March if you'd like to join us as I'll need to book a table.

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We had a splendid start to our 90th birthday celebrations in February, with a delicious hot meal in the Parish Hall, followed by an entertaining cartoonist who amazed us with his quick skills on his flip chart. Members were encouraged to have a go and took home their own cartoon. One member, Elizabeth Smith, took photographs of the party and has delivered a lovely album to commemorate the evening. The Parish Hall looks so

splendid when it is dressed and ready for a party.

The speaker at the group meeting on March 16th at Winsford Academy will be Gareth Williams, who appears as King Charles II. Tickets are available at £6 each. Gareth is an excellent speaker and gives a good delivery as Charles II, who was known as the Merry Monarch and lived a colourful life.



The next meeting on Wednesday 2nd March is a demonstration by Melanie Latham of Holly Cottage Preserves, who makes amazing jams and chutneys. Melanie turns any fruits and vegetables into tasty chutneys. She will



show us how to make chutney and you can buy jars of a variety of chutneys after the talk. The meeting starts at 7.30pm and visitors are welcome at an entry fee of £5.

June Wilkinson 01606 891534

Book Club.

The book club are reading "The Glass Room" by Simon Mawer.

WI Ramblers.

The ramblers walked around Little Budworth in February and enjoyed a lunch at the Fox and Barrel at Utkinton on the A49. The next walk is on Tuesday 8th March. More details at the March meeting.

IN MEMORY OF MARK DEACON

The village of Great Budworth became an integral part of Mark's life when his parents began to build their family home here. Five years later, in 1972, the move from Warrington to the village was completed.



The eldest of five children, Mark immersed himself in village life. An accomplished pianist and a bell ringer, he embraced village life. Mark's former choirmaster from St. Margarets in Orford, Norman Baker, was also a prominent member of the church and the village and many evenings were spent partaking of a few beers reminiscing. Mark's passion for sailing began at Budworth Sailing Club and his love of the sea continued throughout his life. In a fibreglass canoe, built in the garage on Southbank, a small gang of young people enjoyed blissful summers on the Mere! The sun obviously shone all of the time!

Mark attended Boteler Grammar School in Warrington, then qualified in medicine at Liverpool University, following in the footsteps of his father, Fred. Mark made a difference in the world of surgery with accolades as Consultant Surgeon and Honorary Senior Lecturer in the Midlands (Upper GI Specialism), President of the Pancreatic Surgical Society of Great Britain and Ireland and Assessor of Examiners for the FRCS, to name a few. Sadly, Mark died aged 64 years in March 2019 leaving his extended family bereft. We continue to celebrate Mark's life and his light continues to shine.

Great Budworth Pumphouse Gin

Kate, our resident medical herbalist, has created Great Budworth Pumphouse Gin to mark the occasion of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and to raise funds for our village celebrations in June.

Meadowsweet and lime flowers, which were collected from the village and its outskirts, were added to the more classic gin botanicals by the award-winning Spirit of Manchester Distillery, who were commissioned for the distillation.

The taste is balanced, clean, dry and very smooth on the palate. It works well with a wide range of tonic waters, slices of any citrus fruit and even accompanying spices as serving suggestions.

There is still plenty available to buy from the George & Dragon, but when it's gone, it will be gone for good. Only 300 bottles were made and each is hand-numbered. Enjoy responsibly whilst it's still available, knowing that 100% of profits will fund our Jubilee celebrations in a few months' time.



GARDEN CLUB

The days we have been waiting for are here at last. Restrictions are mostly lifted, there are heartening signs of spring - and Garden Club members wanting to join again.

The AGM went well, with many people paying their subscription for 2022/3. Andrew Bushell and Henri Giller retired from the committee, but Neil Harvey took over as treasurer, and Julie Treharne took charge of holidays and outings. Neil and Julie are pictured here.

Peter Davies has been the treasurer for 21 years, and has done an incredible job, and the club is in a good financial position. He will continue as deputy treasurer to show Neil the ropes!

All the remaining committee were re-elected en bloc, so we have a 'new year and new start' at last.

Events Cards were given to those members who paid and we can look forward to an excellent year ahead. The last opportunity to pay your subscription is 8th March and if we do not receive your payment by then, we shall assume you have retired from the club, though you will always be able to attend some meetings as a guest. I would like to thank all past members for wonderful support over the years.



The membership is now full until the AGM in 2023.

The meeting following the AGM was a fantastic presentation of slides with a talk by Dave Brotton (pictured, left), entitled 'Local Wild Life'. He was thanked by Linda Enderby.

The next meeting is on 8th March at 7.30, when we have a talk on heucheras from the owner of the award winning Plantagogo.

For any information about the club, please contact me.

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From the WI Archive



The very first meeting for the WI took place on Wednesday 3rd February 1932 at Providence House at 2.30pm. (Although the village hall was available, it was in its early days and was only used by the Boys' Club. The facilities at Providence House were more suitable for the WI and Mrs Shindler, whose home it was, was a committee member.)

Miss Egerton Warburton presided. There were 53 members and six intending members present. The minutes of the last two meetings were read and signed. Mrs G L Love was elected as delegate to the Cheshire AGM at the Refectory in Chester.

Mrs Adair proposed and Mrs Love seconded a charge of 2d per head for a cup of tea and a cake - with an additional 1d per cake be charged to anyone wanting more than one !!! Mrs Shingler was appointed president of the tea sub-committee.

Mrs Love gave a very interesting talk on marmalade making and was enthusiastically applauded after a hearty vote of thanks.

During the next few meetings speakers included a demonstration on plucking and dressing a fowl, lessons on the singing of Jerusalem, a demonstration of cane seating, another on glove making - and classes were arranged for members to have a go. A past member, Mrs Kathleen Harris, told us she made one glove but never managed to make the other one !! Mrs Bromley Davenport spoke on 'Making the best of Life'. That has to be as apt today as in 1932.

The WI continued to meet each month at Providence House for the next 25 years, but in November 1957 Mrs Shindler died and the members decided it was time to move to the Club Room, which was the former name of the parish hall. More archives next month.

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GREAT BUDWORTH CHURCH BURNS NIGHT AT THE GEORGE & DRAGON PUB

The Restoration Committee organised their sixth traditional Burns Night at the George & Dragon with fewer people than in the past as ticket sales were capped at 50 for everyone's comfort and safety. All our guests were in party mood from the very start, with Piper James Axon accompanying them to their tables and Robert Fraser delivering his address to the haggis to absolute perfection.

Staff at the George were superb and the meal was outstanding. Our thanks to Christopher Wright for agreeing to hold this event and making a generous donation of **£1040**.

The Auction was one of the highlights and we were delighted that Lord Ashbrook volunteered to be our auctioneer for the evening. His charming, persuasive, and amusing manner soon had the bids rolling in at levels well beyond our expectations. The 10 auction prizes included hospitality at the George & Dragon and the Angel@Knutsford, which both exceeded previous levels, as did the prize of a sumptuous afternoon tea for six with a personal butler in attendance! There were properties for the weekend in London and Cumbria, with fierce bidding from guests keen to secure somewhere for their staycations.

Who could resist having the chef from the celebrated San Carlo's restaurant to create dinner for twelve people in their own home and clearing away afterwards? Well, several people thought that, too, as bidding reached new records. Sue Ritchie, family historian, offered help with research to build one's family tree, which became even more popular this year. Lord and Lady Ashbrook offered prizes of conducted trips around their gardens, with tea afterwards, as well as an opportunity to sharpen up one's tennis skills on Arley's own court.

The auction alone raised an outstanding figure of **£15,100**, including kind donations from people who missed their favourite lot. The traditional raffle had stunning prizes of a food hamper, luxury fruit cake, car valet to showroom standard and a floral bouquet, which helped ticket sales rise to just over **£1,200**. The grand total of income, net of costs, came to an outstanding figure of **£17,005**.

The Restoration Committee raises funds to maintain and repair the Church, as recommended every five years by our architect. As a result of your immense generosity, we are in the fortunate position where we are well advanced in our maintenance

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EASTER DATES

Sunday 10th April – Palm Sunday
Thur 14th April – Maundy Thursday
Friday 15th April – Good Friday
Sunday 17th April – Easter Day
Friday 29th April – Spring Concert with Condote Singers

JANE'S GARDEN IS THE STAR!

Residents of Great Budworth—or those of a horticultural bent—are well acquainted with the beauty of Jane Fairclough's garden in Parm Place, High Street. And now, the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) has acknowledged it as such, too, as Parm Place features in the current issue of the RHS's monthly journal, *The Garden*. The feature commands no fewer than six pages—and does Jane and her garden proud, as the picture here shows. As Jane says, "I'm very proud and honoured with the article."



If you'd like to see Jane's garden for yourself, it will be open to the public under the National Garden Scheme on Sunday 3rd April, 1pm—5pm and Sunday 26th June, 1pm—5pm.

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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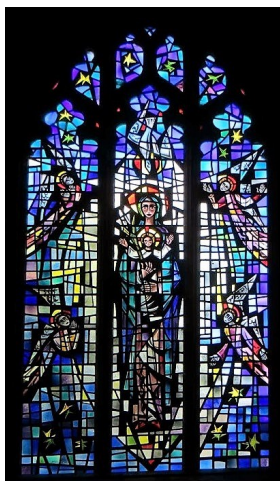
- Wednesday 2nd** 7.30pm Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes for Ash Wednesday (AB & CW)
(Note no 10.30am service on Ash Wednesday)
- Thursday 3rd** 7.00pm Compline followed by Lent discussion group (CW)
- Sunday 6th** 8.00am Holy Communion BCP (CW)
10.30am All Age Worship (JMK)
12.15pm Baptism (AB)
- Thursday 10th** 7.00pm Compline followed by Lent discussion group (AB)
- Sunday 13th** 10.30am Matins BCP (AB)
12.15pm Baptism (AB)
4.00pm Holy Communion CW (AB)
- Thursday 17th** 7.00pm Compline followed by Lent discussion group (CW)
- Sunday 20th** 8.00am Holy Communion BCP (AB)
10.30am Parish Communion CW (CW)
6.30pm Evening Prayer at Arley Chapel (AB)
- Thursday 24th** 7.00pm Compline followed by Lent discussion group (AB)
- Sunday 27th** 10.30am Mothering Sunday Service (CW)
- Thursday 31st** 1.30pm Great Budworth School Easter Service
- Thursday 31st** 7.00pm Compline followed by Lent discussion group (CW)

(AB = Rev Alec Brown CW = Rev Christina Westwell JMK = Rev Dr Jenny McKay)
BCP = Book of Common Prayer CW = Common Worship)

Other Events

- Saturday 5th** – Coffee Morning in church 10.00am – 11.30am to set rota for church teas
- Saturday 12th** – Concert in Church – Vale Royal Senior Band and Cheshire Wind Band (more details to follow in church)
- Monday 21st** – Start of three weeks of external re-pointing on the Church.
- Wednesday 23rd** – National Day of Reflection: one minute silence at 12 noon.

See next page for the latest Easter dates (more details next month).



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programme, although the next inspection is never far away. The Church, however, has understandably found it hard over the two Covid years to raise sufficient income to cover day to day running costs. The Committee have therefore decided to make a one-time donation of this Burns Night surplus of £17,005 and add this to fundraising initiatives by the Parochial Church Council to recover the deficit.



Our huge thanks to all those who have generously provided prizes and so enthusiastically bid for the lots, and bought raffle tickets and for helping and supporting us in so many ways. You are the stars!

Jim Martin,
Chairman, Church Restoration Committee



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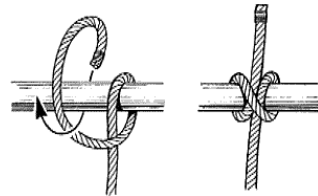


JUBILEE PLANS UPDATE

HOW TO MAKE YOUR SCARECROW

Villagers are being invited to join in with the Queen's Jubilee celebrations by creating a scarecrow of their own (with a royal theme) and here are tips as how to make one.

1. You will need a 7 foot and a 4 foot pole or cane.
Stuff 2 old stockings with straw/rags and attach to each end of the 4 foot pole.
2. Attach the arms with string to the 7 foot pole 6 inches below the top, preferably with a clove hitch knot (see pic, right). Tie VERY tightly.
3. Then, either stuff two more stockings for the legs or stuff directly into trousers tied at the ankles.
4. Make braces with string and hang them onto the arms. Dress the scarecrow, stuffing the body directly into the shirt/ blouse.
5. Now the head: stuff a small hessian bag or similar, tie the neck tightly. Paint or stitch the face.
6. Attach the head to the pole. Don't worry if the head is square — you can cover it with a wig or hat.
We suggest that you exhibit your scarecrow outside your house some time after mid-May.



Good luck!
Lesley Anderson

STREET FOOD CELEBRATION, SUNDAY 5TH JUNE

As part of our Queen's Jubilee celebrations, there will be a Smithy Lane Street Food Celebration on Sunday 5th June, when the Budworth Big Boys will have 'street stalls' at the Parish Hall, providing a variety of enticing foods, such as chilli with nachos, vegetarian curry, paella, coq au vin and pulled pork throughout the afternoon.

Bar facilities will be provided, as well as music, and there will be a disco into the evening.

Tickets will cost £15 per adult and £7.50 per child and each ticket will include a complimentary drink on arrival and all-you-can-eat refreshments (until the food runs out!). More details to come nearer the date, but please purchase tickets in advance (more details in the next Bulletin).

Don Hammond

THE BIG BOYS' BREAKFAST

The Budworth Big Boys' Breakfast proved a great success! A small queue awaited the opening at 9.00am and breakfast was served until a little after midday. Eggs were donated by Poplar Farm, to whom we extend our sincere thanks, and the raffle raised £100 on a hamper kindly donated by the Friends of the School, along with other donated prizes.



Attendance was just a tad less than normal, but something over 90 breakfasts were served. Reduced numbers were probably the result of holidays and Covid factors. The only element of disruption came from the alarm system that chose to be activated and proved difficult to reset. The usual array of calorific content was provided in a seamless system, proving the efficiency of integrated teamwork! All in all, the profit amounted to a little over £850 which will result in significant donations to the Parish Hall (which has had diminished revenues in recent months), the Friends of the School, the Budworth Bulletin and St Luke's Hospice.

Don Hammond

CLOSURE OF SOOT HILL

An emergency closure of Soot Hill was implemented on 28th December owing to the collapse of a substantial retaining wall that supported the highway. A nearby building was damaged by falling masonry. Thankfully nobody was injured.

It's not safe to access the site at present because of the risk of further material falling onto the site. High voltage cables have been exposed because of the land slip; these are suspended above a void – with remnants of the collapse material sitting on the live cables.

The first stage of the stabilisation process is to prop the building to protect it from any further collapses. Once that's done, steps will be taken to remove any remaining collapse material safely. An investigation team will then be able to access the site to ascertain the likely cause of the land slip.

The Council is working with contractors to stabilise the site and then move on to repair the collapsed retaining wall and adjacent carriageway. Major works will be necessary to repair the wall and carriageway, including the diversion of essential services. The full scope of these works isn't known at present, but it's likely that the road will remain closed for at least 12 months. The extent and duration of the work will depend on the findings of the investigation. The response to the land slip is being progressed as promptly as possible.

