

DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY

Details of Church services and events are on pages 14 and 15

DECEMBER

Tuesday 6th, Parish Hall, 7.00pm. Garden Club Christmas Party

Wednesday 7th, Parish Hall, 7.30pm. WI meeting

Tuesday 13th, Parish Hall, 10.00am. WI Ramblers meet

Monday 19th, WI Book Club meeting

Monday 19th: DEADLINE, VILLAGE CHRISTMAS POST

Tuesday 20th, Parish Church, 7.30pm Carol Concert, Equali Choir

Saturday 31st, Parish Hall, 8.00pm. Village New Year's Eve party

JANUARY

Wednesday 4th, Parish Hall, 7.30pm. WI Meeting

Monday 23rd, Parish Hall, 7.00pm. Parish Council meeting. All welcome.

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BUDWORTH BULLETIN

December 2022—January 2023



SCHOOL NEWS

We have a busy December planned in our countdown to Christmas - a wonderful time in the primary school year. We will hold our annual Elf Day, a day of Christmas dressing up as elves, making Christmas crafts involving all things glittery! This will be followed by a school fundraising event this year, The Great Budworth Elf Dash. We have planned a Christmas disco, Christmas party day. B-Tales will also be coming into school to entertain us with a pantomime.

The Reception and Key Stage 1 children will doubtless charm us with their performance of The Sleepy Shepherd! The Key Stage 2 children will join with our federated school, Antrobus St Marks, for a carol service in the church with carols and readings.

To round off our term, we will put on our Christmas jumpers for Christmas Jumper Day and raise money for the Save the Children charity.

Finally, from our school community to the village community, we wish you all a happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.

Mrs Corradine (Deputy Headteacher).



UKRAINE APPEAL

Many thanks to all who supported the Pie & Peas evening at the Parish Hall in October when Bram Taylor and his friends entertained us. The supper was a huge success with the Stanways meat & potato pies and cheese pasties.

Thank you for the raffle prizes and the team who helped on the night.

We were delighted to send a cheque for £1,127 to the Antrobus appeal which sends funds to trickle through to the Ukraine.

Volunteer Ukraine continue to take aid and food to the people in the besieged cities of Kiev, Kharkiv and Bucha as well as taking much needed food right to the heart of the conflict to the soldiers on the front line. The Antrobus appeal is on-going, so they continue to ask for donations. I can put anyone in touch if you would like to do a direct debit to the charity VOLUNTARY.COM.UA

June Wilkinson 01606 891534



Sunday 25th 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am Family Communion CW

There will be no Forest Church in December, but there will be a Christmas trail around the churchyard and Quiet Garden.

January 2023

Sunday 1st No 8.00am service
10.30am All Age Worship

Wednesday 4th 10.30am Holy Communion CW and coffee

Thursday 5th 7.30pm Celtic Evening Prayer

Sunday 8th 10.30am Plough Sunday
4.00pm Holy Communion CW

Sunday 15th 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am Parish Communion CW
6.30pm Evensong at Arley Chapel BCP

Sunday 22nd 10.30am Parish Communion CW
3.00pm Forest Church

Sunday 29th 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am Parish Communion CW

The Ministry Team and PCC send best wishes to you all for a peaceful and blessed Christmas and a happy New Year.

Village Christmas Post

Budworth residents will be able to save their shoe leather delivering Xmas cards to friends and neighbours again this year!

The Budworth Christmas Post will deliver your cards to the village nucleus, along with Heath Lane and Budworth Heath. We're sorry, but we can't extend this service to our Arley readers - but perhaps you'll set up your own!

Your post can be left at the Bowmans' at 33 Westage Lane, or the Kordels', The Hollies, High Street, at the latest by Monday 19th December.

We are hoping to enlist the help of a small band of volunteer teenagers in the village to act as 'posties'. Offers of help to Jenny on 07890 491468, please!

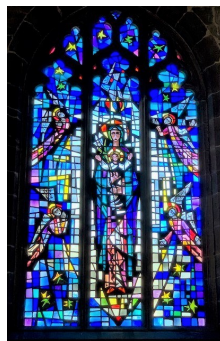
We are asking the people using the service to make a donation of about 20p for each card - the donations will be forwarded to Mid Cheshire Foodbank.



CHURCH NEWS

Diary for December

- Thursday 1st** 7.30pm Compline for Advent (each Thursday up to and including 22nd December)
- Sunday 4th** 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am All Age Worship – Toy/Christmas Charity Service
- Wednesday 7th** 10.30am Holy Communion CW
- Thursday 8th** 2.00pm Play and Praise
7.30pm Compline
- Sunday 11th** 10.30am Parish Communion (not Matins)
6.30pm Arley Chapel – Nine Lessons and Carols
- Wednesday 14th** 5.00pm Joint schools Carol Service GB and Antrobus
- Thursday 15th** 10.00am Cransley Carol Service in church
7.30pm Compline
- Sunday 18th** 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am Parish Communion CW
4.00pm GB Church – Nine Lessons and Carols
- Tuesday 20th** 7.30pm Equali Choir Concert
- Thursday 22nd** 7.30pm Compline
- Saturday 24th** 4.00pm Crib and Christingle Service
11.30pm Midnight Mass CW



Sunday 5 February 2023

THE BIG BOYS' CELEBRATION BREAKFAST!



20 years and still going strong!

Between 9.00am and 12 noon (last orders) you can get a full, proper, breakfast in the Parish Hall. This is a sumptuous breakfast feast of calorific content providing nutritious bacon, sausage, black pudding, haggis, baked beans, mushrooms, tomatoes, fried bread, sauté potatoes, devilled kidneys, and the like. Eggs Benedict and Eggs Florentine are offered as an option for Pescatarians and Vegetarians. Sufferers from food allergies or intolerances - please ask and we may be able to cater. Sausages and some breads are provided gluten-free and we are not aware of nuts being used in the fried breakfast menu.

The cost is just £17.50 per person to include a glass of Bucks Fizz or Budworth Kir Royale (or non-alcoholic drink) to celebrate our survival, unless you are 13 years of age or under in which case breakfast is just £5.00 - without the option of the alcohol! Profits go to local causes. This is traditionally the first major village social event of the New Year - it is not to be missed!

Tickets will be available in January from Dave Hiett 891019, Richard Elias 892141, or John Tours 891432.

WI Ramblers

Members enjoyed a shorter walk to Arley in November and the date of the December Ramble is Tuesday 13th December leaving the Parish Hall at 10am.



WI Book club

This month the club meet on Monday 19th December and the book they are reading is "The Island of Missing Trees" by Elif Shafak, from the Booker shortlist.

GARDEN CLUB

We are coming to the end of yet another year, and are celebrating Christmas. It has been a mixed year with Covid tailing off for most, but with war in the Ukraine, and politics being interesting, to say the least !

The biggest concern for us gardeners is climate change as we go from floods to heat-waves and all things in-between. We have to take note of what is changing in our garden, and perhaps grow plants we've not grown before in order to cope with these new seasons.

We had a lovely speaker last month: Yorkshire lady Sarah Hopps (pictured), who has been visiting us for over ten years and is always well received. It was an excellent evening, and she was thanked by Sandra Crisp.



Our Christmas party is on 6th December at 7pm, and tickets have now mostly all gone, but for any information please phone Jane Fairclough on 01606 891131.

There is no meeting in January, but the most important meeting of the year is the AGM on 14th February 2023, at 7.30 in the Parish Hall, when your subs are due. The cost is kept at £15 per year, which is an amazing bargain !

There will also be a speaker that night and hospitality. Please contact me for any further information.

May I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and thank you for your continued support as we move into our 23rd year.

Jean Davies
07899 937683
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Just in time for Christmas shopping



The new Chester Market opened its doors to the public on Tuesday 8th November

The market will be open six days a week and will be closed on Mondays. Opening hours will be from 8am to 10pm on Tuesday to Saturday and from 10am to 9pm on Sundays.

BERT HUNT



This photo of my Dad, Bert Hunt, was taken in 1935 when, aged 11, he was staying with his Aunt Jenny (Hubbard) who ran the village shop at 50 Church Street (his present home).

Dad, being the only boy at home in Manchester amongst three sisters, was sent off (out of the way, we suspect) each time 'Mam' had a new baby. This particular event was the birth of Dad's youngest sister, Edith, his only surviving sibling.

He remembers helping his aunt make up twists of paper for sugar and other dried foods and weighing them.

The original photo was taken in the back yard with Hough Farm in the background.

I thought it would be nice to reproduce the same photo of Dad aged 98. He told me that the space, where the tree is now, was screened off by some sort of lean-to and used as premises for the village barber shop. I suspect, although Dad could not confirm this, that it was another family member who ran this, as the electricity was supplied by cable from 50 Church St. The lean-to wall and cable are visible on the photo.

Dad still has the scout badge he is wearing on his lapel in the original photo.

Sally Ball



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The best way to make a donation is by direct payment into their bank account (details can be requested from their treasurer at finance@midcheshire.foodbank.org.uk) or by cheque, which can be posted to The Treasurer, Mid Cheshire Foodbank, Unit 14 The Business Centre, Barlow Drive, Winsford CW7 2GN. If you pay tax please gift aid your donation: this allows them to claim an extra 25p for every £1 you donate.

Thank you.

ANSWERS TO THE CHRISTMAS FILM QUIZ

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| 1. <i>(George) Bailey</i> | <i>recorded the song three years later, by which time Peter Aultry's voice had broken).</i> |
| 2. <i>Macaulay Culkin</i> | |
| 3. <i>New York</i> | |
| 4. <i>Gizmo</i> | 7. <i>Natalie Wood</i> |
| 5. <i>His birth father</i> | 8. <i>In Bruges</i> |
| 6. <i>Peter Aultry (NOT Aled Jones, as is commonly thought. Aled Jones</i> | 9. <i>Trading Places</i> |
| | 10. <i>Tom Hanks</i> |

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BUDWORTH BIG BOYS' PARISH HALL QUIZ

Well, what an intellectual, entertaining and sold-out evening it was! FULL MARKS to the Big Boys and the Parish Hall management for arranging the event, even if the same could not be said for some of the teams! Multiple teams representing aspects of the village and various interest groups answered (or attempted to answer) 80 questions, ranging from the truly difficult to the somewhat more approachable under



A packed Parish Hall concentrates on answering the questions

the direction of Quizmaster Dave Hiatt, who not only asked the questions but, in some cases, played them on his instruments. A high-tech scoreboard was utilised under the direction of Andrew Robins.

Bar services were provided by Iain Ritchie and his team; Freddie Elias actively sold raffle tickets; and more than 80 portions of lamb hotpot were provided by the Big Boys, in particular John Tours, Don Hammond and Richard Elias. Iain Mulholland policed our door and Keith Brudenell and others slaved in the kitchen washing up. Thank you to everybody who contributed time and effort - a great evening.

It was good to see so many people present in such a convivial atmosphere. Profits are yet to be determined but will be divided between the Parish Hall as a contribution towards the greatly increased heating bill and traditional Big Boys local causes. Please come to the Big Boys' Breakfast on Sunday 5 February, which we expect to be equally successful.



David Edwell accepts the prize on behalf of the winning team

TENNIS CLUB

On Sunday 13th November a Great Budworth Tennis Club tournament, the Shepherdson Shield, was played in the afternoon following the Remembrance Services.

The Shepherdson Shield trophies were donated to the Club by Louise Shepherdson in memory of her husband, Neil, a much loved Chairman of GBTC and a very good tennis player. It is a ladies' and men's tournament, played separately and at the same time!

Fourteen men and ladies enjoyed playing in wonderful November sunshine!

The men's Shield was won by Ric Burgess and Mark Bailey and the ladies' by Vicky Wheatley and Coral Houston. There were some very close matches!!

The next event in the Tennis Club calendar, the **Kay Cup**, will be the first in the new year. It is to be held on the morning of **Sunday, 19th February 2023**.

The committee would like to extend their very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all readers of the Budworth Bulletin.

Sue Moorhouse
Club Secretary

Coral Houston
Tournaments Officer



The School's Planning Application: an update

As you will recall from previous Bulletins, the school has made a planning application to permit it to erect a metal fence at least 2.4m high (that's 7'10" in old money) on the ground of "safeguarding", although the most recent Ofsted report on the school (dated April 2022) says that "the arrangements for safeguarding are effective".

Opposition to this proposal in the village has been on the grounds that the fence is unnecessary and unsightly, in a Conservation Area, and a waste of a huge amount of money.

To back up those objections the services of an expert planning consultant, Rachael Evans of ABL Planning & Development, have been engaged and she has now written a 14-page letter to the planning officer setting out some of the deficiencies in the planning application, such as:

- contrary to the Localism Act, there was no consultation with the local community before the planning application was submitted;
- no Tree Survey or Arboricultural Impact Assessment accompanied the planning application (despite potential damage to the trees on The Avenue, whose roots travel well into the field);
- no health and safety audit has been submitted and no evidence has been submitted of any breach of any legislation;

Would someone from the school please explain exactly why this planning application is being pursued?



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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Menu:

Poached dressed salmon, followed by

Rib of beef, potatoes dauphinoise, green vegetables and gravy

Choice of desserts

Bring your own wine

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November is the month for our AGM when we have a resume of the last year. It has been a special year to celebrate our 90th birthday with a dinner in February, a sail on the Steamship, Daniel Adamson, and a meeting in the lovely garden of Providence House, where members first met in 1932. We presented our retiring treasurer, Heather Bailey, with a thank you gift and appointed Jane Ford as our new Keeper of the Purse !!

Members enjoyed a fish or cottage pie supper after the business and an Alan Bailey 'happy quiz'. It was a fun evening and enjoyed by all.

We look forward to the final meeting of 2022 on Wednesday 7th December, when Lynne Munden will tell us of the misinterpretations of a Chinese Merry Christmas. If you have a Chinese souvenir then please bring it along to show and tell.

This is a two-month issue of the Bulletin, so we look forward to 2023 when our first meeting takes place on Wednesday 4th January, when Shan Bristow will tell us of the history of Quarry Bank Mill, Styal, and she will arrive, hopefully, in an 1840s costume. Shan should have visited us previously, but it was postponed until 2023 so she is long-awaited.

We wish everyone a very special Christmas and a Happy New Year.

June Wilkinson 01606 891534



The Coronation—ideas wanted!



The coronation of King Charles III takes place on Saturday 8th May 2023 and the following Monday is a Bank Holiday. The Parish Council has resolved to hold celebratory events across the weekend, including events at the Parish Hall and on the Village Field (adjacent to the school). We imagine that the Big Boys will have ideas for a Parish Hall event, but what ideas do you have for holiday events at the Village Field? Shall we hold a fete on the field – and/or a concert ... and/or a sports event?



Let your councillors have your thoughts!

Friends of the School (FoTS)

FoTS, Great Budworth, would like to say a huge thank you to the village for your support over the past year.

With your help, we have been successful in raising over £4,611 in what was a challenging year for fund raising, with having COVID restrictions still in place near to Christmas.

This money has greatly enriched the children's school experience by helping with so much, including contributing to new school reading books and transport for trips out.

The 100 club really helps to give a considerable boost. If you would like to join and be in with a chance of winning, whilst helping to raise valuable funds, please contact Hayley (FoTS Chair) on 07725 116628. Completed forms can be returned to the Ice Cream Farm or Richard and Karen Elias at 24 Westage Lane.

Again, a really big thank you from Team FOTS GB for your continued support!

Thank
you

Winter Wardrobe Clear out!

The Friends of the School (FoS) have organised a clothes recycling collection as a fundraiser for this year's school leavers' event. If you have any unwanted clothes in good condition then please drop off at the school on Thursday 19th January by 9am or at 24 Westage Lane at any time before then. Or phone Karen Elias on 01606 892141 or 07392 296728 who can collect from you.



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The successful candidate will work from home, using a computer provided by the Parish, and their own telephone, and will be the public's primary point of contact with the Parish Council. They will carry out tasks as allocated by the Parish Council and maintain the council's accounts. Preferably, s/he will have previous experience in a local government or similar role, but training is available. The Parish Council meets every two months on a Monday evening.

One of the Parish Council's major tasks is to maintain and protect the high quality of the village environment which draws many visitors. Great Budworth Parish has 297 electors and for the 2020/21 financial year a precept of around £9600 was set.

Salary will be in line with national pay scales.

To apply please send your CV with a covering letter highlighting your relevant qualifications, skills and experience to The Chairman, Great Budworth Parish Council, Smithy Lane, Great Budworth, CW9 6HH. The closing date for receipt of applications is 31st January 2023.

A meeting of Great Budworth Parish Council was held on Monday 7th November in the Parish Hall. The following is a summary of the proceedings. The minutes will be published on the village website in due course.



Parish
Council News

- The tree work on The Avenue had been carried out. Following the felling of one of the trees, which was diseased, there was some discussion as to what to do with the large tree stump that remained, since grinding/removal of the stump had not been included in the original quotation.
- Cllrs. noted that the public notice giving information on the quality of the water at the lower pump house had been persistently removed and the locks broken when the gates had been locked. Further testing of the water was to be undertaken by CW&C before the end of the year.
- The Bowling Club & Tennis Club lease was now ready to be signed. Arrangements would be made before the next meeting for this to be carried out.
- The Coronation of King Charles III. It was agreed by all that celebrations should take place on the Village Field. Members of the public were invited to submit suggestions for events in the hope that a plan could be discussed and confirmed at the next Parish Council meeting in January.
- Following the widespread opposition to the school's planning application to build a 2.4m high fence, a Working Group had been formed, comprising Councillors and residents to pursue opposition to the scheme. To date, an independent planning consultant, based in Northwich, had been commissioned to produce a report for submission to the planning officer.

Enjoy a bit of seasonal fun with this quiz based on well-known films, some or all of whose action takes place during Christmas

Answers on page 12

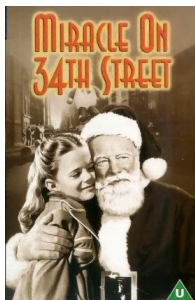


1. What is the family name of the character played by James Stewart in the classic 1946 film 'It's a Wonderful Life'?
2. Who plays Kevin, the boy who's accidentally left at home in 'Home Alone' (1990)?
3. Which US city's police force is John McClane, the hero of 'Die Hard', (1988) a member of?
4. In the 1984 film, 'Gremlins', what's the name that

Rand Peltzer gives to the gremlin that he gives his son Billy for Christmas?



5. In 'Elf' (2003) Will Ferrell plays Buddy, an oversized elf who travels from the North Pole to New York City to meet ... whom?
6. In the BBC tv short 'The Snowman' (1982), who sang 'Walking in the Air' on the soundtrack?
7. In the original 1947 (a very good year!) 'Miracle on 34th Street', who



played Susan Walker, the sceptical little girl who doubts Santa Claus's identity? The actress went on to become a very famous film star in the '60s and '70s.

8. What's the name of the 2008 film in which Colin Farrell and Brendan Gleeson play a couple of hitmen on the run from their boss, who is (brilliantly) played by Ralph Fiennes?

9. In which 1983 film does Dan Aykroyd play Louis Winthorpe, who dresses as Santa Claus to plant drugs in a love rival's desk?

10. Which well-known film star plays multiple roles in the 2004 digital-capture film 'The Polar Express'?



THE VILLAGE FIELD (adjacent to the school) TIMES REMEMBERED

At its last meeting (see report on page 13) the Parish Council decided to hold an event (or events) on the Village Field on the weekend of the Coronation of King Charles III: Saturday 8th to Monday 10th May 2023. What should we do to celebrate this event? Please send your ideas to any of your Parish Councillors. In the meantime, here - and over the next two pages - are reminiscences of the Village Field by some of the village's long-standing residents

"I have lived in Great Budworth since 1965. The village has always had a very active community with the exception of the lockdown. Many of our village celebrations have involved using the field. Over the years I have frequently used the field myself to play with my children and later my grandchildren. Others have written in the following pages about their memories of using the village field for events going back 60 years or more, but there have been much more recent events, too. I recall, for example, that it was used in recent years for Maypole Dancing, Budfest, Church fairs, Royal birthday and Jubilee celebrations and even, in 2018, a performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream! And as recently as August 2022 I saw a group of teenagers playing football on the field and also a woman with young children playing there. And in May 2000 we had the spectacular sight of a visit from a helicopter (see photo below), flown by William, the son of Lesley and Bill Anderson.





"I was born in 1941 and have lived in High Street and Westage Lane ever since ... I remember that the village bonfire was held on the Field each year in the 1960s and '70s and village and Church fetes were held there each summer until the lockdown prevented gatherings. And there

were individual activities, too. Some 17 years ago, a marquee was erected on the field for the wedding reception for a local family and at least two village residents used to use the field for golf practice. A football match was played on the field each Boxing Day."

"I was born at Westage Lane 63 years ago. The field next to Great Budworth school has always been known as 'the village field'. My older sister can remember air raid shelters on the field for the use of villagers. My father as a young man played cricket for Great Budworth and there was a Great Budworth football team which played on the field.

The school used to be totally enclosed by a brick wall (see photo, right): the only way to access the field from the school was through a gate, which opened on to School Lane. The field was open on to The Avenue and was used by everyone."



"I have lived in Great Budworth all my life and my parents and grandparents also lived here. I attended Great Budworth School: normally we would go to the field to play together after school. Over the years the field has been used for football, cricket and rounders. The May Queen ceremonies always took place

there. Each year, until lockdown, a Summer Fete has been held on the field. Each May since the 1960s there has been a ceremonial Maypole Dancing on the field, organised by a village resident and her mother before her." (See photo, above)



"I came to Great Budworth in 1965 and have lived here ever since. I can recall many village fun events which took place on the field. Every Royal Jubilee (and there have been a few!) we enjoyed events there, fun and games that all the village took part in, all arranged by a village committee. I have found a photo (see below) taken at one of the early ones where teams were formed from various parts of the village and, on a greasy pole over water, two contestants had a pillow fight until one fell in. The summer Church fete was also regularly held on the field and the village children danced round the maypole: this wasn't a school events as my two children took part and they did not attend the village school."

"We came to live in Great Budworth 50 years ago and I still live here. Our children attended the village school. I was a Governor of the school until 10 years ago and a councillor on Great Budworth Parish Council for 30 years. Outside of school hours, village people have always used the field, very often for informal activities, as well as for many regular events in the village calendar."

