

DIARY DATES FOR FEBRUARY

Details of Church services and events are on p8

Sunday 4th Parish Hall, 9.30-11.45am. Big Boys' Breakfast
Tuesday 6th Parish Hall, 7.00pm. 'Plane Speaking' - a talk by Steve Balfour
Wednesday 7th Parish Hall, 7.30pm. WI meeting, celebrating 92nd Birthday
Thursday 8th Comberbach Methodist Church, 12 noon-1.30pm Lite Bite lunch
Saturday 10th Parish Church, 10.00-11.30am. Coffee morning to set rota for teas
Tuesday 13th Great Budworth Primary School, 9.30-noon. Open Day
Tuesday 13th WI walk. Details TBA
Tuesday 13th Parish Hall, 7.30pm. Garden Club AGM
Thursday 15th George & Dragon, 12.30pm. Ladies' lunch
Thursday 22nd Comberbach Methodist Church, 12 noon-1.30pm Lite Bite lunch
Monday 26th Davenports Tea Room, 1.00pm. WI birthday afternoon tea



Ladies' lunch in February

February's lunch will take place on **Thursday 15th at 12.30** at the **George & Dragon**.
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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February 2024

THE BIG BOYS' BREAKFAST

Parish Hall, Sunday 4th February



*Save the date for the culinary start of the Great Budworth year. The usual fabulous breakfast buffet involving **unlimited coffee and tea**, toast, fruit juice, marmalades, spicy fruit salad, breakfast cereals and the famous buffet of hot dishes which typically include:*

Bacon - sausages (including a few vegetarian ones) - black pudding - devilled kidneys - eggs - fried potatoes - potato cakes - haggis - mushrooms - baked beans - tomatoes - fried bread and other treats.

This year in recognition of the challenging inflationary environment, the price has been reduced to just £14 per person and £6 per 'child', which we usually calibrate on a vertical scale!

The buffet will be open from 9:30am until around 11.45 am for individual orders. As we have said for many years "WHEN IT'S GONE IT'S GONE". As it gets very crowded between 10.15 and 11.30, we encourage people to arrive early to ensure maximum choice.

All profits will be donated to local causes including a contribution to the 2024/25 Parish Hall Kitchen Appeal.

We look forward to seeing you all.

Tickets available from Dave Hiatt (891019), Richard Elias (892141), John Tours (891432) and Don Hammond (891397).

A meeting of Great Budworth Parish Council took place on Monday 8th January. The following is a summary of the key matters that were discussed. The full (draft) minutes of the meeting are available on the village website.

The new clerk, Caroline Constable was welcomed. She can be contacted via email at greatbudworthparishclerk@gmail.com.

Resident Reports: concerns discussed over flooding on the A559 and fallen leaves on the pavements down the High Street.

Village Field: revised plans were drawn up for the fencing to safeguard the children. Euroguard Flatform style fencing would be erected on the north and east of the field with hoop-topped fencing in same style as currently surrounds car park (but higher) along The Avenue. *(Work in progress as we go to press.)*

Trees on The Avenue: a plan is to be drawn up to tackle the current issues with the trees, namely the ivy and epicormic growth. A working party will then be formed to carry out any necessary work.

Lower Pump House: the water has been tested again but the results are not yet available. Signs informing the public of high nitrate levels have again been torn down. The Parish Council is going to look into feasibility of installing CCTV.

Finance: Looking at creating the budget for 2024-2025, spending and setting of the precept. It was agreed to increase the Precept by 10%.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday, 18th March. Meetings are held in the Parish Hall, starting at 7.00pm. All residents are welcome to attend.



A NEW PARISH CLERK

A warm welcome to Caroline Constable, who has taken up the role of Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. Caroline comes to us with previous experience as a Parish Clerk, so she will be a great asset. A resident and former Parish Councillor of Marston Parish, Caroline is a keen gardener and crafter and is interested in maintaining local heritage.

... AND A NEW PARISH HALL BOOKING CLERK

Pat Collinge takes over as Parish Hall bookings clerk with immediate effect. Pat can be contacted on 07718 496661. Our sincere thanks go to Sue Scott, Pat's predecessor in the role, whose endless patience and helpfulness was much appreciated by all who dealt with her. Thank you, Sue!



Church Teas 2024 Coffee Morning to set rota for teas

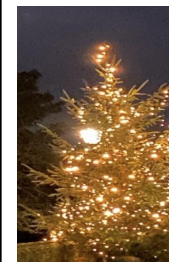
**in Church on
Saturday 10th February 10.00am to 11.30am.**

Please join Maggie and Margaret for a coffee and a catch up. We are hoping to get as many volunteers as possible to help with Church Teas 2024. This is one of our major fundraisers, and we appreciate so much the support our volunteers give us each year.

If you haven't been involved in church teas before, and would like to know more about it, please speak to Maggie 01565 777262 or Margaret 07732324001.

Teas this year will run from Sunday 7th April (week after Easter) to 6th October, each Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday.

Thank you.



Village Christmas Tree

Great Budworth Parish Council was pleased to sponsor the Christmas tree outside the church. Many people expressed their admiration of it. Grateful thanks go to all those who helped to erect it and decorate it.

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SCHOOL NEWS

We are all hoping for good weather this February as it's a Forest School term when every Tuesday is a day of outdoor activities, focussing on nature and outdoor crafts. The children love getting muddy but, we hope, not too wet!



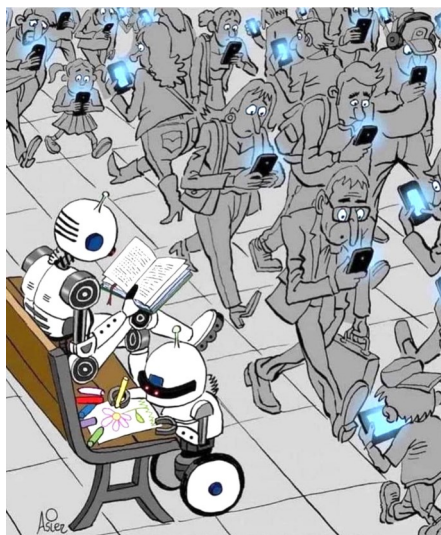
We'll mark NSPCC Number Day with 'Wear a Number' to school and donate £1. Don't be surprised to see a range of football shirts! Our Foxes, years 4, 5 and 6, will also be off to the Conway Centre in Anglesey for a two-night residential with lots of fun activities planned, both on and off the water. The facilities at the Conway Centre are superb and we are excited to be returning there this year.

Foxes will be back in time to celebrate Chinese New Year with a special lunch by our cook, Karen, who will be doing something special for St. Valentine's day in school as well.

On Tuesday 13th February we will be holding our first Open Morning of 2024 from 9.30am until 12noon. If you know anyone who is looking for a nursery or school place, then please let them know. At Great Budworth, every day is an Open Day, so we are happy to show families around throughout the term. We like to involve our current pupils in the open events where they act as hosts, give tours and answer visitors' questions. They are always great ambassadors.

We round off the half term with a Valentine's Disco organised by Friends of the School on Thursday 15th February and school closes for half term on Friday 16th February.

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Spring Wreath-making Workshops

I'm running a few Spring Workshops in the run up to Mothering Sunday and Easter. First, I will be hosting two Mothering Sunday workshops on Friday 8th March at 10am-12noon and again at 1-3pm where you will have the choice of making your own hand tied bouquet or a basket arrangement to take home. Then with Easter approaching I'll be demonstrating how to create your own door wreath or a table centre arrangement, using fresh foliage including moss, spring bulbs, pansies, violas and primulas.



I have places available on the following days between 10-12 and 1pm-3pm:-
Wednesday 13th March; Thursday 14th March; Sunday 17th March;
Thursday 21st March; Friday 22nd March

The cost per person is £50 and includes tea or coffee - and a hot cross bun!
Let me know as soon as possible if you're interested as there are just six spaces per workshop and I imagine that spaces will sell out again extremely quickly this year.

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GARDEN CLUB

Members enjoyed the Club's Christmas party. A splendid buffet (pictured) was supplied by members themselves.

The most important date in our calendar is the AGM on Tuesday 13 February at 7.30 at the Parish Hall. Members' subscriptions for the year are then due, and we have kept it at £15 for the whole year. This must be the best value club around !

A member's attendance or apology is requested. If you are a member and you can't attend, please send your money with a friend, pay on line or put your money through my door or that of any committee member. If subs are not paid by the March meeting, we will assume a member who has not yet renewed their subscription is not re-joining, but we would prefer a member to tell us that. All details will be included in the Members' Newsletter.

If you want to join, please send all details to us and we will let you know after the AGM if there are any vacancies. It's a marvellous club, with great speakers, trips and days out, plus friendship.

After the AGM the regular meeting will take place and our speaker is Jeff Bates who will tell us about Organic Gardening. There will be a plant stall, tea and biscuits and hospitality and full details of events for the coming year.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Jean Davies
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ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS

February events and services

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| Thursday 1st | 7.00pm | Celtic Evening Prayer |
| Sunday 4th | 8.00am | Holy Communion BCP |
| | 10.30am | All Age Worship for Candlemas |
| Wednesday 7th | 10.30am | Holy Communion CW followed by refreshments. |
| Thursday 8th | 2.00pm | Play and Praise |
| Saturday 10th | 10.00am | Coffee morning in church to set rota for church teas |
| Sunday 11th | 10.30am | Matins BCP |
| | 4.00pm | Holy Communion CW |
| Wednesday 14 | 10.00am | Craft and Natter in the Old School |
| | 7.30pm | Ash Wednesday Holy Communion CW |
| Saturday 17th | 12.30pm | Wedding in church |
| Sunday 18th | 8.00am | Holy Communion BCP |
| | 10.30am | Parish Communion CW |
| | 6.30pm | Evening Prayer at Arley Chapel |
| Thursday 22nd | 7.00pm | Compline for Lent |
| Sunday 25th | 10.30am | Parish Communion CW |
| | 2.30pm | Forest Church – venue tbc |
| Wednesday 28th | 10.00am | Craft and Natter in the Old School |



If you would like to know more about the Craft and Natter sessions, please speak to Anne O'May on 01606 891156.

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Lite Bite Dates - February & March

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Open from 12 noon—1.30pm

Thursday 8th and 22nd February
and 7th and 21st March



A WARNING TO THOSE WITH THE OLDER RED PASSPORTS!

Should you want to travel into the European zone do make sure that your passport was not renewed for more than ten years. In my case, for example, I renewed my passport some eight months before its expiry date. The well-meaning passport office then renewed it for ten years ... plus the eight months left to run on it. If your passport was similarly renewed for over ten years it will no longer be accepted for travel within the EU - and possibly elsewhere. People are being turned back at airports every day for having a 'valid' passport that was issued with an expiry date that was later than 10 years from the issue date. Airlines are observing this rule very strictly. The problem does not affect the newer (but old-fashioned style) blue passports as they will have only ten years on them. I have to say that I have not found anyone of my acquaintance who is aware that the problem exists but the girl on the check-in desk at Manchester told me she was having to turn back potential passengers every day for having a passport that is no longer valid owing to the ten-year rule.

Those generous, well-intentioned folk at the passport office of yesteryear could never have thought that their generosity could have such consequences!

Phileas Fogg



Sincere thanks to the Parish Council for their generous grant to the Budworth Bulletin of £400. It currently costs over £1,500 a year to produce ten issues of the Budworth Bulletin, so this grant is warmly welcomed - as would be any donations from regular contributors!

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The new year came as a surprise to our members as the first meeting was on 3rd January and the dust had hardly settled after Christmas.

Nevertheless Graham Stirrup (pictured) gave us a slide show on the subject of Victorians - and we were relieved to be living in the 21st century and not before. His pictures showed the magnificent achievements of the Victorians, with the railways etc., but also the destitution of the poor in the workhouses. One picture showed the buckets of urine in the street that were sold for other uses. If you were a Methodist you got more money for your urine as there was no alcohol in it! It beggars belief. We loved Graham's talk: he puts a good slant on his subject and we hope he will return soon. The tea and cakes were, as always, very good.



A Victorian slum-living family

On February 7th at 7.30pm the WI holds its 92nd Birthday meeting, when we will enjoy a little celebratory tippie and enjoy a social evening with the Lostock Yukes, a local group of ukulele players who will entertain us, followed by tea and cakes.

To continue the birthday treats, we have booked afternoon tea at Davenport's Tea Room at Acton Bridge on Monday 26th February. The tea room has won an award for being the best tea room in the country and is a special treat for members. Please ensure you have your name down on the list to Lesley, Jane or myself. We will leave the village at 1pm and you can rest assured you will not need an evening meal when you get home. The tea room has an Alice in Wonderland theme and is very quaint, so this is an afternoon not to be missed.

ADVANCE NOTICE

We have booked to hold the **JUMBLE SALE** on Saturday 23rd March at the Parish Hall at 11am. Please remind everyone to get their bags of clothes, Household goods and bric-a-brac ready. Please no worn out or damaged clothes but even jeans are sold with holes in !! More details will appear in next month's Bulletin.

RAMBLERS

In January we enjoyed a walk along the River Weaver, followed by a lunch at Anderton Place where two of our local ladies reside. It was good to see the ladies and enjoy a tasty lunch. The next walk is on Tuesday 13th February at 10am.

BOOK CLUB

The latest book that the readers are perusing is 'The Ladies' Midnight Swimming Club' by Faith Hogan.

June Wilkinson 891534

The Village WhatsApp Group

The Great Budworth Village WhatsApp Group now has 120 members and has proved to be a valuable means of communication in the village. It has been helpful in so many ways - from finding lost dogs to locating dinner ingredients!



The list of recommended tradesmen has been very useful - many thanks to Paula Donoghue for keeping this updated. It has also been a good way of offering unwanted items for sale or free of charge, although it would be helpful if, once the advert has been placed, potential buyers approached the sellers via private messages - we don't all need the details of collection arrangements.

The simple aim of the group is as a vehicle for helping each other. Sometimes we all need reminders of what activities are happening locally, what bins are being collected and whether you are the only one with a power cut or no water. It even raises a smile sometimes with the occasional joke or banter It is not, however, a place to be judgmental or broadcast your opinions. Anyone deemed to be in violation of this simple rule will be removed from the group.

If you live in Great Budworth and would like to join, please send a WhatsApp message to Lesley Hopkinson (07976 128006) with your full name and where you live (*not* your exact address, just the street/road).

A frequent complaint by users is the intrusive 'pinging' that indicates the arrival of (yet another) WhatsApp message that interrupts their day. Watch this space in next month's issue for guidance on how to manage this feature.

Lesley Hopkinson

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

January Winners

1st: - Kirsty Eden
2nd: - Ben Fogg

Our sincere thanks go to everyone in the village who supports the school via the 100 Club. It is very much appreciated.

GREAT BUDWORTH HERITAGE SOCIETY PRESENTS:

'PLANE SPEAKING'

A talk by Steve Balfour

Parish Hall, Tuesday 6th February at 7pm
Free admission - Tea/coffee and cake



Steve, a local resident, is a retired air traffic controller (ATC). He began his career at East Midlands in the mid-1970s, before training at the School of Air Traffic Control in Bournemouth in 1979. He then worked at Manchester Airport from 1980 to 2010 doing Tower Approach and Area Control, followed by 15 months at Prestwick ATC Centre. His talk will cover how ATC in the U.K. works, followed by a look at how it affects the skies above Great Budworth.

TOP SECRET!

It is rumoured that on 6 June celebrations of 80 years from the date of the Normandy landings will be held. Apparently, beacons will be lit around the United Kingdom. Await news of anything happening in Great Budworth.

It is a fact that on 8 June, the BIG BOYS will be presenting a "WARTIME LANDINGS CELEBRATION" in the Parish Hall.

Clearly military security is paramount, but the event is likely to involve:

- wartime favourite foods!
- optional fancy dress for those people attending
- music of the era
- silly games, quizzes or other "entertainment".

While we encourage you to put the date in the diary, please be discreet and write it in invisible ink. Further details will be released in the coming weeks in accordance with security regulations.

Don Hammond

