DIARY DATES FOR APRIL

Details of Church services and events are on p11

Sunday 2nd, Parm Place, High Street, 1.00-5.00pm, NGS Garden opening. Wednesday 5th, Parish Hall, 7.30pm. WI meeting. Tuesday 11th, WI Ramblers

Tuesday 11th, Parish Hall, 7.30pm. Garden Club meeting.
Saturday 15th, Tennis Court, 10.00am. GB Tennis Club, Kay Cup tournament.
Thursday 20th, Spinner & Bergamot, 12.30pm. Ladies' lunch.
Thursday evenings, Bowling Green, 6.45pm. Introduction to bowls.
Monday afternoons, Bowling Green, 1.30pm. Introduction to bowls for ladies.
Friday 21st, from Ice Cream Farm, 9.00am. Garden Club trip to Holden Clough.
Thursday 27th, Heyrose Golf Club, WI fashion show.
Friday 28th, Byley. WI County Quiz.

ELECTORAL DEADLINES

Tuesday 4th. Candidate nominations.
Monday 17th. Voter registrations by 11.59pm.
Tuesday 18th. Postal vote applications by 5pm.
Tuesday 25th. Voter Authority Certificate (VAC) applications due by 5pm.
Tuesday 25th. Proxy vote applications due by 5pm.

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We wish all our readers

a very happy Easter



TENNIS CLUB

The tennis season got off to a great start with our first annual tournament, the **Kay Cup**, on Sunday 19th February at Birchwood Leisure Centre, Warrington. Sixteen members of the Tennis Club took part, playing mixed doubles, with each pair battling against all the other pairs.



Congratulations go to the joint winners, Jenny Baldwin

and Stephen Houston, along with Cheryl Clarke and Robert Fraser. Runners up were Coral Houston and Graham Goodall with Jane Elliott and Glenn Johnson in third place. Presentation of the Kay Cup to the winners will take place on the day of the Parker Cup, when Kathleen Kay will join us to kindly do the honours.

The **Parker Cup** is the second tournament of the year. It is traditionally held on Grand National Day, which this year is Saturday 15th April. It will be held at the Great Budworth court from 10.00am until 4.00pm. Members and non-members are invited to come down to the Great Budworth court / Bowling Club pavilion to meet other members and see the Club in action. Refreshments will be available in the pavilion and we look forward to welcoming people to the Tennis Club. Let's hope for some nice dry Spring weather!

Sue Moorhouse, Club Secretary (07742 535256)

GREAT BUDWORTH CRICKET CLUB

The cricket season is nearly upon us and the club recently held its AGM at the Cock o'Budworth, during which officers, fixtures and details for the season were discussed and confirmed.

We can only hope that the weather is as good as last year. If so, we can produce an excellent pitch to match the perfect surroundings of the Arley ground. Last season the club received many compliments on the playing surface and outfield. This was achieved by much hard work by members and having the use of a new heavy roller. The roller was purchased from money raised at a very successful race night held at the Cock.



The club always welcomes new members, so anybody of either gender or any age who wants to play social cricket please contact us at GBCCnewplayers@outlook.com. We play mainly evening games with a few at weekends and we have a post-match BBQ at home matches. We would also like to hear from anyone who would be interested in becoming our scorer.

Garden Opening Parm Place, High Street



Sunday 2nd April, 1.00–5.00pm Admission: adults £5; children free



Many readers will already be familiar with Jane Fairclough's beautiful garden. This is an opportunity to enjoy her well-stocked 1/2 acre garden in springtime, with its curving lawn, parterre, shrubs and stunning views over the Cheshire countryside.

Fancy playing bowls ...

... but don't know how to get started? Or played before and want to start again? Then come along to the Bowling Club on Thursday evenings at 6.45pm.

Ladies can also come on Monday afternoons at 1.30pm. There will always be somebody to teach/ help you to play. Don't worry if you haven't any bowls: there are spare sets available in the club house.



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LOCAL ELECTIONS - Thursday 4th May

ocal elections take place on Thursday, 4th May. These are to elect three councillors to represent our ward (Marbury) on Cheshire West & Chester Council (CW&C) and also eight councillors on Great Budworth Parish Council. If there are fewer than eight candidates for the Parish Council those candidates will be automatically appointed.



Candidates:

You need to submit your nomination to CW&C. Information packs (which include a nomination form) are available from our Parish Clerk, Janet Bennett, at: greatbudworthparishclerk@gmail.com.

Deadline for submission: 4th April

Are you registered to vote?

Make sure that you're registered to vote by 11.59pm on Monday 17th April. You can check by emailing elreg@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk or by phoning 01244 977084.

Voting in person:

You must now take photographic ID (for further information contact CW&C as above). If you have no photo ID you can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate (VAC). Apply only line at www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate or by post or in person, in which case contact CW&C electoral services, as above. Deadline for applying for a VAC: 5pm on 25th April.

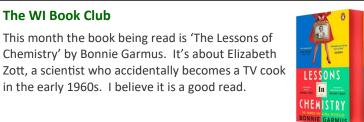
Postal & Proxy Voting

Contact CW&C electoral services (as above) to apply for a postal or proxy vote. Deadline for postal vote applications is 5pm on Tuesday 18th April and for proxy vote applications is 5pm on Tuesday 25th April.

This month the book being read is 'The Lessons of

Chemistry' by Bonnie Garmus. It's about Elizabeth

The WI Book Club



WI Ramblers

INSPIRING WOMEN

The walking group enjoyed a walk around Nether Alderley with a lunch at The Churchill Tree in Alderley Park in March. The Churchill Tree, a grade II-listed former Tenants Hall, (pictured) is a lovely place to eat.

in the early 1960s. I believe it is a good read.

In April the walk is planned for Tuesday 11th April, the day after Bank Holiday Monday. The destination is to be announced at the April meeting.



t long last, third time lucky: Shan Bristow came to speak to WI members about her work at Styal Mill, the National Trust property and home of Samuel and Hannah Greg (pictured).

The Mill and its surroundings, including the home and gardens, have been re-opened after the pandemic and include a new visitor centre. Shan's enthusiasm was obvious and we all enjoyed

her presentation.

The April meeting is now the beginning of the new WI year. Subscriptions were due at the meeting on Wednesday 6th March and new members are welcome to come along and to see what we are all about.

Members have been informed of the ways of paying the membership fee of £40 and the new programmes for 2023 / 2024 will be available.



The speaker at the first meeting of our new year on 5th April is Tina Saunders, who was one of the dressmakers to her Majesty the Queen. We thought she would be an appropriate speaker to have so close to the Coronation.

Tina has a business called 'Needles and Sparkles', which makes outfits for special occasions, such as bridal wear and turning High Street outfits into one-offs. She also runs classes to do all types of needlework and embroidery. Tina has been recommended to us so we look forward to hearing her talk: if you would like to be a visitor it is £5 entry.

Members, don't forget to enter classes at the Cheshire Show in June. The WI marquee is a great display of crafts, cookery, paintings and photography and is well worth a visit.

Pickmere WI have invited members to a fashion show at Heyrose Golf Club on 27th April and Great Budworth & District WI have entered a team of four in the County Quiz at Byley on 28th April.

CORONATION EVENTS

The WI are holding a 'CAKES and CROWNS' competition on Monday 8th May and hopefully it will be just as successful as the cake competition at the Platinum Jubilee when, after the judging, we all enjoyed devouring the cakes with a cup of tea.

The crowns must be homemade by converting a hat or making it from cardboard and cotton wool or ermine and rubies !!

We would like you to be able to wear the crowns to add to the splendour of the occasion as all the festivities continue on the school field after we have eaten cake. The winner will be chosen by public vote.

There are more details of this on page 10 of this issue of the Bulletin.

If you have any queries, please contact me and leave a message.

June Wilkinson 891534

A MESSAGE FROM GREAT BUDWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Great Budworth community,

Since submitting our Planning Application for an adequate secure fence around school, I have been appointed as acting head. Governors and I have recently fully reviewed the proposals and the process to date.

On 14th March we were pleased to welcome members of the community and the Parish Council into school to share the need for the secure fence and to look at meaningful ways in which we could lessen the impact of the proposals whilst still achieving a secure environment for the children.

Our joint meeting was preceded by information received from the Biodiversity Team at CWaC detailing the council terms of a Tree & Hedgerow Retention Plan, Ecological Assessment and features to promote the free movement of wildlife. We shall be appointing an experienced ecology specialist to undertake a detailed study and to develop a method statement ensuring that habitats are protected and that there is no damage to trees or hedgerows.

Extensive discussion was undertaken regarding risks and safeguarding along with the justification for a secure fence. There will always be differences of opinion about the level of risk and what are reasonable steps to protect against those risks. The school has done its homework; it did not go into this lightly and it asks the community to respect that the responsibility for assessing risks and keeping children safe rests firmly with the school. We acknowledged the concerns about the visual impact of the proposals and the meeting moved on, in productive spirit, to look at ways in which the impact of the fence could be reduced.

Considerable time was spent discussing this and the school put forward the following amendments, which its representatives believe would significantly lessen the impact of the fence, improve the aesthetic and protect habitats.

- i. The height of the proposed fencing will be reduced throughout from 2.4m to 2m.
- ii. The fence will run around the inside edge of the car park rather than the car park boundary. Thereby removing any barriers to community use of the car park outside school hours.
- iii. The fencing around the car park and along the southwest boundary (fronting The Avenue) will be changed from the Securus mesh to traditional hoop-top railings. The railings would return to a point on the northeast boundary so that they 'wrap around' the bottom corner of the field and the gate would be made in a matching hoop-top style.
- iv. At the point on the northeast boundary where the adjoining land becomes wooded, with established bushes and shrubs up to the fence line, it was felt

busy and entertained until allowed home.

After the war, he met Girl Guide Brenda. They married in September 1951 and it was a match made in heaven. With Brenda's secretarial skills and Bert's unwavering work ethic, the haulage business of 'Samuel Hunt and Son' went from strength to strength. Bert became President of the Road Haulage Association North West division, never missing any opportunities to network among his contemporaries.

He was invited to become a JP at Manchester Magistrates' Court and in due course became Chairman of the Bench.



Pictured whilst enjoying a coffee in Northwich, just four days before his death

As a weekend retreat from the pressures of 'the job' Bert and Brenda, who lived then in Clayton, Manchester, bought a campervan and began weekend visits to Tabley and Great Budworth. When the opportunity arose to buy 'White Hart

Barn' in the late 1970's, they grabbed it with both hands and their semi-retirement began.

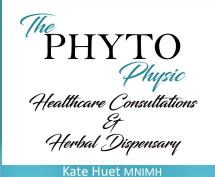
The two clearly loved village life, joining the bowling club and putting the world to rights over a pint and game of dominoes in the George and Dragon, so when Bert's cousin, Enid Kelly, retired from the village shop that she had taken over from her mother, and put 'Ring o' Bells' at 50 Church Street on the market, Bert and Brenda saw an opportunity too good to miss. And so in 1982, 50 Church Street became their forever home. Bert became Church Sexton, keeping the position for 40 years until his winding down of 'official duties'

He was, and will remain, one of the true characters of Great Budworth, and will no doubt be sorely missed.

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Bert Hunt

13th February 1924 - 27th February 2023

Born in East Manchester, Bert 'Sonny' Hunt was the middle child of six sisters and one elder brother.

Bert was popular with his classmates, but clearly unimpressed with the draconian education system of the 1930's, and the teachers who tried to 'cure' him of his left handedness. He was subjected to raps on the knuckles and, worst of all, tying his left hand behind his back, forcing him to use his right hand. However, he loved poetry, and the teachings and rote learning of that era stayed with him for life.

Bert's connections with Great Budworth came early in life as he was sent to the countryside to stay with his Aunty Jenny (Mrs Hubbard), his mother's sister, who ran the village shop at 50 Church Street. Little did he know that one day 50 Church Street would become his home and would remain so until the very end.

He left school aged 14 and his first job was as driver's mate for his father, Sam's, haulage business. He learnt to drive by watching the drivers, and no doubt picked up a few bad habits along the way.



After war broke out, aged 18½ in August 1942, he went to join up. At his conscription interview, when asked what he could do, he told the Officer in Command that he was a Boy Scout and could drive and so he was sent off to join the Royal Corps of Signals, a decision that would actually save his life.

He had a 'good' war. By that he meant he avoided direct conflict and, although he saw many things, lost friends in unspeakable ways and had a few near misses, he instinctively knew to keep his head down and keep safe. On D Day, arriving in his half-track vehicle onto the Normandy beaches, he remembered aiming straight ahead, his commanding officer hitting him with his stick on his tin helmet and

shouting "Faster, Hunt, faster!" - clearly petrified and wanting to be away as quickly as possible.

After VE day, still in his early 20's, he was stationed for a few months in Singapore , where he was sent to supervise the Japanese POW working parties. A photograph in his war memorabilia shows a very relaxed group, looking more like a football team than PoWs, so we suspect there was little supervision and lots of freedom to keep the men



that the green Securus mesh would blend into the background and would have less visual impact than railings. It is therefore proposed to fence the remainder of this boundary with the mesh that was originally proposed but at the reduced height of 2m.

- v. The same applies to the northwest boundary which adjoins private land/ gardens as in point iv.
- vi. There is a point on the northwest boundary as it approaches Providence House, where there is decent timber fence of sufficient height, and it was agreed that this fence is serviceable and there is no need to replace it. The new mesh fence would therefore terminate at this point.
- vii. On the matter of the fence line, it is accepted that the overriding priority is the protection of trees, hedgerows, and habitat. It will be appropriate to bring the proposed fence line in from the boundary by sufficient margin that adequate protection is afforded and pruning is largely negated, particularly along The Avenue. The width of such margin will be a matter for the appointed ecologist to determine and will be carefully observed.
- viii. Where railings are to be installed, these are naturally conducive to the free passage of wildlife. Where mesh is to be installed it will be necessary to incorporate features to ensure that wildlife, particularly hedgehogs, have free passage.
- ix. On an administrative matter, it has been correctly pointed out that our planning application incorrectly names the School as owner of the field (rather than CWaC). This was a genuine mistake by our consultant and will be corrected.

We look forward to receiving the ecologist's findings and recommendations so that we can finalise our amendments and submit a revised scheme to the Planning Authority; I will also take this opportunity to thank all attendees at the meeting for their constructive and productive input.

Final plans will be ready in a few weeks, during that time we would welcome comments from the community on the revisions proposed above or the proposals in general. Please send any comments to Bursar@antrobus.cheshire.sch.uk by 14th April.

Finally, I would like to close with a message concerning perception within some of the community that the school is seeking to discourage community use of the field and that the fencing proposals are somehow part of that agenda. Every staff member and governor know the school is a fundamental part of the community, we count ourselves very fortunate to have use of the field and we see community use of the field as a positive opportunity to help us continue to integrate and work together with the local community.

With warm regards,

Rachel Corradine, Acting Headteacher

GARDEN CLUB

E nthusiasm is back and members have ideas for renovations of their own gardens, buying new plants or, in our case, making garden life simpler for ourselves this year ! The March meeting welcomed Marguerite Hughes (pictured, right, at our meeting) from Hesketh Bank, Lancashire, who entertained us with education and entertainment about pruning shrubs and roses. She moved amongst the audience demonstrating what to do, and when to do it. We all love a practical, informative evening and this was a very good meeting.



We had an excellent coach trip to Ashwood Nurseries, which is famous for hellebores (pictured below). We had tours of the garden and then the polytunnels with their head gardeners. We all bought

many hellebores for our own gardens, the coach was full of plants. Our thanks to Julie Treharne for arranging this excellent day out.

Julie has also arranged a mini holiday on 22 June, with an overnight stay in Stratford on Avon. We visit the Dorothy Clive Garden and NT Hidcote, en route. The second day we attend the Blenheim Palace Flower show and gardens. It has been well planned and we have many bookings already, but if you wish to go, please contact us immediately.



There is another day trip on 21 April to Holden Clough Nurseries and a nearby garden centre, in the Ribble Valley by coach.

These are proving not only good days out, but a social time and excellent for new members' friendship.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 11 April at the Parish Hall, when members are asked to bring a pot of spring bulbs for a competition, when prizes will be given, and the hall will be full of colour. The speaker will be Jacqueline Iddon who will demonstrate Pots and Propagation. We know from previous visits that Jacqueline is a very good presenter, flower arranger and gardener.

For members: do add 2nd May to your diaries as we'll be visiting RHS Bridgewater (travel in own cars).

For any information or other details please contact me, Jean Davies 0789993 7683 OR Julie Treherne (for trips and holiday) on 07792 108549 Happy Gardening!

CHURCH NEWS

Services during April and the first week of May

| Sunday 2 nd | Palm Sur | ndav |
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| Sonday 2 | 8.00am | Holy Communion BCP |
| | 10.15am | Procession with branches from outside village hall |
| | | Liturgy of the Passion |
| | 12.15pm | |
| Wednesday 5 th | 10.30am | Holy Communion CW followed by coffee |
| Thursday 6 th | | Thursday |
| | 7.30pm | Holy Communion with the Gospel of the Watch |
| | and stripping of the altar | |
| | 8.30pm to 10.00pm Vigil in church. Stay as long as you wish | |
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| Friday 7 th | Good Frid | - |
| | 2.00pm | |
| Sunday 9 th | 9 th Easter Day | |
| Soliday 9 | 8.00am | Holy Communion BCP |
| | 10.30am | |
| | | oon service |
| Thursday 13 th | No play an | d praise owing to Easter Holidays |
| Sunday 16 th | 8.00am | Holy Communion BCP |
| | 10.30am | Parish Communion CW |
| | 6.30pm | Evensong at Arley Chapel |
| Sunday 23 rd | 10.30am | Parish Communion |
| | 3.00pm | Forest Church – First Anniversary – at Arley |
| Thursday 27 th | 2.00pm | Play and Praise |
| Sunday 30 th | 8.00am | Holy Communion BCP |
| | 10.30am | Parish Communion CW |
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| Wednesday 23 rd 10.30am Holy Communion CW followed by coffee | | |
| Thursday 4 th | | Celtic Evening Prayer |
| - th | 8.00am | Holy Communion BCP |
| | 10.30am | Special Service to celebrate the Coronation |
| | of King Cha | |
| | Glass of fiz | z afterwards. |
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Calling all Bakers and Crafters!



The Great Budworth Bake-off

The W.I. is organising another 'showstopper Bake-off' on Monday 8th May in honour of King Charles III's coronation on Monday. The event will take place in the Parish Hall, Smithy Lane and is open to both adults and children.

Cake submissions should celebrate this historic occasion and be decorated accordingly and it will be an honour for me once again to judge both Adults and Children's entries in both competitions.

All cakes should be delivered to the Parish Hll between 11.00am -

12.00 noon on Monday 8th May for judging between 12.00 - 1.30pm. Doors will open and winners will be announced at 2.00pm, after which (and subject to bakers' consent) all cakes will be available to be sampled and enjoyed during the WI Royal Afternoon Tea Party. This will be free of charge and all Great Budworth residents, friends and family are invited.

Crafting a Crown

If you are a crafter, then this is for you!! We would like you to make a crown fit for a king! Any material may be used and, again, there will be Adult and Children's sections. Judging will take place during the Afternoon Tea Party and everyone who attends will be invited to cast their vote for the Best Crown in Show! Winners will be announced at about 4.00pm.

I look forward very much to seeing, tasting – and wearing – all your fabulous entries.



Linda Wyers





Big Boys' Coronation Barbecue

The celebration of the Coronation of King Charles on Saturday May 6 will be assisted by the Big Boys of Great Budworth and their stupendous BBQ in the evening. The venue is Parish Hall, Smithy Lane, which will provide cover and comfort in the event of inclement weather.

Food will be suitably regal, generous and delicious. It is likely to include steak, chicken, lamb kofte, sausages, burgers, jacket potatoes, salad, coleslaw and the like. There will even be a vegetarian selection for non-carnivores.

Bar facilities at sensible prices will be available, but you're welcome to bring your own refreshment. This is not seen as a huge profit generating event, but as a genuine C³ (Charles Coronation Celebration) tickets are priced to cover costs. Live music and entertainment will be provided by the Hiett family and friends. Further details in due course

Tickets are just £10 in advance for adults and £5 for children to cover the cost of the food. A few tickets may be available at the door, but the cost is likely to be higher. Tickets from the usual suppliers:

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GREAT BUDWORTH CORONATION CELEBRATION PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

SATURDAY

From 5pm, the Parish Hall

Big Boys' Barbecue (See page 7 for more details)

SUNDAY

At 10.30am Parish Church

Service celebrating the coronation of King Charles III, followed by fizz

See page 11 for more details of Church services and events

From 3pm in the 'Secret Garden': Picnic

Bring your own food and drink, as well as chairs, tables and gazebos.

(Venue to be announced nearer the time - and no, it's not because we haven't yet found a venue!)

MONDAY

From 10.00am–Noon, Parish Hall

Great Budworth Bake-off competition *(see page 10 for more de-tails)*

Followed by free drinks and competition cakes

From 3pm, Village Field, School Lane

Free Entrance - Bring your own chairs!

Display of Vintage Rolls Royce cars and high performance cars Groobarbs display, with produce

Homemade Crown Challenge

Wine Tasting

Guess how many balloons in the car

Display showing how Budworth has celebrated royal events in the past

Fancy Dress Challenge for this Coronation

Pre-loved handbags, scarves and jewellery

Golf Putting Challenge

Goal Scoring Challenge

Coronation Beer by J W Lees

From 5pm onwards

Fish and Chip Van

There will be more details of these – and possibly other – events in the May issue of the Bulletin.

Ladies' lunch in April

The lunch will take place on **Thursday, 20th at 12.30** at the **Spinner & Bergamot**. Please contact me if you'd like to join us as I shall need to book a table. Hazel Forwood (01606 891908).



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