

DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER

Details of Church services and events are on p10

Tuesday 4th, Great Budworth School, 1.30 - 2.30pm. Open day.

Wednesday 5th, Parish Hall, 7.30pm. WI meeting: Bec Humphries.

Saturday 8th, Parish Hall, 7.30 for 8.00pm. Tennis & Bowling Club Annual Dinner.

Tuesday 11th, Parish Hall, 7.30pm. Garden Club meeting: speaker, Kate Edwell.

Saturday 15th, Parish Hall, 7.30pm. RTA event: 'Bigger on the Inside', with Kate Fox

Thursday 20th, Ego restaurant, Lymm, 12.30pm. Ladies' lunch.

Keeping up with tradition, a New Year's Eve party will take place as usual in the Parish Hall. Further details will appear in the November issue of the Bulletin. In the meantime, please put a reminder in your diaries!

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Parish Hall
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Fox is a stand-up poet and broadcaster and a regular on Radio 4.

'Funny and endearing with a cynicism that cuts through the whimsy' Sunday Telegraph.

NICOLA ASHBROOK

Nicola Ashbrook, an author based in the village, has recently had her second book published. The Anatomical History of Violet Vee is a novella-in-flash telling the life story of Violet - a daring, flamboyant, glamorous and mischievous heroine - through all of the ailments she suffers.



A novella-in-flash is a relatively modern genre, in which each story, or 'flash', stands alone but when read together, there is an overarching story too. In this case, an uplifting, at times risqué, tale of a life well-lived. As the blurb says, "Violet Vee is a firework of positivity; a mascot for our troubled times."

Violet Vee is published through a small independent publisher, The Alien Buddha, but is available on Amazon.

Nicola's previous novella-in-flash, 'Mae in Quinquennia' is available through Selcouth Station. She also has a flash fiction collection, The Art of Escapology, available to pre-order with Bearded Badger Press.

Publishing, like many sectors, has been hit by the rise in costs and small independent presses are particularly impacted. Selcouth Station, like many smaller presses, will sadly be folding at the end of the year.

Any support of these presses and/or a local author would be greatly appreciated.

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A meeting of Great Budworth Parish Council was held on Monday 5th September in the Parish Hall. The following is a summary of the proceedings. The minutes will be published on the village website in due course.



In addition to Parish and CW&C councillors, the meeting was attended by 18 members of the public, who were concerned about the school's planning application to erect a 2.4 metre (almost 8'0") metal fence around the perimeter of the school field. Representatives from the school were invited, but none attended.

A discussion concerning this application dominated the meeting and so this report will consist largely of a summary of that. The main points made were as follows:

- Some inaccuracies in the planning application were noted.
- It was noted that the school playing field does not belong to the school, but instead to CW&C. Cllr Wright (CW&C councillor) was asked to determine the exact nature of the relationship between CW&C and the school in respect of the field.
- A resident quoted from the Government's DFE guidance regarding safeguarding, noting that it advises that safeguarding plans should 'be based on a realistic assessment of the threats' and should 'reflect the balance between maintaining an open and welcoming environment for learners, parents and the wider community ...'.
- Concerns were expressed about the impact of a fence on the natural environment; in particular, on the adjacent Avenue, with its mature lime trees, but also on the many species of shrub on the boundary, hawthorn, holly, whitethorn, lime, mulberry and laurel.
- Several people pointed out that that since time immemorial the field has been regarded as a communal facility, used out of school hours for informal games.
- It was noted that Sport England is a statutory consultee in respect of planning applications in which it is proposed to remove a publicly available sports facility. They should therefore be consulted.
- Asked how they could register their objections, members of the public were advised to contact CW&C Planning, either by email (planning@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk) or by post (Cheshire West and Chester Council, The Portal, Wellington Road, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BA). It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to the Planning Dept. to object to the application on the grounds outlined above.

Other items:

It was noted that the two days of filming (for quite separate projects) resulted in donations to the Parish Council of £3,300, which would go towards village projects.

CW&C Highways have confirmed that they will clean road signage and cut back branches, where necessary, though they have not yet given a date.

Date of next Parish Council meeting: Monday 7th November at 7pm. All welcome.

CHURCH NEWS

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER:

- Sunday 2nd** 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am Animal Blessing Service
- Wednesday 5th** 10.30am Holy Communion CW followed by coffee
- Thursday 6th** 7.30pm Celtic Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel
- Sunday 9th** 10.30am Matins BCP
6.30pm Holy Communion CW
- Thursday 13th** 2.00pm Play and Praise
- Saturday 15th** 2.00pm Service of Blessing in Church
- Sunday 16th** 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am Parish Communion CW
6.30pm Harvest Festival at Arley Chapel
- Saturday 22nd** 2.00pm Service of Blessing – Arley Chapel
- Sunday 23rd** 10.30am Parish Communion CW
3.00pm Forest Church
- Thursday 27th** 2.00pm Play and Praise tbc
- Saturday 29th** 3.00pm Wedding in Church
- Sunday 30th** 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am Parish Communion CW
4.00pm All Souls Service of Commemoration

SERVICES FOR EARLY NOVEMBER:

- Wednesday 2nd** 10.30am Holy Communion CW followed by coffee
- Thursday 3rd** 7.30pm Celtic Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel
- Sunday 6th** 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am all Age Worship

Sunday 2nd October 10.30am – Animal Blessing Service, a popular event in the church calendar, when you can bring along your animal friends to have a blessing during the service.

Sunday 16th October – Last day for Church Teas. More news in November

Sunday 30th October 4.00pm – All Souls Service of Commemoration. You are welcome to come along to the service where you can have a loved one who has passed away remembered during the service. Their name is read out, with all who are to be remembered, and you can come and light a candle in their memory.

There will be a list at the back of church from 2nd October if you wish to add the name of your loved one to be remembered. If you are unable to come to the service, but wish someone to be remembered, please phone: Pauline Ridgway 01565 733494 or Margaret Cross 07732 324001.

We had mentioned the possibility of a theatre production, 'Hold Excalibur', in church during October. This is not going ahead at this present time.



Members were inspired by our speaker at the September meeting when Linda May, from the House of Colour, demonstrated that how you look is your happy choice and if you feel good then that is how it should be, giving us the confidence to be ourselves. She was thanked by Linda Wyers.

We should have sung 'God Save the Queen' at this meeting because the next day the President of Sandringham WI, our beloved Queen, died at Balmoral Castle after 70 years on the throne.

When I was a very young girl I can remember the death of George VI and we were reminded at school that we must now sing 'God Save the Queen'. I thought that I would never get the hang of that. Now it's all change and we sing 'God Save the King' again !!

After observing a minute's silence in memory of the Queen, we went ahead with our Jumble Sale on 10th September. I have to say a 'thank you' for all the donations of jumble; for all the helpers who came to sort the goods on Friday and man the stalls on Saturday. There were not as many customers as there usually are at this event, but everyone went away pleased with their bargains, and we raised over £800, which is amazing. Afterwards all the bric-a-brac was taken to an animal charity shop. Many thanks to the Gillers for their part in the enterprise. Many other clothes went to other charity shops or for sale by weight. We were all a bit exhausted by the end, but in the grand scheme of things we have had a bit of a clear out and Great Budworth's surplus is now put to good use, so everyone is a winner !

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 5th October at 7.30pm, when Bec Humphries will demonstrate how to make Christmas crackers, so this is a hands-on evening, and we will all have a go. Bec provides all the materials, but it will help if members could bring along scissors and a Pritt stick. The cracker can contain a gift so a small treat to put inside would be good and hopefully by Christmas you will have forgotten what is in the cracker and it will give you a happy surprise.

The Ramblers walked from The Greyhound at Ashley through lovely countryside and, after crossing the M56, saw the beginnings of the new Motorway service site to be built to serve the M6 and the M56. Lunch at The Greyhound was excellent.

The book club are reading "Tin Man" by Sarah Winman.

June Wilkinson

The sunflower maze will remain open for a few more weeks but we have left the heads on the sunflowers. As they are packed with seeds which can provide feed for garden birds we are selling the heads for your gardens. Ideally they can be hung by string or wire coat hangers from your bird table or a nearby tree. They can also be placed on your patio table or nailed onto a fence. Either way they are a great source of food for the birds.

June Wilkinson

GARDEN CLUB

The September meeting started with a minute's silence for our beloved Queen Elizabeth, who had died a few days earlier.

The weather was kind for our Produce Show, so that all the entries were displayed outside the hall. It was a wonderful colourful display of fruit, vegetables, cakes and flowers (see pic below, left).

The overall winner with the most points in all categories was Jo Munnery, who won the RHS Banksian medal (pictured, right receiving the medal from Dawn Freeman), which is quite an accolade. Very well done, Jo!

The show was organised by our committee member, Dawn Freeman, to whom we extend our thanks. The judges on



the night were Alan and Carolyn Hewitt (pictured below), from Dunham Massey, who have a farm and apple orchard. They brought some of their apple juice for sale, and we thank them very much for coming that evening. We also enjoyed a guest speaker, Robert Barlow, who spoke to us about hostas. He was thanked by Sarah Lawton.



The next meeting is on Tuesday 11th October in the Parish Hall at 7.30, when our own Kate Edwell, a herbalist, will talk about local herbs and plants and how to

use them.

Members, please put the Christmas party date in your diaries: Tuesday 6th December.

For further information, please contact me in the first instance:

Jean Davies
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Ladies' lunch in October

October's lunch will take place on Thursday, 20th at 12.30 at Ego, in Lymm. 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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Some farm equipment will also be stored in the building, which will include toilet and rest facilities for the staff who pick the vegetables in all weathers. As David says, he has to look after the team!

David and Rebecca plan to plant trees, shrubs and wildflowers around the building to soften its visual impact and, once the scaffolding has been removed and the green roof sheeting and side sheets are in place, the building will blend in with its surroundings quite nicely. In the meantime, he advises us that a local ornithologist, who lives in Great Budworth and collects wildflower seeds from David's fields, has observed that the local bird population of rare breeds has shot up since they started growing vegetables on the land. David and Rebecca say they will offer in due course a tour to any parish members who would like to see the farm in more detail.



(Left: Darcey helps to harvest broad beans)

The Lower Pump House



The lower pump house is closed until further notice, owing to problems with the waterspout. The door has been padlocked and repair work is in hand. We are saddened to report that on two occasions (at the time of writing) the padlocks have been vandalised.

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SCHOOL 100 CLUB DRAW

August Winners

1st: 6 - Jeff Haw
2nd: 51 - Jane Robins

GROOBOX GROWS A SHED

Observant readers may have noticed a structure being built on the hillside of the farm on the south-west side of the A559. The farm is owned by David Fryer, whose company, Groobox, grows seasonal vegetables which are sold direct to the public. Following comments made by locals to one or two of his team, David tells us that the building is not an early sign of a scheme to avoid planning restrictions (David recalls being approached by two developers who each wanted to buy different lots of the land in order to erect a 'farm building', only to then rent them out as units to construction firms, thus evading planning regulations).



(David, pictured right, and below, with his daughter, Darcey, in the tractor)



David and his wife, Rebecca, are both keen to assure locals that the building being constructed is for the purpose of storing the produce grown – potatoes, squash, beet-root, cauliflowers, cabbages and broccoli – in refrigerated conditions, along with seeds, plants and nutrients.

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TENNIS CLUB

The Cussons Shield summer tournament Finals Day was held on a beautiful rain-free day on Sunday 4th September. Our Tournaments Officer, Coral Houston, once again did an amazing job of organising the event, including the refreshments. Coral has quite rightly received many compliments on the success of the day, so huge thanks to her.



Following the draw in May for doubles pairings, eight mixed doubles pairs played matches over the summer. This culminated in Finals Day, when two semi-finals and the final were played. The first semi-final of Paula Donoghue and Ric Burgess -v- Nicola Burgess and Ian Mulholland resulted in Ric and Paula winning. This was followed by the second semi-final of Joany Deakin and Stephen Houston -v- Coral Houston and Mark Bailey, with Coral and Mark winning. The final followed the lunch break, with Ric and Paula (pictured above) becoming the champions! A mix of husbands and wives in the tournament caused some amusement! The day was well attended by members of our tennis club, plus friends. A delicious buffet, laid out by members of the committee and some players, was enjoyed. Many thanks to all for their contributions!

The Cussons Shield will be formally presented to Paula and Ric at the Annual Presentation Dinner on Saturday 8th October, 7.30 for 8.00pm. This very popular social event is being held jointly with the Bowling Club, who are this year's hosts. Tennis Club members interested in tickets for the dinner, which cost £25, can contact me.

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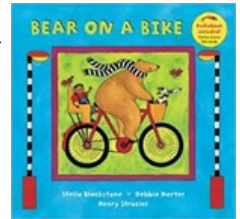
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SCHOOL NEWS

How wonderful it was to return to school to be met with beaming smiles! Now, with three classes: Hedgehogs, Otters, and Foxes, what a full term of exciting learning opportunities we have lined up for the children.

Hedgehogs have moved into their new classroom and are enjoying playing in their new layout and outdoor area. Their class theme is animals and their habitats, and is driven by the book 'Bear on a Bike' by Stella Blackstone. Later in the term they will read 'Misha Makes Friends', by Tom Percival, as part of our understanding of Black History Month in October.



Otters, too, have had a classroom change and their class theme is Travellers and Settlers, starting off the term by reading 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers and moving onto 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin, in which she retells the story of a little girl coming to Britain as part of the Windrush generation.

Foxes have welcomed Mrs Phoenix, who will be working with Mrs Corradine in teaching Years 5 and 6. Foxes' theme is Journeys around the World, using the text 'Race to the Frozen North' by Catherine Johnson, which retells the story of Matthew Henson as he journeyed to the North Pole. Alongside this, they will be reading the book 'Young Gifted and Black', a collection of biographies of black heroes from past and present.



Each class has Forest School every Tuesday for this half term, which is very popular with the children. Harvest services will be upon us soon, so we are practising those good old autumnal and harvest school songs. After all, we are part of a rural farming community!

Poetry day on the 6th October will be another highlight. The children will have picked a poem to learn off by heart to recite in class, based around the theme of the environment.

If you would like to visit our beautiful rural school, our open afternoon is on Tuesday 4th October. The afternoon will involve an hour from 1.30- 2.30, during which parents can tour the classes and school grounds, followed by a gathering in the hall at 2.30 to sing some harvest songs and hear some poems. You would be made very welcome.

To mark the sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the children have taken time to reflect upon her life through our school worship. We will be spending the day following her funeral in writing poems and prayers as well as creating pictures in our art lessons. We hope to produce a special display in school to commemorate Her Majesty's life as well as plant a tree in her memory.