

## DIARY DATES FOR APRIL

*Details of Church services and events are on p9*

**Wednesday 3rd, 7.30pm.** Parish Hall. WI meeting.

**Sunday 7th, 2pm—4.30pm.** Parish Hall. Church teas.

**Thursday 4th, 8pm-9pm** Kingsley Cricket Club. Indoor nets.

**Tuesday 9th, 7.30pm.** Parish Hall. Garden Club meeting.

**Thursday 11th, 8pm-9pm** Kingsley Cricket Club. Indoor nets.

**Saturday 13th, 10.00am—4.00pm** Great Budworth tennis court. Kay Cup competition.

**Wednesday 15th. COPY DEADLINE FOR MAY BUDWORTH BULLETIN**

**Thursday 18th, 12.30pm.** Hayhurst Arms, Bostock Green. Ladies' lunch.

**Thursday 18th, 8pm-9pm** Kingsley Cricket Club. Indoor nets.

**Thursday 25th, 7.00pm.** Comberbach Methodist Church. WI Jigsaw Race.

**Friday 26th, 5.00pm.** Deadline for offers of purchase of land on Church Street.

**Friday 26th, 7pm.** Parish Hall. Pop Up Painting night with bubbly and brushes.



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# BUDWORTH BULLETIN

April 2024



## TENNIS CLUB

The 2024 season started with gusto with The Parker Cup Tournament taking place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March, indoors at the Birchwood Leisure Centre.

Twelve members played mixed doubles, with partners changed for each match. Each mixed doubles pair played four matches in total and the standard was fantastic! Points were award-

ed for each game won and the competition was close. The well-deserved and jubilant winner, who was awarded the Parker Cup, was Coral Houston, with Glenn Johnson as a very worthy runner up. It certainly was a fantastic start to the 2024 season and roll on the lighter nights and better weather! Thanks to tournament co-ordinator, Coral Houston, for organising a great tournament.

The tennis court in Great Budworth is a hidden gem situated next to the village bowling green. We have an active membership with members from Great Budworth and surrounding villages. Throughout the year we hold several tournaments, in addition to opportunities for members to join in social tennis, too. Why not come and join us? You can also book the court and play as a guest for a small remuneration, so if you have visitors and fancy a game the court is there for you to enjoy!

The next tournament will be played at Great Budworth and this is The Kay Cup on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April (Grand National Day) 10am – 4pm. Come along to the pavilion next to the bowling green to meet members and see the tennis club in action! We look forward to seeing you there.

If you would like to enquire about membership, please contact the membership secretary Richard Chandler 07933 087 560.



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*A talk by Detective Constable Andrew Kevan*

*Parish Hall, Smithy Lane on Tuesday 21st May at 7.30pm*

*The talk is around an hour long and looks at our online world in a clear and light-hearted way that everyone can understand. No technical knowledge is needed in order to make some basic changes that will vastly improve our online safety against online scams.*

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## SCHOOL NEWS

We have had a very busy Spring term so far, with various trips and fundraising activities. Everyone enjoyed World Book Day on 7<sup>th</sup> March. This year, we took bedtime reading as our theme and children came to school in their pyjamas and brought in their favourite book and a photo of them reading in a different way or place. We've had some fantastic photos: reading upside down, under the stairs (like Harry Potter) and even in the boot of the car (whilst parked of course). We plan to make a collage of their photos and drawings of their favourite book covers.

Our school council organised two cake sales for Comic Relief and everyone had their red noses on in school.



Our older children visited the Air Raid Shelters in Stockport this month (pictured left). This was an interesting experience as they are studying WW2 in their history and literacy classes. Before the trip they made their own gas mask boxes (for their packed lunch) and evacuate labels. They also dressed in clothes reflecting the era. Our thanks go to Mrs Dianne Green for supplying perfect sized

boxes, recycled from work. Otters class, years 1, 2 and 3 visited The Lowry Arts centre to participate in a workshop based on the works of L S Lowry. They produced some lovely artwork and learnt a lot about the artist himself.

As the Easter holidays approached, the children prepared for our Easter Service in church at 1.30pm on 28<sup>th</sup> March, our last day of term. School reopens on 15<sup>th</sup> April.

We hope that all readers enjoyed a peaceful and very Happy Easter.

From all at Great Budworth CofE Primary School.



### **Ladies' lunch in April**

*April's lunch will take place on Thursday 18th at 12.30 at the Hayhurst Arms in Bostock Green.*

*Please contact me if you'd like to join us as I shall need to book a table.  
Hazel Forwood (01606 891908).*

## GREAT BUDWORTH CRICKET CLUB

The club had its AGM on the 5th March at the Cock O' Budworth. Retiring captain Mark Hankey gave his end of season report, which reflected on one of the Club's most successful years, both on and off the pitch. Thanks were recorded to various players and members, in particular to Doug Toy for his tireless work on the ground and to Richard Kershaw (Holts Brewery) for his ongoing liquid support!

The new Club Captain, elected unanimously by all present, will be Pete Taylor, who will bring his own brand of enthusiasm and encouragement to the team.

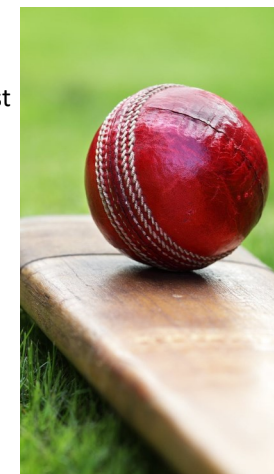
A fairly full fixture list for the 2024 summer is already in place and, weather permitting, the first home game will take place on Wednesday 22nd May against local rivals High Legh - the only side to beat us last season, so we'll be looking to set the record straight!

An important fixture for the club, and a date for your diary, The Peter MacAndrew Cup, is planned for Sunday 21st July and will be a fixture between a Great Budworth CC XI and an Antrobus XI.

Work is now under way to repair the Arley cricket pavilion, with fingers firmly crossed that it will be ready in time to host our first visitors.

Indoor nets began on Thursday 14th March, with members of Great Budworth joined by friends from Kingsley Cricket Club. Any new or prospective players are welcome to come down to St Nicholas's High School, Hartford, 8pm - 9pm on each of the next few Thursday nights until 18th April.

For further information on either indoor net sessions or sponsorship opportunities, please contact the club via [gbccnewplayers@outlook.com](mailto:gbccnewplayers@outlook.com).



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## GARDEN CLUB

Spring is slow this year, mainly because it is so wet. The light nights are here and the hedges are green and everything is bursting into bud. Spring is a wonderful time of the year, and still comes whatever the weather.

The Club's last speakers were Ingrid and John Millington (pictured, right) from Hill View Nurseries in Bridgnorth, Shropshire. They have appeared on Gardener's World, and exhibited at the shows and have mail order. They spoke about Auriculas and showed species and presented a popular theatre-type display. We have these in our own gardens, but mostly their relatives, the polyanthus and primrose, giving a good display at this time of the year. They were thanked by Sarah Lawton, who had met them previously at the Malvern Show.



Julie Treharne gave an update on the holiday and trips. The next is by coach to The Tulip Festival at Morton Hall, near Redditch, in the Midlands on Sunday 5th May. Contact Julie for details.

Three of our members in Comberbach are opening their gardens for members on Wednesday 24th April from 6pm. These are not far apart for the able bodied, but cars can be parked in various places nearby. These generous people are Heather and Alan Bailey, Alison Woodward, and Doreen Kennerley. Each garden's owners will be serving different refreshments, and they only ask for a donation for their own charity on the night. Please support.

Audience members Val Chesworth (left) and Maggie Earl (right)

The April meeting is on Tuesday 9th April at the Parish Hall, when the speaker is from the RHS Bridgwater Garden at Worsley, giving an update on this iconic garden. There will also be a spring bulb competition for members, with prizes. Bring any type of bulb of any size in a pot to display in the hall, giving us a wonderful sign of spring.

We have a new member of committee, who will be the deputy for teas and refreshments. She is Lorraine Blundell (pictured right) and we thank her for volunteering and hope she enjoys her work with us all.

Happy gardening - it's always therapeutic !

For any further information please contact one of us:

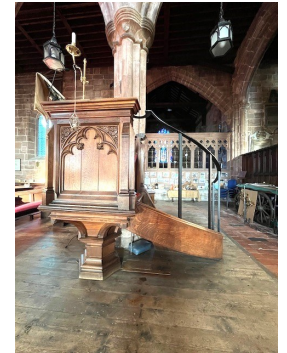
Jean Davies 0789 993 7683  
Julie Treharne 0779 210 8549



## ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS

### April events and services

<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	10.30am Holy Communion CW
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	7.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 10.30am All Age Worship 2.00pm – 4.30pm Church Teas commence
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am Craft and Natter in the Old School
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	2.00pm Play and Praise TBC
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am Matins BCP 6.30pm Holy Communion CW
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 10.30am Parish Communion CW 2.30pm Forest Church 6.30pm Evening Prayer at Arley Chapel BCP
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am Craft and Natter in the Old School
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	2.00pm Play and Praise
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am Parish Communion CW 3.00pm Licensing Service at Chester Cathedral for Rev Jane Proudfoot, new Archdeacon of Macclesfield.
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 10.30am Rogation Sunday Service and walk in village



### CHURCH TEAS

Thank you to all who have volunteered to host the teas this year. All dates are currently covered, which is brilliant!

Teas commence on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2.00pm – 4.30pm. We would love to see you! Why not call in for a cup of tea and a slice of homemade cake? Bring a friend and take time to have a catch up.

All funds raised go towards the day to day running of the church.

Margaret and Maggie.



## Dogs in the Churchyard

**A** number of complaints have been received recently about dog fouling in the churchyard. New signs about this are to go up shortly, but please

could all those who walk their dogs in and through the churchyard observe the following:

**Please keep your dog/s on a lead at all times in the churchyard**

**Please clear up after your dog and deposit the waste in the appropriate bins (located at the entrance to The Avenue by the school and elsewhere in the village).**

**The Parochial Church Council is very happy to see people and their pets enjoying the churchyard but would be happier still to see *all* dog walkers exercising proper responsibility for their animals.**



*Sincere thanks to Nid Peters and to the Garden Club for their generous donations to the Budworth Bulletin. Such gifts are warmly welcomed - as are any donations from those who regularly use the Bulletin to report and promote their activities.*



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The good news is the nights are getting lighter so going out in the evening is easier; but the bad news is the bowlers are back as their season begins in April so the parking spaces are fewer!

We had a lovely evening in March with Ken Pye, a historian from Liverpool who had many tales of his city to tell. His presentation was excellent and books were available to buy. We will definitely have him back to speak - he has a very interesting talk on the Titanic. I think it sank in the end ...

We are busy organizing the Jumble Sale. It will be over by the time you read this Bulletin but hopefully it will have passed successfully, we are all rid of our surplus goods, clad in our purchases - and the WI has benefited financially.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.30pm when our subscriptions are due for 2024-25. The speaker is Bob Barker, who has been a serving Police Officer for 30 years. His talk is entitled 'From Crime to Crime', which sounds very interesting. We look forward to seeing everyone then. Tea ladies on the night are Christine, Judy and Gill.

Thirty members enjoyed an afternoon tea at Davenport's, Acton Bridge, when we enjoyed fine dining in their very quirky Alice in Wonderland-themed tea room (see pic, right). It was a jolly event and we learned quite a lot about tea. Thank you to all the car drivers for transporting and also to Lesley Anderson for organising the party.



June Wilkinson 891534

## Comberbach Methodist Church Jigsaw Race

**WI members are holding another Jigsaw Race on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April, commencing at 7pm.**

**We'll have a Pie & Pea supper at 7pm, followed by jigsaw time at 8pm - or after we have cleared the plates!**

**We have different sizes of jigsaw, depending on your ability. The biggest jigsaw gets the biggest prize, but it will all be for fun and a good social evening.**

**Tickets are £10: teams of up to four.**

**There will be a raffle and tea and cakes will be served after the jigsawing.**

**Please mention any dietary requirements when ordering tickets.**

**Tickets from June Wilkinson or Nic Lord**

## LAND ADJACENT TO RING O'BELLS

Great Budworth Parish Council invites offers for the purchase of a piece of freehold land (see area coloured red on the plan, right) adjacent to Ring O'Bells, 50 Church Street, Great Budworth. The land is the site of substantial trees which are subject to Tree Preservation Orders and which will become the responsibility of the purchaser.



Offers must be received by Caroline Constable, Parish Clerk, by 5pm on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024, in writing to: Parish Hall, Smithy Lane, Great Budworth, CW9 6HL, or by email to: [greatbudworthparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:greatbudworthparishclerk@gmail.com).



**Good news! Hedgehogs have been seen in some gardens after dusk. To supplement their diet of beetles and slugs, please consider putting out a bowl of cat or dog food and a bowl of water. They will be peckish after their long hibernation.**

### 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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## SCHOOL 100 CLUB DRAW

### March Winners

1st: - 28 Kirsty Eden  
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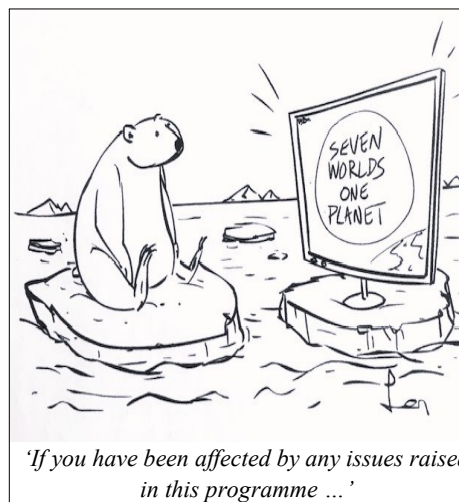
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## Jumble Sale — 23rd March

The WI were delighted with the turnout at the Jumble Sale, though everything seemed against us: the weather was unkind; the wind was giving the Parish Hall awning a testing; the film crew again caused havoc to our village, closing the road to suit just themselves; we feared that we wouldn't have enough jumble; we feared the customers wouldn't find us and we wouldn't have enough helpers. But by a miracle we survived - and the money bag feels very heavy so hopefully we can say it was a huge success! But will we have another? We'll ponder awhile on that one! Very many thanks to all who helped - you were trojans!



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