

DIARY DATES FOR JULY & AUGUST

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JULY

Wednesday 5th, chez Tanya & Terry Taylor, 7pm. WI meeting.

Friday 7th, Groobarbs, Budworth Hill Farm, 10.30am. Garden Club tour and talk, followed by lunch in High Legh

Monday 10th, Parish Hall, 7pm. Parish Council meeting. All welcome.

Tuesday 11th, meet at Lych Gate, 10.00am. WI walk.

Tuesday 11th, Parish Hall, 7.30. Garden Club, Produce Show.

Thursday 20th, George & Dragon, 12.30pm. Ladies' lunch.

AUGUST

Wednesday 2nd, Bowling Green, 7.00pm. WI Bowls evening

Thursday 17th, Cock o' Budworth, 12.30pm. Ladies' lunch

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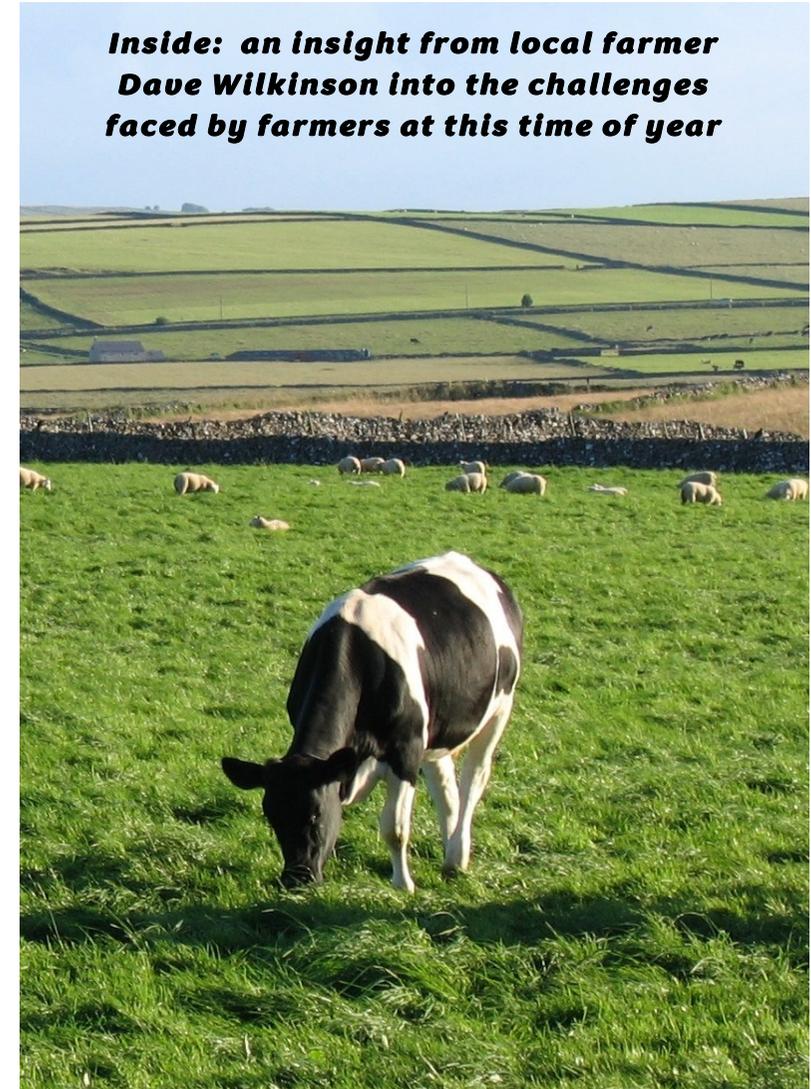
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BUDWORTH BULLETIN

July-August 2023



Inside: an insight from local farmer Dave Wilkinson into the challenges faced by farmers at this time of year

A farmer's life: the weather

There are two things that farmers never tire of talking about: the price they receive for the product they sell; and the weather.

All sectors of agriculture want the right amount of rain, sunlight and frosty weather to help with producing the perfect crop, whether it be potatoes, corn, fruit, grass or, in this day and age, energy from solar panels. Thankfully, nobody can control what Mother Nature throws at us, so you have to work with how well your land copes during constant rain or, as now, prolonged spells of hot, dry weather.

The first six months of this year has been a mixed bag, with February being unusually dry. This brought with it the temptation to sow spring crops as you never know what's around the corner. Then through to March, when it was the complete opposite, with regular spells of rain, giving no chance of any field work.

To make things worse, the wind has been coming in from the east over the last couple of months, leaving us with colder nights, stemming the spring growth of crops with the soil not being warm enough to encourage the roots.

April was pretty balanced in having drier days and the right amount of rain, which enabled us to get onto the fields with fertiliser and sprays to help the crop catch up. Cows were finally let out in the middle of April, thus allowing their diet to be changed to the lush green grass of spring.

Grass is a tricky crop to manage as you get a flush in spring for cows to eat but growth eventually outstrips demand of what cows can eat. That's when you start leaving fields for later, when we can make silage or haylage for winter feed.



The last four to five weeks have seen a prolonged period of dry weather. Despite being rather hot, this kind of weather is far easier to work as it's settled: you can plan field work, knowing it's not going to rain and you're therefore not under pressure to gather the crop in. The heatwave is having a big effect on grass growth, as you may have

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Lymm 95 All out in 22 overs. M. Lucas 28. R. Ford 2 for 21, A. Phillips 3 for 9.

GBCC 96 for 6 in 20.3 overs. S. Hankey 21, P. Taylor 25 not out. CBCC won.

Manchester Racquets Club 119 GBCC 30 Overs. 127 for 7. G. Atkins 26 not out. R. Shephard 21.

GBCC won.

Remaining Home Matches

July 5th Wednesday: Barnton C. C. 6:00pm start

July 16th Sunday: Fir Tree C. C. 1:00pm start

July 23rd Sunday: ECAD for Peter McAndrew Shield 1:00pm start

September 2nd Saturday: Lord Ashbrook's XI 11:00am start

PARISH HALL

Good news! New cleaning arrangements have now been made in respect of the hall.

Hall Users' Group Meeting: Monday 25 September at 7.00pm in the Hall.

This is an opportunity for *all* users of the Hall to meet the Hall Charity's Trustees (and vice versa) to consider plans for the Hall.

More details will appear in the September's Bulletin.



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GREAT BUDWORTH CRICKET CLUB

We hope everyone enjoys the aerial photo of the Arley cricket ground: it certainly gives a different perspective and shows just how dry the past few weeks have been. The other photo is of the club's new scoreboard: all the numbers are magnetic which makes it much easier to update the scores.



The fine weather, along with the improved condition of the wicket and outfield, has meant that there has been good cricket played. The club has so far lost only one match and that was to local rivals High Legh.

Latest Results

High Legh: a narrow last over defeat. GBCC 104 for 9 in 20 overs; High Legh 105 in 19.5 overs.

The Gregson C.C. A touring side from Lancaster: 30 overs. GBCC 146. S. Hankey 35 not out, R. Shephard 27, G. Atkins 24 and S. Batey 20 not out. Gregson 143 for 7.

P. Taylor 3 for 20. GBCC won.

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noticed with your own lawns and not having to mow them as often.

The temperature also has a big effect on the health of cows as they suffer heat stress when humidity increases and the temperature increases above 21 degrees Celsius. This results in a bigger demand for water and forage since grass growth slows also. Cows will also seek shade from the sun, resulting in a drop in milk production, with some farmers bringing them in during the day out of the sun and giving them silage.



I hope that gives an insight into the challenges we farmers face when dealing with such variable British weather throughout the year. As the saying goes 'No two years are the same', apart from last year's heat wave and hosepipe ban!

Dave Wilkinson

Happy 90th Birthday!

Ruth Parker will celebrate her 90th birthday on the 8th August and we would like to take this opportunity to wish her very many happy returns of the day!

Ruth is a longstanding resident of the village, along with her late husband, Paul, and daughters Hilary and Clare. Ruth has always been an active contributor to the village, serving on the Parish Council for 30 years and as a School Governor for even longer, only retiring at the age of 80!

We wish her a lovely day, and happy celebrations with her family and close friends.



Ruth in her 20s



... and in her 90th year

GARDEN CLUB

Great Budworth Garden Club members are working hard in their gardens, a task made particularly strenuous by the continual hot weather and very little rain. This could change at any moment, of course, but with the past ten years getting hotter each time, we expect global warming has taken its hold. We will overcome and we will learn to grow plants that are more tolerant to heat.



The June meeting was a Members' Night, when a member gives the presentation and new members add to the experience. Our new treasurer, Neil Harvey, gave us a talk and demonstration about herbs. He asked three members to make up pots, which were given as a free raffle. It was an excellent evening.

Three committee members served strawberries, cream and shortbread and everyone brought their own liquid refreshment. It was a lovely, relaxed fun night in which members could get to know each other better. An excellent vote of

thanks was given by Victoria Gallimore.

On Friday 7th July, starting at 10.30am, we have a tour and talk by our local entrepreneurs, Groobarbs, at Budworth Hill Farm, followed by lunch at their restaurant in High Legh. It sounds wonderful, so it's not surprising that this event is now fully booked.

July is a big month, because on the 11th we have our Produce Show, when members compete for prizes, a Rose Bowl and the RHS Banksian medal. The schedule is in our own Newsletter, so members please enter. All of this is much anticipated and is led by our own Neil Harvey, with committee members as stewards. An external judge has been invited to assess the entries.

This will be followed by a Gardener's Question Time, when a panel of our own experts will answer your gardening questions. Please have them ready or bring samples of your problem plant. This will be an opportunity to ask all those questions you've encountered in your gardens recently. The Chair will be Kate Edwell.

In August three members will open their own gardens to members. Tea and cake will be on offer, at modest cost, with monies going to hosts' charities of their choice.

All too soon it will be September and the start of our autumn programme. The first meeting is on 12th September, when a brilliant local photographer, Dave Brotton, will entertain us with his presentation of WorldWild. Members are asked to bring a photo of their garden or a plant from their garden, for a competition with prizes.

Enjoy your holidays, gardens and friendships during the summer!

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Sunday 20 th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	10.30am	Parish Communion CW
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer at Arley Chapel
Sunday 27 th	10.30am	Parish Communion CW

There will be no Forest Church in August.

Great Budworth Summer Concert

Thank you to all who supported the Friends of Great Budworth Summer Concert with Jill Crossland. It was a lovely evening, and Jill was a fantastic pianist, with not a note of music in front of her!

Church Teas

Church Teas are going well, and a huge thanks to all the volunteers hosting the teas in the Parish Hall. We have three Sundays still to cover, so any help in getting a team together to cover any of them would be great.

Dates are: 30th July, 27th August and 8th October. Please let Margaret (07732 324001) know if you can cover any of them

Many thanks.

Advance note:

The Heritage Afternoon will be on Saturday 9th September, when amongst other things there will be trips up the church tower (weather permitting). More details will appear in the September Bulletin.

NJ Garden Maintenance

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CHURCH NEWS

SERVICES DURING JULY 7 AUGUST

JULY

Sunday 2 nd	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	10.30am	All Age Worship
Wednesday 5 th	10.30am	Holy Communion CW followed by coffee.
Thursday 6 th	7.00pm	Celtic Evening Prayer (may be in Quiet Garden if weather good)
Saturday 8 th	12.30pm	Wedding
Sunday 9 th	10.30am	Matins BCP
	6.30pm	Holy Communion CW
Thursday 13 th	2.00pm	Play and Praise
Friday 14 th	10.30am	Wedding
	1.00pm	Service of Blessing – Arley Chapel
Saturday 15 th	3.00pm	Wedding
Sunday 16 th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	10.30am	Parish Communion CW
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer at Arley Chapel BCP
Saturday 22 nd	8.00am	Friends trip to Oxford
Sunday 23 rd	10.30am	Parish Communion CW
	3.00pm	Forest Church venue tbc
Thursday 23 rd	2.00pm	Play and Praise tbc
Sunday 30 th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	10.30am	Songs of Praise type service (lots of hymns)

AUGUST

Wed 2 nd	10.30am	Holy Communion CW followed by coffee.
Thursday 3 rd	7.00pm	Celtic Evening Prayer (may be in Quiet Garden)
Saturday 5 th	1.00pm	Service of Blessing at Arley Chapel
Sunday 6 th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	10.30am	All Age Worship for Lammastide
Sunday 13 th	10.30am	Matins BCP
	6.30pm	Holy Communion cancelled
Friday 18 th	11.00am	Wedding



The Garden Club Mini-Holiday

The long awaited Garden Club mini - holiday, organised by Julie Treharne took place in glorious sunshine in June.

We had not had a Garden Club holiday since Covid, prior to which Henri and Lynda Giller had organised Garden Club holidays for eight consecutive years. They did a marvellous job and Julie (pictured, right) had a hard act to follow, but Julie came up trumps!



Our first stop was the Dorothy Clive Garden, near Market Drayton, which has a quarry garden as well as beautiful flower beds, ponds and lawns. The Rose Arches (left) were stunning.

The next stop was the National Trust's Hidcote, in Gloucestershire, where we were given a talk by one of the gardeners on the history of the house and gardens. We were then free to explore as we wished, and were not disappointed: there were so many things to see and enjoy.

The Coach then made its way to Stratford on Avon for an overnight stay. After breakfast we travelled to Blenheim Palace, which was holding a flower show. Blenheim is the home of the Dukes of Marlborough, aka the Churchill family and for us the history was so interesting.

The guides in the Palace were so good and the photos and information boards were excellent. We visited Clementine's (Lady Churchill's) rose garden and the Palace formal gardens and lakes, and of course found time for refreshments ! We thoroughly enjoyed our visit there.



All about Hidcote ... waiting for the talk to begin

We then looked around the Flower Show, and couldn't resist buying plants and gifts, listening to music and relaxing with friends. Finally we all made our way back to the coach, loaded up our purchases, and returned to Great Budworth.

At the June meeting, Yvonne Pinder (pictured below) gave a demonstration of her 'pinny's pots', which inspired us to arrange a hands-on one-day class with Yvonne to make our own decorated terracotta pots, so a date will be booked in the autumn.



On the 5th July, we have a meeting in the garden of Tanya and Terry Taylor, when members are invited to take along a chair and, we hope, sit in the garden and enjoy a demonstration of beekeeping by Karl Colyer, who is a member of the Cheshire Beekeepers' Association. The meeting will start at the earlier time of 7pm and there will be a glass of fizz and a strawberry supper. There is limited parking at Tanya's home, but extra parking is available at Four Lanes Garage and there is also the lay-by on the opposite side of the A559, with a short walk to the glorious garden.

The August meeting is on Wednesday 2nd August at 7 pm when we have our friendly annual bowls evening on the beautiful Great Budworth Bowling Green. A light supper will follow. This represents a good opportunity to familiarise oneself with the etiquette of bowls and to have a go on the green. Sensible shoes, please, as well as a contribution to the light supper. It is important if you wish to play to be there promptly or else book in so that your name can go into the draw.

The Royal Cheshire Show

Great Budworth was represented at the Cheshire Show with six entries in the WI marquee. There were four excellent photographs depicting the title 'Beauty or the Beast', a



jar of crab apple jelly and a beautiful batik picture. We were very proud of our entries, every one of which received a prize card. Val Chesworth's beautiful batik picture got a highly com-

mended. My crab apple jelly was commended, so further jars of this yummy delicacy

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Thursday evening Yoga Parish Hall 5.00 – 6.00pm

Join other villagers in these friendly yoga classes run by Julia Ford. Classes, which cost £10 per session, are held in The Parish Hall, with alternate weeks of chair yoga, which is particularly beneficial for those with agility problems, and mat yoga.

New sessions start on Thursday 13th July (with mat yoga).

All are welcome, including beginners.



The Parish Clerk would like to confirm that all notifications regarding future road closures in the village will be added to the Great Budworth Parish website and the details will also be placed on the Parish Council notice board in the Top pump house at least one week in advance.

There has been an overhaul of the Parish Council website. If you would like to add any village-related events or if you feel any additional updates or amendments are required please let our Parish Clerk (Janet Bennett) know via email at: greatbudworthparishclerk@gmail.com

The next Parish Council meeting is Monday 10th July, 7pm in the Parish Hall.



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TENNIS CLUB

Great Budworth Tennis Club held a fun social tournament on Sunday 4th June to enjoy some light-hearted games in the middle of the tennis season.

There was a good turnout of members (see pic, right), both adults and children, who played in a variety of games with different pairings. Our chairman, Ric



Burgess, rose admirably to the challenge of managing the games.

The weather was glorious and a super array of light refreshments topped off a memorable afternoon.

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are available at the Ice Cream farm at £3 (had I got 1st prize I would have increased the price !).

The photographers exceeded all expectations with three second prize cards (see pic on previous page). They were Lesley Anderson, Rachael Gate and Mary Clewes. My picture of the donkey in the paddock got a commended card. My picture of the donkey in the paddock got a commended card. The photographs will be on display at our next meeting. Well done everyone. We are enjoying a lovely warm spell and long summer evenings, so fingers crossed that it will continue for our outdoor events!

The Ramblers concluded that the heat was too great for the June walk and so it did not take place, but hopefully there will be a walk on the 11th July at 10 am.

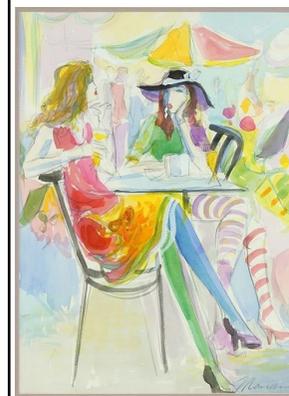
June Wilkinson, 891534.

Ladies' lunches in July & August

The July lunch will take place on **Thursday, 20th at 12.30** at the **George & Dragon** and the August lunch will take place on **Thursday 17th at 12.30** in the **Cock o' Budworth**.

Please contact me if you'd like to join us at either of these lunches as I shall need to book a table.

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SCHOOL 100 CLUB DRAW

June

Winners

1st: - Carol Potter

2nd: - Emma Wood

ST. MARY & ALL SAINTS

A jolly crowd gathered in the churchyard on Saturday 17th June to enjoy the Church barbecue. Entertainment was musically provided by the band Calico (or three quarters of them!) and good grub was provided by Jacksons, of Tabley. The weather was perfect: neither too humid nor too hot. The photos here are of some of the guests.

1. John Gill shows off a new erinaceous friend.
2. The Brook family, regular attenders of village events.
3. The Rev'd Alec Brown, vicar; Jean and Peter Davies, along with family of theirs from the West Country.
4. The Rev'd Christina Westwell, curate.



PARISH CHURCH BBQ

5. Lord and Lady Ashbrook.
6. Maggie Earl and Margaret Cross.
7. The band, 'Calico'
8. Dave Westwell and ursine friend.
9. Teddy bears (and other species) resting after their zipwire exertions.

