

DIARY DATES FOR MARCH

Details of Church services and events are on p9

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

Friday 3rd, Ice Cream Farm, 9.00am. Garden Club trip to Ashwood Nurseries.

Monday 6th, Parish Hall, 7.00pm. Parish Council meeting. All welcome.

Thursday 9th, Comberbach Methodist Church, 12noon—1.30pm. Lite Bite lunches.

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

Wednesday 15th, Winsford Academy, 7.30pm. Vale Royal Group of WIs.

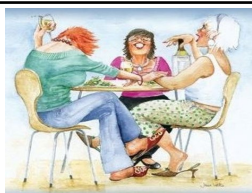
Thursday 16th, Great Budworth C of E Primary School, 9.30-11.30am. Open morning.

Thursday 23rd, Cock o' Budworth, 12.30pm. Ladies lunch.

Ladies' lunch in March

The March lunch will take place on **Thursday, 23rd at 12.30** at the **Cock o' Budworth**. Please contact me if you'd like to join us as I shall need to book a table.

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MITCH BENN

UK TOUR 2022-23

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ALBERT EINSTEIN

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THE TIMES



GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH HALL

Thursday 20th April, 7.30pm for 8.00pm start

Tickets: £13

The Liverpool comedian, songwriter and thinker of deep thoughts (not to mention "the country's leading musical satirist" - The Times) is back, clock in one hand and guitar in the other, to help you look at time in a whole new way with his new show, **MITCH BENN: IT'S ABOUT TIME**. If it feels as though the past is catching up with us and the future isn't what it used to be, then fear not!

This event is likely to prove very popular beyond the purlieu of Great Budworth and tickets will be available online, so please don't leave it until the last minute before deciding to attend. BOOK NOW!

Tickets from: Katy Hopkinson (07886 878 047) or
Jan Hiatt (07905 112 419)

TENNIS CLUB

Spring is around the corner and the tennis season is getting under way. Do you fancy joining Great Budworth Tennis Club (GBTC) - we would love to see you!



There are around 50 members who enjoy informal social tennis at the GBTC court, set in the heart of picturesque Great Budworth village. Members may take part in tournaments and social events that are held throughout the year or simply use the court for their own enjoyment.

There is an active and welcoming committee waiting for new players to come and meet us. Adults and juniors of all abilities are welcome.

Membership is £25 per annum for an adult, £15 for a junior / student and £50 for a family membership. If you would like to enquire about the Tennis Club and membership, please contact the Club Secretary Sue Moorhouse on 07742 535256.



Thank you to everyone who came along to the 'Music @ St. Mary's' fundraising concert on 11th February and to all the musicians who performed on the evening. It was such a fantastic evening, with a huge variety of artists singing or playing instruments. The glass of wine and

the light refreshments went down a treat. £1,160 was raised on the evening for sharing between 'Save Ukraine' and the Mid-Cheshire Food Bank. Watch out for the next 'Music @ St. Mary's'.

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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"Why is humour your only defence weapon?"

PARISH HALL—NEWS

Hearing aid loop?

Following representations from a few users of the Hall, and in particular the Gardening Club, the Trustees are looking at the possibility of installing a Hearing Loop. We're all getting older and some of us are being forced to use hearing aids, which can prove effective. However, in a noisy environment, a hearing aid loop can significantly enhance the audio experience (provided the hearing aid can login to the system). Malcolm Torrance is exploring the cost and obtaining quotes, but the project would appear to cost about £2000.



The Trustees would appreciate contributions or donations from anybody that might benefit (Gardening Club, WI, or suchlike), any generous sponsors or donors (anonymous or fully recognised), or indeed sources such as our landlord, the Parish Council, grants from our local Cheshire West Councillors or grants from organisations supporting disabilities. All offers would be gratefully received. Equally if anybody thinks a hearing loop is not a good idea, please let us know.

Other news

Users should note that:

- the emergency exit door has been rehung and can now be closed with minimal effort. Please use the handle gently to avoid future problems.
- Much of the exterior woodwork has been repainted and some of the ivy and other vegetation removed. Thanks to John Tours who has undertaken much of this task, with help from others. Good job in progress.
- The Trustees are looking at making some changes to the kitchen which is showing its age. No plans have yet been formulated!

Don Hammond

COMBERBACH METHODIST CHURCH

LITE BITES



9th March 12.00—1.30pm
(891248 for more info and transport)



Q: What links 4th May and 6th May?

A: They both rely on members of the community stepping up and volunteering, whether it's to be a parish councillor or volunteering to run an activity or stall during the celebrations to mark the new King's Coronation.

Local elections Thursday 4th May

Volunteers Needed!



A number of your parish councillors are stepping down from their roles in the forthcoming elections, so there will undoubtedly be vacancies on the council. Being a parish councillor involves attending evening meetings once every two months and participating in decisions relating to the running of village affairs. A healthy council is one that comprises people across

a wide range of ages, occupations and interests. If you are interested please see (<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/your-council/councillors-and-committees/how-to-become-a-councillor>) to learn how to go about putting yourself forward.

Coronation 6th May

At present, the only event that is likely to take place to mark this event in the village (apart from a Church service on 7th May) is a barbecue organised and run by the Big Oys early evening on Saturday 6th May. Many residents would like this to take place on the village field (adjacent to the school) and such an event would be greatly enhanced by other activities taking place on the field at the same time. It could be such things as games or stalls selling home-made goods, plants and secondhand books, for example. If you have any ideas for such activities —or if you're interested in running an event or helping out — do please contact Chris Wise (07765 235 200) or Anna Lee (07584 252 825).

What the Parish Council and the Coronation have in common is their reliance on what we might call 'activists': local people prepared to get involved and make things happen. The current cadre of activists is, bluntly, ageing. With a few notable exceptions, they are in their 70s and older! So the question has to be asked: where is the new generation of activists?



Members really enjoyed the talk in February by Graham Stirrup about life in the 1960's. It covered the Berlin Wall, the Profumo affair, the first men on the moon, TV adverts and programmes and who was the top of the pops: such stars as Tom Jones, Cliff Richard, Elvis, Frank Ifield and Ken Dodd ! The evening was enjoyed by all and was followed with a welcome cup of tea and delicious cakes.

Our members also enjoyed a trip to the New Vic Theatre in Stoke-on-Trent to see 'Ladies Day', about four Yorkshire ladies and their day at the races. We also enjoyed lunch at Kanya, the bistro in Northwich, to celebrate our 91st Birthday.



The book club are reading 'The Promise' by Damon Galgut. It's a story that takes in over 30 years of the Swart family in South Africa, with all their trials and tribulations.



A scene from 'Ladies Day'

The ramblers enjoyed a walk from Walton Gardens up to Hillcliffe, above Stockton Heath and back to the Hatton Arms for lunch. It was a very interesting walk on a lovely day.

Next month we have (at long last) Shan Bristow from Styal Mill. This is the third time I have announced Shan as our speaker and each time she was unable to come, so hopefully it will be third time lucky. Shan comes in traditional 1840s costume and will tell us the history of Styal Mill, owned by the Greg family. The meeting is on Wednesday 1st March at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Visitors are most welcome and the entrance is £5.

Great Budworth is part of the Vale Royal group of WIs and twice a year they have meetings at the Winsford Academy. The Spring meeting is on Wednesday 15th March at 7.30pm and the speaker is Paula Cornwell, who arrives dressed in 1920s dress and performs as the Hon Mrs Victor Bruce (a racing driver during the 1920s). The subject of the talk is 'Mind Your Motorway Manners'. This talk comes well recommended, and we have tickets to sell. Group meetings are open to anyone who would like to come along, even men !! tickets are £5.

If you have any queries please contact me.

June Wilkinson 891534

GARDEN CLUB

We started the New Year with an explosion of members joining and re-joining the club at our AGM on 14th February. It was very satisfying to see the Parish Hall full of people enjoying a wonderful night of hospitality and enjoyment.

As Chair, I carried out the official duties, and the committee were elected en bloc. The only resignation was Malcolm Torrance, who was thanked for all his work on committee.

Peter Davies has retired from the work as Treasurer and was presented with a gift by the new treasurer, Neil Harvey, and thanked for the twenty two years (since the formation of the club) that he has served as treasurer. Peter will remain on the committee as Consultant. All other committee members were thanked for their sterling work.

As it was Valentine's Day, there were red roses and members were given a Valentine cake with their cups of tea. The speaker after the AGM was Joe Wainwright, a professional photographer, who takes many of the pictures for all the national garden magazines, the NGS and the National Trust. He told us how to set up the photo, and his slides of gardens in Cheshire and beyond, were fantastic. He was introduced by Jane Fairclough, who has had her fabulous garden featured in many glossy magazines, and



Sarah Lawton and Ola Dodd checking members in to the AGM

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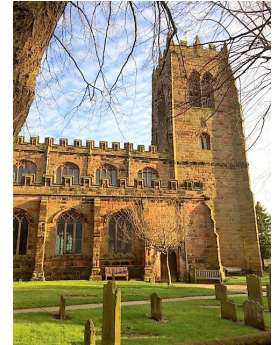
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CHURCH NEWS

Services during March

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| Wednesday 1st | 10.30am | Holy Communion CW and coffee |
| Thursday 2nd | 7.30pm | Compline in Lent |
| Sunday 5th | 8.00am | Holy Communion BCP |
| | 10.30am | All Age Worship |
| Thursday 9th | 2.00pm | Play and Praise |
| | 7.30pm | Compline in Lent |
| Sunday 12th | 10.30am | Matins BCP |
| | 12.15pm | Baptism |
| | 4.00pm | Holy Communion CW |
| Thursday 16th | 7.30pm | Compline in Lent |
| Sunday 19th | 8.00am | Holy Communion BCP |
| | 10.30am | Mothering Sunday Service |
| | 6.30pm | Evensong at Arley BCP |
| Thursday 23rd | 2.00pm | Play and Praise |
| | 7.30pm | Compline in Lent |
| Sunday 26th | 10.30am | Parish Communion CW |
| | 3.00pm | Forest Church |
| | 4.00pm | Ecumenical Service 'Stations of the Cross' |
| Thursday 30th | 7.30pm | Compline in Lent |



Some April Services

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| Sunday 2nd | 8.00am | Holy Communion BCP |
| Palm Sunday | 10.15am | Procession with branches from the Parish Hall |
| | 10.30am | Liturgy of the Passion in church |

Easter Sunday 9th

Coronation weekend: special service on Sunday 7th May followed by glass of fizz.



Church Teas

Thank you to all who attended the coffee morning on the 25th February to set the rota for Church Teas 2023. It was great to have a catch up and we hope we will have another good season from 9th April to 15th October.

There are a few spaces still to fill, so if you can help, please speak to Margaret Cross 07732 324 001 or Maggie Earl 01565 777 262.

The Big Boys Do It Again!

The Big Boys' Breakfast held on Sunday 5th February proved a great success.



The Big Boys sit down to enjoy their breakfast — eventually.

Black pudding, haggis, devilled kidneys, sausage, eggs and bacon, fried bread, potato cakes, tomatoes and baked beans were consumed with considerable enthusiasm. Eggs were very generously supplied free of charge by Poplars Farm, of Antrobus, to whom we extend our thanks.

A number of people were away so numbers attending were

slightly less than usual, but a profit of over £600 was made, and donations are being made to the Friends of the School, the Budworth Bulletin, St Luke's Hospice and the Parish Hall.

Thank you to everyone who attended and to the Big Boys involved.



Sincere thanks to Nid Peters for her generous donation to the Budworth Bulletin. Nid has proved herself to be a very good friend to the Bulletin over the years and we're pleased to take this opportunity to express our appreciation. Thank you, Nid!

SCHOOL 100 CLUB DRAW

**February
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**1st: - Rod Bowman
2nd: - Guy Potter**

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was thanked by our excellent Newsletter editor, Linda Enderby.

The events for the months ahead were described and we look forward to wonderful speakers and visits throughout the year.

The first trip is on Friday 3 March, by coach to Ashwood Nurseries, in the West Midlands. The nursery specialises in hellebores and other spring flowers. With costs rising drastically, the club has subsidised this trip, which will now cost £25, including the coach, along with a tour of the nursery and garden.

Non-members are welcome to join us, but we are almost fully booked, so please check availability, with either myself or the organiser, Julie Treharne. It promises to be a great day out.

The next club meeting is on Tuesday 14 March, when Marguerite Hughes will talk about pruning. Marguerite has a lively sense of humour and is a very entertaining speaker. This is also the last day you can pay your subs for the year. After that we shall assume you have resigned.

The weather is improving, our gardens are bursting into colour and birds are arriving. Spring is the nicest time of the year, so enjoy! 'To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow'.

Jean Davies (0789 993 7683)
Julie Treharne (07792 108549)



Peter Davies receives his retirement gift

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A Warm Welcome to our New Parish Clerk

I am pleased to have been appointed as the new Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer for Great Budworth Parish Council. I have lived in Great Budworth for almost 50 years, marrying my husband, Tony, in the village church in 1987. Over the years I have taken a keen interest in village life and have participated in many village events.



I started my career with NatWest Northwich branch in 1983, progressing to Senior Leadership roles which involved representing the bank UK wide. Working for NatWest over 35 years provided me with a clear understanding of how to achieve service excellence along with the importance of being responsive and reliable.

I have always had a passion to care for, and make a positive difference to, others. In 2017 I secured a leadership role in the Health and Social Care Sector, building a solid understanding of home care, before starting my own domiciliary care business in 2020.

Having sold the business I am now looking forward to spending more quality time with my family, supporting my parents, who also live in Great Budworth, and enjoying the beautiful Cheshire countryside.

In my spare time I volunteer in the Cheshire community and support several local charities. As a trained Dementia Friends Ambassador through the Alzheimer's Society, I regularly deliver Dementia Friends awareness talks. I also volunteer for the NHS and the Royal Voluntary Service, where I supported people through the Covid-19 pandemic: this was a very rewarding experience.

I am excited to take up my new role and I look forward to attending the next PC meeting on Monday 6th March at 7pm.

Janet Bennett

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SCHOOL NEWS

We are so proud of our Sports Hall athletes. We came second!! How amazing is our fabulous small school !! Thank you to pupils J and S for organising the road safety competition! And well done to all of the winners.



The children have enjoyed a range of physical activities. In Forest School this term, Mr. H showed Hedgehogs class how to find sticks that were good for burning on a fire. They learnt what the sticks look and sound like when we snap them. Foxes class have been learning how to tie different types of knots; pupils enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year; and in after-school club pupils enjoyed learning to fence.

The children had a fantastic night at #YoungVoices2023. They loved dacie-mae's first performance. As part of National Storytelling Week, Otters are enjoying some books by our Author of the Term, Francesca Simon! Otters class finished off National Storytelling Week with a number of the class becoming the storytellers and reading to the class.

Mrs Gratton Berry tried to organise a visit from Astronaut Commander Chris Hadfield, as next term Foxes Class will be reading his book 'The Darkest Dark'. Sadly, his schedule is very full and he cannot come to school but he has very kindly sent us the fantastic photo below. Please support the school and request he comes and pays us a visit. Contact him @CmdrHadfield.

The school is starting to consult with parents, staff and other partners as it looks to join the Chester Diocese Academy Trust (CDAT) for its future development.

Finally, we would love to see you at the Open Morning taking place on Thursday 16th March, 09.30 – 11.30hrs to showcase the school and to welcome future parents and pupils. Come and say hello and meet Groobox, Great Budworth Alpaca Walking, lambs from a local farm and see various farm vehicles. Take part in the free raffle and enjoy free refreshments.

