DIARY DATES

Details of Church services and events are on p9

Wednesday 1st, 7.30pm. Parish Hall. WI meeting.

Saturday, Sunday, Monday 4th, 5th & 6th. NGS Garden Opening: All Fours Farm.

Monday 6th, from 2.00pm. Parish Hall. WI teas and plants.

Tuesday 7th, 6.00pm. Parish Hall. Annual Parish Meeting, followed by Parish Council meeting at 7.00pm.

Tuesday 14th, 7.30pm. Parish Hall. Garden Club meeting.

Thursday 16th, 12.30pm. Cock o'Budworth. Ladies' lunch.

Saturday 18th, 9.15am. St. Marks, Antrobus. Annual Boyd Walk.

Tuesday 21st, 7.30pm. Parish Hall. How to Avoid Scams talk.

Wednesday 22nd, 10.00am - 12 noon. Great Budworth Primary School Open Day.

Thursday 6th June, various times. Parish Church. 80th Anniversary D-Day celebrations.

Saturday 8th June, 5pm. Big Boys' 80th Anniversary D-Day celebrations.



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TENNIS CLUB

he first outdoor tournament of the season was a great success, despite the unsettled weather! On Saturday 13th April we played the Kay Cup tournament, in which 18 members played in a mixed doubles tournament throughout the day. The day started off well, cloudy but dry. However, just before lunch we unfortunately had a heavy shower, but managed to play on. In all 15 matches were played, with the top two players, male and female, playing in the grand final. And what a close-run grand final it was, between Jane Elliot and Ric Burgess and Phil Rothwell and Karen Williams. The victors and recipients of the Kay Cup were Karen Williams and Phil Rothwell. Kathy Kay presented the well-deserved prizes. It was day of typically mixed spring weather, but the sun did shine, albeit briefly. A magnificent buffet lunch was enjoyed by all and we even managed to watch the Grand National too. It was good to see several villagers popping in to watch the tournament, enjoy the lunch and socialising.

The next tournament is a summer fun tournament on Sunday 2nd June, which is an opportunity to have some fun on the court! We shall also be playing for the Cussons Shield throughout the summer, with the finals day being held on Saturday 7th September 2024. Why not come and join us? New members are welcome! Contact our mem-

bership secretary, Richard Chandler on 07933 087 560. The court is also available to hire for a visitor's fee, if you have guests or fancy a game. It is a fantastic village facility and one that is there to be appreciated by all. Let's hope the weather soon improves and we can enjoy some summer sun.



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NGS GARDEN OPENING

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4th, 5th & 6th May, 10.00am—4.00pm Entry: Adults £5; children FREE

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Ladies' lunch in May

May's lunch will take place on **Thursday 16th** at 12.30 at the **Cock o' Budworth.** Please let me know if you'd like to join us. I hope to see you all.

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A meeting of Great Budworth Parish Council took place on Monday 18th March. 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.

Flooding on A559:

Flooding issue reported by the owner of Little Dene. Meeting held on 13th March with the owner of the land causing much of the flooding, as well as an agricultural consultant. Many drains/



grids in the area are blocked with silt. There is also a United Utilities grid at the junction with Belmont Road which is blocked and is leaking onto the highway. The landowner proposed a number of solutions, which he will implement.

Ward Councillor Reports:

- Confirmed a 4.4% overall increase in Council Tax.
- Funding from cancelled HS2 link; £185m will be made available over the next 12 years: the majority has been allocated to Highways.
- Poor road conditions and flooding continue to be an issue. CW&C do not have the funding to deal with every issue. Clerk will contact Aston by Budworth PC to ask that Cheshire East Council be asked to carry out repairs to Westage Lane.

Other Issues:

- Trees on The Avenue: Cllr Wilkinson has filled in the holes along the track and cut back the ivy.
- Parish Field: concern expressed over public access and the locking of the gates. A
 set of keys is to be given to the PC and the gate nearest to the school is to be left
 unlocked at the end of the school day, weekends and school holidays. The fencing
 around the field has now been completed.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 7th May, with the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 6pm and the Parish Council meeting at 7.00pm.

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Hilltop Farm, Aston-by-Budworth,





he April meeting was a delight as the clocks had been moved on and we now have light evenings. The speaker was Bob Barker, who served for 30 years as a police officer, and is now retired and an author of crime fiction. He has seven books to his name and continues to write. He told us of the process of getting books in print and was eventually persuaded to tell us of his part in stopping local crime. He was thanked by

Tanya Taylor and we all enjoyed tea, cakes and cordiality.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 1st May when we have Hilary McCumsky as our speaker. Her subject is "A day in the life of a ballet on tour". Hilary is part of the costume department of the Northern Ballet Company and explains the pros and cons of her job. It sounds an interesting subject and all are welcome. The meeting takes place in the Parish Hall and starts at 7:30 pm. The WI are running a teas and plants stall at the Parish Hall on the first May Bank Holiday, 6th May, from 2 pm. If you have any surplus plants, have a talent for making cakes or are even good at washing up then we will be exceedingly pleased to have your help.

The 'Church Teas' that are held in the Parish Hall every Sunday from Easter to autumn are a great asset for the church, the village and for all the partakers who enjoy the company and refreshments. Everyone is a winner.

Two future events are, first our meeting on Wednesday 5th June, when Deborah Drake will be the speaker. Deborah was a contestant on The Great Sewing Bee and has a good story to tell. All visitors are welcome. The second event is the Cheshire Show on 18th and 19th June on the Showground at Tabley. Early tickets are available from the show office.

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GARDEN CLUB

espite the dreadful wet weather, nature continues to spring forth in our gardens! Every day there are more flowers and growth to see.

Our last speaker was Tracey Snell from RHS Bridgwater Garden in Worsley. She has seen the new Garden grow to what it is today and told us the plans and hopes for the future. We are so lucky living within easy reach of this garden, which has biodiversity, a centre for learning, and everything relevant to the modern day. Tracey was a confident and professional speaker, and we were all in awe of her immaculate presentation. She was thanked by Neil Harvey, who also has many connections with the RHS himself.



Jean Davies and Tracey Snell



Janet Bashforth, winner of the bulb competition

The spring bulb competition that night was won by Janet Bashforth (pictured left, with her winning pot of bulbs), with Julie Treharne the runner-up. The hall looked so colourful and bright, with fine planting of various bulbs. Well done to all.

Kate Edwell showed us how to look after the Aloe Vera plants that many members had bought from her. I'm sure that all our plants are going to look beautiful this summer!

Julie Treharne advised that the holiday is on track and that there are just two places left for the Tulip Trip by coach on 5th May. You can bring non-Garden Club friends, if there are places. The two other trips are to Southport Flower Show on 16 August, and Levens Hall on 13 September. Please contact Julie for availability on 07792 108549.

Three members in Comberbach opened their gardens for our members on Wednesday 24 April. We thank Alison Woodward, Heather Bailey and Doreen Kennerley. There was no entry charge, but each had some light refreshment and made a collection for their own charity.

We have many enjoyable evenings coming up and the next meeting is on 14 May in the Parish Hall, when we will welcome Skerne Alpines.

For any other information, please contact me:

Jean Davies 07899 937 683



April meeting

ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS

May events and services

Wednesday 1st 10.30am Holy Communion followed

by refreshments.

Thursday 2nd 7.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer **Sunday 5th** 8.00am Holy Communion BCP

10.30am Rogation Sunday – special

service including walk outside. Refreshments

afterwards

Wednesday 8th 10.30am Craft & Natter in the Old

School - £2 for church

funds

Thursday 9th 2.00pm Play & Praise in church

7.30pm Ascension Day Holy Communion

Sunday 12th 10.30am Matins BCP – Start of Christian Aid Week

6.30pm Holy Communion Common Worship

Saturday 18th 9.15am Boyd walk with Rev Alec Brown from St. Marks,

Antrobus

Sunday 19th 8.00am Holy Communion BCP – Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

10.30am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evening Prayer at Arley Chapel BCP

Monday 20th 7.00pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting, The Old School

Wednesday 22nd10.30am Craft & Natter in the Old School

Thursday 23rd 2.00pm Play and Praise tbc **Friday 24th** 12.00noon Wedding in Church

Sunday 26th 10.30am Parish Communion Common Worship

2.30pm Forest Church venue tbc

Join us on the annual Boyd Walk!



On Saturday 18th May you are invited to join The Rev. Alec Brown on the annual Boyd Walk (2-3 hours' easy walking, with wonderful views). Meet at St. Mark's Church, Antrobus at 9.15 am. Wear walking boots and dress for the weather! Refreshments afterwards in St Mark's, at their Christian Aid Coffee Morning.

SCHOOL NEWS

School broke up on 28th March and as the Easter holidays approached, the children prepared for our Easter Service on the last day of term and enjoyed egg rolling, and Easter bonnet and Egg Pun model making competitions. It was all eggstremely good fun! Our thanks to the Friends of the School for organising all the prizes and our popular Easter Bingo, for all the families. School reopened on 15th April.

Our Summer term will be another busy one with a Residential to Tattenhall for Otters class, our whole school participation in 'Northwich Sings' at the Brio Leisure Centre, SATS tests for the year 6s and their transition days to High School. This is also a Forest School term so lots of fun and learning in the outdoors to look forward to.

Our return from the Easter Break also meant it was Miss Perry's first day as our new Executive Head Teacher for both Antrobus St Marks and Great Budworth Primary Schools. Miss Perry has been with Antrobus since September 2012 and progressed her role over the years to Deputy Head and more recently as Acting Head Teacher. She will now be overseeing the Federation of both Antrobus and Great Budworth ensuring both schools continue to grow and collaborate together. She will be primarily based at Antrobus but will have a presence at Great Budworth each week working alongside Mrs Corradine who is the Head of School and responsible for the day to day running of Great Budworth.

We hope to organise an event later in the term for members of the village community to come into school and meet Miss Perry & Mrs Corradine.

We will be holding an Open morning on Wednesday 22nd May from 10am until 12noon. If you know anyone who is looking for a nursery or school place, please let them know. At Great Budworth, we treat every day as an Open Day so please feel free to make an appointment via the school office if you are looking for a new school or nursery setting.

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Great Budworth area and are looking for a local caring dog walker we are available for daily walks and pet sitting.

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Welcome to Great Budworth to ...



Emily Hayes and Andrew Lim and their family, who have moved into Westage Lane. They've moved from south Manchester and are delighted by the less pressured lifestyle in Great Budworth and look forward to being part of the community. Their young family includes five-year-old Phineas and two-year-old Persephone. Bear, their toy poodle, is very much a part of the family, too. Phineas began attending Budworth Primary School in January, and Persephone will shortly be going to Antrobus Pre-School. Emily continues to work in Manchester in a variety of roles with community groups involving refugees, while Andrew is often able to work from home, as he is a

computer programmer. Do say 'Hello' and introduce yourselves to them if you meet them out and about.

and to ...

Freda and Keith who moved into School Lane a couple of months ago with their dog, Pearl.
They're delighted to find how welcoming people have been, doubtless in part owing to their meeting other dog owners when walking Pearl!
Moving to the village has been a big but happy change for them, having come from St. Helens,



with its population of 300,000. Both are now retired, Freda from working with adults with learning difficulties, and Keith as an engineer for the BBC. They have a narrow boat moored at Rudheath and are looking forward to taking trips on the canals.





2nd: - 79 Sandra Huggins



80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF THE NORMANDY LANDINGS

Celebrations will take place in both the Church (on the day) and in the Parish Hall on Saturday evening. Full details are on these pages.

St Mary and All Saints Church Thursday 6th June

We will be marking the 80th anniversary of D-Day through the evening of 6th June, and everybody is invited to come along.

It will all be happening outside, between the Church and the Old School, unless of course it pours with rain, in which case we will be inside the Church and Old School.

Programme for the evening:

6.00pm Bar open outside the Old School in the Churchyard (or inside, depending on the weather), and music courtesy of Calico and friends

6.30pm Peal of Bells (around 30 mins) and burgers/bangers and baps (£10 for a burger or a sausage bap with a drink of your choice from the bar, £7.50 for children under 16, with a soft drink) from the George & Dragon, plus music. Tickets are only required for the food: these will be available from Sunday 5th May from Margaret 07732 324 001, and Karen on 01606 891397

8.30pm D-Day Anniversary Service in Church

9.00pm Gathering outside Church with lighted candles/lanterns for the national beacon lighting at 9.15pm

10.00pm Depart.

Great Budworth Parish Hall Saturday 8th June, 5 - 10pm



Join the Budworth Big Boys to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the Normandy Landings. You will need to act fast to book a table for a sit-down two-course dinner of gastronomic delights, featuring Normandy Apple Cider Casserole with pork or chicken, followed by classic desserts. A special "Lord Woolton" vegetarian pie option will be created. A well-stocked cash bar will be available.

Food will be served from 6pm.

An extra special feature of the event will be a unique opportunity to compare and contrast the Big Boys' sumptuous feast with a selection of typical wartime ration book foods.

Themed entertainments and diversions will be provided to enhance this joyous celebration. Come prepared to sing and make merry, before and after the meal. The wearing of fancy dress is encouraged.

Entry by prepaid ticket only. £15 adult; £5 child. Ticket numbers will be limited, so book very early!

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