

DIARY DATES FOR JUNE

Details of Church services and events are on p12

Friday 2nd, Parish Church, 7.30pm. Piano recital by Jill Crossland
Wednesday 7th, Arley Cricket Ground, 6.00pm. GB Cricket Club v Moss Hey
Wednesday 7th, Parish Hall, 7.30pm. WI meeting.
Tuesday 13th, Parish Hall, 7.30pm. Garden Club meeting
Wednesday 14th, Arley Cricket Ground, 6.00pm. GB Cricket Club v Lymm
Thursday 15th, George & Dragon, 12.30pm. Ladies' lunch
Saturday 17th, Churchyard, 3.00pm. Church summer BBQ
Sunday 18th, Arley Cricket Ground, 1.00pm. GB Cricket Club v Manchester Racquets
Tuesday & Wednesday 20th & 21st, Clayhouse Farm, Flitigate Lane, Tabley, 8.00am—5.30pm. Royal Cheshire Show
Wednesday 21st, Arley Cricket Ground, 6.00pm. GB Cricket Club v Reynolds CC
Saturday & Sunday, 24th & 25th, 10.00am—4.00pm. Garden opening: All Fours Farm
Thursday 29th, GB Primary School, 2.00pm. Village Cream Teas

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BUDWORTH BULLETIN

June 2023

Saturday June 17th
from 3.00pm

Church Summer Event in the Churchyard



Bring your own chairs and rugs.

Bar, Music, Various stalls and games, Grand Draw, Silent Auction for original paintings and prints of the church.

Activities for children (and the young at heart!).

Bring along your teddy bear for a teddy bear parade, with prizes for the best dressed, oldest, smallest/largest bear.

Teddy Bear Zip line from the church tower! £2/ride.

Tickets for BBQ: Adults: £7.50/ticket. Under 12 yrs: £5.50 from Maggie Earl (07970 927161), Margaret Cross (07732 324001), Shirley Humphreys (01606 891204)



I was so proud of the participation of our members in celebrating the Village Coronation Celebrations.

Members made memorable cakes which were judged by Linda Wyers and the delicious cakes were enjoyed along with a cup of tea. The cake winner was Anna Lee and Rosie Lewis came second. Linda presented Anna with a splendid platter, decorated by Lesley Hopkinson (pictured, right), and the cakes were enjoyed by all.



There was a fine selection of crowns judged by public vote and the winner was Liz Wathen, with her floral crown. The junior winner was Sophie Wilkinson (pictured left), with a perfect replica of the real thing.

Some members organized games and stalls on the village field selling fancy goods and it all helped to make a memorable weekend from beginning to end. We had a ball in Great Budworth, celebrating the Coronation - and all at reasonable cost. Well done to everyone who took part and thanks to all who supported.

Our speaker in May, Joanne Williams, told us about the great Miss Lydia Ernestine Baker, who was a forerunner of the Suffrage movement. Lydia was born in Manchester in 1827. She was a mover and shaker who fought for women's rights and was one of the very first women to speak at a public meeting when marriage was thought to be the only mission a woman should have in life. Joanne spoke so clearly about this early pioneer and the campaign of Lydia's life. From 1860 she pioneered women's rights, with the result that in 1918 women – well, those over 30 - got the vote.

Members then voted to support the 2023 resolution to press for "cleaner rivers for people and wildlife". This goes forward to the NFWI annual meeting in June.

The speaker at our next meeting in June will be Yvonne Pinder and she will demonstrate making 'pinny pots'. Yvonne has a fascination for terracotta pots so we will see if she can turn a plant pot into a treasure to keep. The meeting is in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 7th June at 7.30pm. We always welcome visitors, so if you would like to join us, entry is £5.

WI RAMBLERS :- The Ramblers walked to Marbury in May from our Parish Hall to see the glorious bluebells, though it was a bit muddy in places. They then enjoyed a lunch together.

WI BOOK CLUB :- The book club are still reading 'Lessons in Chemistry' by Bonnie Garmus.

June Wilkinson

GREAT BUDWORTH CRICKET CLUB

At the time of writing the Club has played, and won, its first two matches, both away fixtures, at Pott Shrigley and Lymm. There are three more matches to be played in May: against Kingsley on the 21st; High Legh on the 24th; and The Gregson CC, a visiting team from Lancashire, on the 27th.

June's fixtures are all at home:

- Wednesday 7th against Moss Hey, at 6.00pm
- Wednesday 14th against Lymm, at 6.00pm
- Sunday 18th against Manchester Racquets, at 1.00-m
- Wednesday 21st against Reynolds CC at 6.00pm

Everyone is very welcome to come to the beautiful ground at Arley to watch the team play. Week night matches start at 6pm and weekend matches at 1pm (unless otherwise indicated).

It's the club's intention, weather permitting, to have a BBQ after all home matches. So why not pop down to the beautiful Arley cricket ground to enjoy some cricket and have a burger and a beer for just £5. Is there a better way to spend an evening?



VILLAGE CREAM TEA

Great Budworth Primary School warmly invites you to join them for a 'Village Cream Tea' on Thursday 29th June at 2.00pm for residents of Great Budworth. Accommodation is limited to 20 people, so do please book your place! To secure a place please contact the school's reception on 01606 663 690 or e mail admin@greatbudworth@cheshire.sch.uk - or just call in!



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SCHOOL NEWS

The Coronation celebrations started early at school! Hedgehogs Class / Class 1 had a Coronation Street Party including afternoon tea that they prepared themselves, face painting and themed games. In the picture (right) we can see the children trying to 'Hoop the King and Queen', having made their own fantastic paper crowns earlier in the day



On Thursday before the actual Coronation, the whole school enjoyed a 'Coronation Picnic' prepared by our fabulous cook Karen. Thank you to the Friends of The School for providing tasty ice-cream treats.

Otters Class / Class 2 enjoyed a fantastic overnight residen-



tial at Conwy Centre, Tattenhall. For some children this was the first time they had been away from family, so we all pulled together to ensure everyone enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Mrs Singh and Mrs Ripley for organising this – we don't think they got much sleep!

We are proud to announce a new provision at Great Budworth School. Welcome to Rhythm Time, who are running weekly sessions during

term time for all children up to starting school age. Contact Claire on 07563 473644 to find out more about the fees and to book a place.

Finally, we have had to change the date of our Open morning. It's now on Wednesday 28th June, from 10am -12 noon. We will have Alpacas, Forest Toots and lots of other lovely activities for children to enjoy.

NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME

Garden Open for charity

All Fours Farm

Colliers Lane, Aston-by-Budworth, CW9 6NF

Saturday 24th June

Sunday 25th June

10.00 am–4.00pm

Admission: adults £5; children free



The Big Boys' Coronation BBQ

After everybody had enjoyed the opportunity to watch the Coronation of King Charles III on TV, we were able to enjoy a magnificent barbecue lovingly created by the Budworth Big Boys. The ticket cost of just £10 was intended to cover the hire of the Hall, the provision of food and music and an element of Coronation decorations. Many people brought their own liquid refreshments, but a bar service was provided and, raffle prizes having been donated, a raffle was held! It worked! Over 120 people were present!



The food was excellent and full marks go to Richard Elias, Dave Buckley and everybody else who was involved. Barbecued Coronation chicken, lamb chops and minute steaks, together with beef burgers and tasty sausages (all supplied by Jacksons, our local

abattoir) were accompanied by various salads and barbecue sauces. The barbecue team worked tirelessly: thanks to Andrew Robbins, Dave Buckley and John Tours, who all slaved relentlessly over blisteringly hot coals. We were delighted the food provisions did not run out.



Ian Ritchie and his team manned the bar, ensuring that there was continuity of rehydration.

The music was hugely enjoyable: thank you to Dave and Jan Hiett, Terry and Tanya Taylor and friends.

Raffle sales were undertaken by the Freddy and Libby Elias, along with Sophie Wilkinson. Many thanks to them for their efforts.

In sum, it was very reassuring that everything worked so well; a great example of teamwork rather than command and control!

After the hire of the Hall, food and other expenses, the ticket price covered the costs, but the bar and the raffle generated a profit, which was a little more than £400. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

A donation has been made to the Budworth Bulletin and the Big Boys identified that the microwave in the Hall kitchen has had its day, so it will be replaced.

Await further developments - it will soon be Breakfast Time!



The Coronation weekend was bookended by two events which can't go without a mention ...

On the evening of Thursday 4th May there was a Kings & Queens Quiz at the George and Dragon, organised by Jo and Ian Mulholland (pictured....). There were around 40 participants, divided



into teams of half a dozen or so eager (?) quizzers.

Many of the questions had only a tenuous relationship with Royalty, but that resulted in some wonderfully eclectic questions! The quiz was won by a team led by Kate Huet (pictured left a.k.a. HM The Queen, accompanied by Jo and Ian Mulholland in their guise of HM The King and The Queen Consort). A great time was had by all. We must do it again!



Impeccable quiz hosts Jo & Ian Mulholland

Thank you!

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GARDEN CLUB

Our member Sue Martin opened her beautiful Coach House garden to members on the Bank Holiday Monday. It threatened rain all the time, but we had a beautiful afternoon enjoying the tulips, the wild garden, the many pots and troughs, and the greenhouse planted up with plugs of antirrhinum, which will replace the tulips and allium. The committee served everyone with prosecco, which had been donated by our hosts, Sue and Jim. Thank you both for a lovely afternoon!

The following day members went to the RHS Bridgewater Garden, when again the sun shone and we enjoyed seeing the continued planting there; always a treat.

The speaker at our meeting the following week was Geoff Hodge, from Peterborough (pictured). Geoff is a garden writer and lecturer and gave us a talk entitled Bugs and Plagues in the garden! Despite the title, this was one of the best talks we have ever had! Geoff was full of authoritative information and his dynamic personality, his sense of humour and presentation were fantastic. He was thanked by Joan Bowden.



The meeting on 13 June is a members-only meeting, when we shall have strawberries and cream. Our member Neil Harvey will talk about and demonstrate herbs. There will be a plant stall. Please bring your own liquid refreshment as there will be no teas that evening!

We are looking forward to the mini-holiday and a great trip to Dorothy Clive, Hidcote and Blenheim Palace, when we shall be staying overnight in Stratford on Avon. For any information please contact Julie Treharne 07792 108549

Everyone living in and around Gt Budworth will know of Groobarbs, who are planting vegetables for sale as a Groobox. We have secured a trip around the fields and kitchen gardens on Friday 7 July. We will then have lunch at their restaurant in High Legh, eating a five-course gourmet meal (not all veggie) at £30 per person. This is the cost of everything, including tours. We cannot have a tour only - sorry. If locals are keen to go, contact me and I will see what I can do.

The July meeting is the Produce Show, scheduled in the Garden Club Newsletter. Please enter for grand prizes and medals. This will be followed by a Gardeners' Question Time, so have your questions ready.

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CHURCH NEWS

SERVICES DURING JUNE

Thursday 1 st	7.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer
Friday 2 nd	7.30pm Friends of Great Budworth Church Summer Concert
Sunday 4 th	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 10.30am All Age Worship
Wednesday 7 th	10.30am Holy Communion and coffee afterwards
Thursday 8 th	2.00pm Play and Praise
Sunday 11 th	10.30am Matins BCP Join us for a glass of wine afterwards to celebrate Alec's 70th birthday. 6.30pm Holy Communion CW
Tuesday 13 th	7.30pm Archdeacon's Visitation at St. John's Over, Winsford
Saturday 17 th	3.00pm Church Summer Event (see front page)
Sunday 18 th	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 10.30am Parish Communion 4.00pm Deanery Forest Church at Arley Chapel, with bring-your-own picnic afterwards – all welcome
Thursday 22 nd	2.00pm Play and Praise
Saturday 24 th	4.00pm Wedding
Sunday 25 th	10.30am Parish Communion CW 3.00pm Forest Church



20th & 21st June, see us at the Royal Cheshire Show, at the Forest Church section of the Church tent!

NJ Garden Maintenance

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... and then on the afternoon of Bank Holiday Monday, 8th May, there was a celebration on the village field. Thanks go to all those who participated – from erecting the marquee and bringing along the tables and chairs to setting up all the stalls and games. Special thanks go to Jenny Bowman for her vigorous promotion of this event. Various villagers displayed their vintage cars. We had stalls selling hand-bags and jam and an exhibition of pictures from the village's past. The Friends of the School ran a competition. We had ice cream and fish and chips—and, of course, rain. So we ended a perfect weekend with a typical British soaking! What bliss to be in England. God Save the King!

The service celebrating the Coronation on Sunday 7th was followed by the now customary village group photograph (below) by our own Victor Wood. Thank you, Victor!



The Parish Council Annual Meeting took place in Great Budworth Parish Hall on Monday 15th May. The following is a summary of the proceedings. The full minutes will be put on the Great Budworth website following their approval at the next meeting in July.



Karen Hammond was elected Chairman and David Wilkinson was elected Vice Chairman. Janet Bennett, the new Parish Clerk, invited the retiring Chairman, Don Hammond, to deliver his annual report (see page 8).

Councillors agreed that Justin Culver would lead on specific matters of business in relation to Manchester Airport and HS2.

The Clerk and Cllr. Wise would lead on matters of business regarding the Great Budworth Parish Council website.

The Chairman requested that all attendees provide feedback on the PC website.

Cllr. Culver agreed to add a post on the village WhatsApp group encouraging people to provide feedback on the village website.

Budget: the Clerk gave a full account of the accounts for 2022 – 2023 and advised that the figures quoted were only provisional and subject to audit.

The Clerk and past Chairman Don Hammond had calculated and agreed the 2023 – 2024 budget. End of year accounts would be submitted during the first week of June 2023.

Planning Applications:

Ref:22/02029/FUL Great Budworth Primary School: It was brought to the council's attention by a member of the public that the school had ordered a biodiversity report at the request of the Conservation Officer.

Ref:23/01119/FUL Westage Farm: an application to build a stable block. There were no objections

Ref: 23/01360/CAT The Coach House: tree pruning/felling. There were no objections.

Highways: Potholes – Some potholes had been repaired on High Street and Church Street. It was suggested that Westage Lane will soon become impassable owing to the number of potholes. Cllr. Wise asked if CWAC could inform the village residents when work was to commence as this would allow parked cars to be moved from the road, making more potholes accessible. The Clerk agreed to contact CWAC to establish if this was possible. She also agreed to add a link to the Village WhatsApp to enable members of the public direct access to the CW&C webpage for reporting potholes.

Cllr. Wilkinson had reported a blocked drain by his land to CWAC but no action had yet been taken by CW&C.

**Friends of Great Budworth
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Parish Church

Friday June 2nd at 7.30pm

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Ladies' lunch in June

*The June lunch will take place on
Thursday, 15th at 12.30 at the
George & Dragon - in the village
itself! 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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**SCHOOL 100
CLUB DRAW**

May

Winners

1st: - Rachel Wilkinson

2nd: - Jane Ford

BUDWORTH SAILING CLUB EARNS ROYAL SEAL OF APPROVAL



Members of Budworth Sailing Club were thrilled to welcome a very special guest this week, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, as part of its 75th anniversary celebrations.

As President of the RYA (Royal Yachting Association) - the sport's governing body – The Princess Royal was able to witness the vibrancy and enthusiasm which earned Budworth the accolade, *RYA Club of the Year* for 2022.

The Princess Royal was greeted by Budworth's Commodore and flag officers of the club. The Princess Royal was given a tour of the clubhouse and shared stories of its rich 75-year history. She watched the start of a junior sailors' race before presenting prizes to the winners, as well as certificates to club members who have recently completed their dinghy instructor qualification. The Commodore explained that the club's focus on training and development of newcomers to the sport is vital to its continued growth and future success.

Afterwards he said: "It was an honour to welcome The Princess Royal today and show her our fantastic club. She showed a keen interest in every aspect: we were able to show her how, from our foundation in the 1940s, we have taught youngsters how to win races. Budworth is run on an entirely voluntary basis by its members, and we are very proud of what we have achieved."



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SCHOOL 100 CLUB DRAW

**March
Winners**

**1st: - Sue Mayor
2nd: - Pauline Tours**

Maintenance:

Annual undergrowth clearance of the Avenue: the Clerk would contact John Eaton to establish when this is likely to take place. *[Update: Don Hammond has since strimmed part of the eastern end of The Avenue.]*

Repair to roof of the bottom Pump House: Members of the public raised concerns about the damage to the roof and asked councillors if the roof should be repaired or fully replaced. This had been discussed several times in recent years, with a number of quotations received for different repairs. However, nothing had been progressed. It was agreed that three new quotations would be sought, with the results to be discussed at the July Council meeting. The Clerk agreed to locate the file for the Bottom Pump House to see if previous quotations had been saved.

Members of the public reported damage to the trunk of a tree on the Avenue. It had not been confirmed how the damage occurred. It was speculated that the damage may have been caused by badgers (there being a new badger set on The Avenue); a further suggestion was that the damage may have been caused by a muntjac deer.

Other matters arising: Comberbach Parish Council had approached Great Budworth Parish Council requesting a financial contribution to the cost of reducing the speed limit on Budworth Lane and Cock Lane from 50mph to 40mph. The total cost was estimated at £7,300, of which CW&C would contribute £3,650. CW&C had conducted a speed survey which found that the median speed of traffic travelling along the Lane from Comberbach to Great Budworth was 41 mph. After consideration of the report Councillors voted unanimously against making any financial contribution.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 10th July 2023.

LLOYDS PHARMACY PULLING OUT OF SAINSBURY'S NORTHWICH

Many of us will be sad to lose the Lloyds pharmacy branch located in Sainsbury's, Northwich. A staff member has said they will be closing on 7th June. When asked what was behind the closures (there are many more such closures), she said that in part it was owing to chemists being increasingly required to undertake additional responsibilities by the government and NHS, which eats away at the company's profitability. There's bound to be more to it than that, but it will be a great loss for those of us who find it convenient to collect prescriptions whilst doing our grocery shopping.



GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

The following is an abridged version of the report given by Cllr. Don Hammond (pictured), outgoing Chairman of Great Budworth Parish Council, at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 15th May (for draft minutes, see page 6).



Parish Clerk - towards the end of March 2022, Gill Ayres resigned as Parish Clerk. This caused some difficulties over the year. These included problems concerning the transfer of passwords, computer systems, files, IT equipment, VAT returns, access to the Parish Clerk Google mail account and so on. This increased the workload of various Parish Councillors, in particular Anna Lee and Bill Anderson, whom I thank you for their efforts. Following a recruitment campaign Janet Bennett was appointed Parish Clerk with effect from February 2023. Thank you, Janet.

Aircraft Noise Consultation - it is expected that new air traffic routes will be agreed and implemented in 2025/26. This follows an ongoing airspace modernisation strategy in an effort to reduce noise and CO2 emissions. Aircraft navigation systems will be based on satellites, rather than fixed ground-level transmitters. Great Budworth has been an active participant in the discussions, albeit with virtually no influence, but the issue is complicated as the Manchester Airport airspace is impacted by the Liverpool Airport Airspace.

IT systems - the change in the Parish Clerk has provided an opportunity for an overdue review of some of the IT systems. We have bought a new laptop and are in the process of implementing the web-based SCRIBE accounting system, and we have cancelled subscriptions to some unnecessary outdated services, all of which should make life easier for the Clerk and cheaper for the Council.

Speeding in the village - the Parish Council encouraged a speed monitoring exercise which indicated that, despite some residents considering vehicle speed in the village to be excessive, there is little evidence that there is a serious speeding problem. It would be possible to have a community Speed Watch exercise using equipment from Cheshire West.

Bowling Green and Tennis Club Agreement - after discussions over many months, the wording was agreed and a lease was eventually signed on 30 November 2022. I would like to thank Steven Jennings for his help in the matter.

The Avenue Trees. In early 2022, members of the Parish Council undertook some clearance of undergrowth. Thank you. In the autumn further work was undertaken by John Eaton and in September 2022 major tree surgery was undertaken in accordance

with the recommendations of our Tree Survey of 2021. One lime tree was taken down and a further eight lime trees had significant growth removed. Clearing the undergrowth is an ongoing problem for the Parish Council.

The Top Pumphouse Holm Oaks were pruned in October and should need no further work during the next four or five years.

Lower Pumphouse issues:

1. **Water Testing** - following a comprehensive water test on 28 September 2022, the water was found to be hard, with minimal quantities of lead, copper, zinc, iron, manganese, aluminium and arsenic. However, a few coliform bacteria were found - which is undesirable but not necessarily harmful. Precautionary notices were installed in the pumphouse but were immediately vandalised. More recently, as Chairman, I have undertaken two further water tests which indicated that there were no coliform bacteria present in the samples that I took. Cheshire West and Chester have indicated that they will be undertaking a further test, but the matter is in their hands and out of our control as the Parish Council.
2. **Repairs and the waterspout** - during the year there was additional leakage from the waterspout and a temporary replacement was installed by an enthusiastic water drinker. I'm pleased to say that a more permanent fixture has been fitted.

Filming in the Village - filming took place in the village on two occasions, both of which generated income for the Parish and neither of which was unduly intrusive.

Planning and the School Fence - around August the village and the Parish Council discovered that the village School was proposing to erect a fence around the village field to a height of 2.4m for "safeguarding". It was unfortunate that there was no discussion or consultation with the community in advance of the planning application. As has been extensively reported in the Budworth Bulletin, there were a number of failures and errors in the original Planning Application and a revised application will be required.

Parish precept. I am delighted that we did not need to increase the Precept. Expenditure during the year was contained and we had some reduction in expenditure owing to not having a Parish Clerk. With the additional revenue from filming, the finances should be in a reasonable state. However, fixed overheads consume a disproportionate amount of the revenue, leaving little for Council initiatives.

Potholes. The Parish Council puts significant pressure on Cheshire West and Chester to repair our potholed roads, but in many ways representations from individual cyclists and members of the public have a greater impact. Great Budworth is on the Cheshire cycle route (which may or may not be desirable) but the presence of significant potholes is a material safety issue. We are assured that we are 'priority', but it would be good to see appropriate long lasting repairs.