

DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

Details of Church services and events are on p12

Wednesday 1st, Parish Hall, 7.00pm. WI AGM

Thursday 2nd, Comberbach Methodist Church, 12 noon—1.30pm. Lite Bite lunches.

Monday 6th, Parish Hall, 6.30pm. Parish Council meeting.

Thursday, 9th, Parish Hall, 7.30pm. Sarah McQuaid in Concert (Rural Touring Arts)

Tuesday 14th, Parish Hall, 10.00am. WI Ramblers' walk. Details TBA

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

Thursday 16th, George & Dragon, 12.30pm. Ladies' lunch.

Thursday 16th, Comberbach Methodist Church, 12 noon—1.30pm. Lite Bite lunches.

Saturday 25th, George & Dragon. George & Dragon Golf Club annual awards dinner.

Thursday 30th, Comberbach Methodist Church, 12 noon—1.30pm. Lite Bite lunches.

Thursday 30th, George & Dragon, 8.00pm. Christmas Quiz.



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BUDWORTH BULLETIN

November 2023

Sarah McQuaid in Concert

Thursday 9th November

Parish Hall, 7.30pm

Sarah McQuaid presents a varied, eclectic programme, singing and playing acoustic and electric guitars, keyboard and drum.

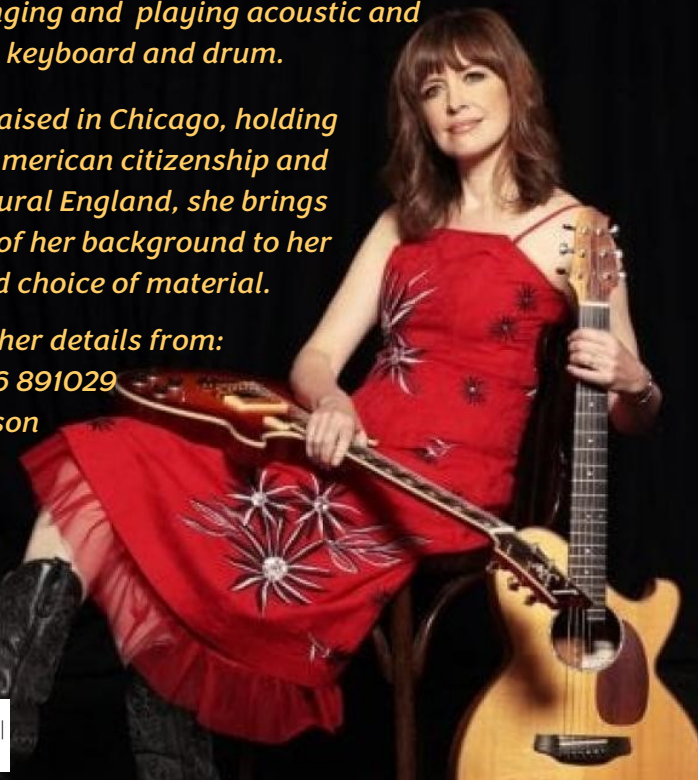
Born in Spain, raised in Chicago, holding dual Irish and American citizenship and now settled in rural England, she brings the eclecticism of her background to her songwriting and choice of material.

Tickets and further details from:

Jan Hiatt 01606 891029

or Katy Hopkinson

01606 624472.





Twelve members enjoyed a craft day decorating terracotta pots with Yvonne Pinder and the results surprised us all. The class was for three hours and we were amazed with the lovely selection of pots to take home. This was a new hobby for us to tackle and it was a good day.

For the October meeting we had Julia Ford who ran a class of chair yoga. Members were told to arrive in comfortable clothes and, after the announcements, we settled down to 45 minutes of deep breathing and gentle exercise. It was my first experience of Yoga and I was pleasantly surprised.

Julia does a class of chair yoga and floor yoga in the Parish Hall each Thursday from 5pm to 6pm. She is very enthusiastic and welcomes everyone and it is pay as you go.

The meeting on Wednesday 1st November is our AGM. It commences at 7pm, when the annual report and finances will be presented to the members. We hope to get through the business as quickly as possible so that we can then enjoy a supper of fish pie or cottage pie, followed by puddings and ice cream.

Members must remember to bring cutlery, plate, bowl, drink and glass as we provide the food but don't want the washing up! There will be a fun quiz and a jolly social time.



WI members with their decorated pots

BOOK CLUB

The book club have completed reading 'Burial Rites' by Hannah Kent. This is based on a true story of life in Northern Iceland in 1829. A servant girl named Agnes is accused of a murder (I hope that isn't a spoiler). The members said it was a good read.

The next book on the agenda is 'The Echo Chamber' by John Boyne.

RAMBLERS

The October walk was from Lady Heyes, Frodsham, when we walked towards the River Weaver across woodland and the Catton Hall farmland, where country sports and quad biking take place, and then back to Lady Heyes for a tasty lunch.

Our next walk will be on Tuesday 14th November leaving the hall at 10.00am. More details will be available nearer the date.

June Wilkinson 891534

GREAT BUDWORTH CRICKET CLUB

The match against a Lord Ashbrook XI (reported in October's Bulletin) proved to be the last match of the season. What should have been the final away game against Kingsley Cricket Club was cancelled by the opposition, so an alternative single wicket competition was hastily arranged. Eight of the regular players took part in the knockout stages: Matt Hankey was the eventual winner, beating Andrew Philips by 18 runs.



The end of season dinner and awards night took place at the Cock O' Budworth on Friday 22nd September.

Club Captain Mark Hankey reflected on what had been the club's most successful season to date and announced the following awards:

Best batting average: Steve Hankey

Best bowling: Spencer Osborne

Players' player of the year: Steve Norton

Finally, the Peter McAndrew Trophy (for services to Great Budworth Cricket Club) was awarded to Doug Toy in recognition of his outstanding efforts in preparing the ground throughout the year and for his role as Club Secretary.

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Sponsored Sleepout 'In' - Friday 20th October

Sleepout for British Red Cross Appeals for Morocco (Earthquake) and Libya (flooding) and for the Christian Aid Middle East Crisis Appeal

Well, as you all know it poured and poured all day and night, so we decided - for the good of our health! - to sleep in church on the floor. It was still cold and very hard on the floor, but not wet!

I think the five of us (pictured) probably heard each hour strike on the clock! And whilst listening out for mice running about, or spiders climbing over us, accompanied by the creaks and groans of a medieval building, 7am couldn't come quickly enough. Actually, when it did come time to get up, we would rather have stayed in our sleeping bags, but we had a good hot brew, packed our things up and headed home.

Thank you to all who sponsored us; there is still time to do so if you wish. The form is on the table at the back of church, or Rev Christina Westwell has set up a JustGiving page: Christina Westwell

St Mary's Great Budworth fundraising for The British Red Cross Society.



TENNIS CLUB

Saturday 7th October was a big day for the Great Budworth Tennis Club. In the morning the Shepherdson Shield tournament was played out at Birchwood Tennis Centre, from 11.00am -1.00pm and comprised ladies' and men's doubles matches. There were several close matches, particularly in the men's pairings, and some good competitive tennis was enjoyed by all! The worthy winners were:



Men's competition: Ian Mulholland & Stephen Houston

Ladies' competition: Cheryl Clarke & Joany Deakin.

During the afternoon the Tennis Committee, as this year's hosts, decorated the Parish Hall ready for the Tennis and Bowling Clubs' Annual Presentation Dinner in the evening, which commenced at 7pm. Delicious canapés made by Tennis Club Committee members were followed by an equally delicious two-course meal prepared and served by Cheshire Caterers and organised by our Social Secretary, Felicia Dykstra. A very good night was enjoyed by both Bowling and Tennis Club members, with speeches made by chairmen Bob Wilkinson, for the Bowling Club, and Ric Burgess, for the Tennis Club.

As well as providing an enjoyable evening for all members, the event also included an Annual Draw to raise funds towards the proposed extension to the Bowling Club pavilion. A lot of prize draw tickets were sold with this in mind. Well done to all involved in making this an enjoyable and profitable event!

Coral Houston, Tournaments Officer

SCHOOL 100 CLUB DRAW

**October
Winners**

1st: - Angela Pickering

2nd: - Audrey Houghton

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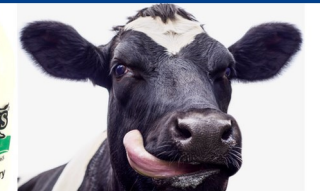
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Christmas Quiz

Mulhollands' Christmas Quiz

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CHURCH TEAS

A huge thank you to all who helped out with Church Teas this season. They finished on 15th October. We are so grateful to all the volunteers who support us each year; we couldn't do it without you.

Thank you to all our visitors too, some who have been coming for years. It was fantastic to have Paul back - he came especially on the last day to have some of Maggie Earl's apple pie!

We have raised in the region of £4500 for church funds. THANK YOU!



CHURCH QUIZ



The quiz night held on 12th October was a fun evening (even if some of the questions were a little hard)! The winning team are pictured here, from l. to r: Chris and Janet Rees, Jude and Brian Banks, and Robert and Marian Steele. Well done, you clever clogs!

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ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS

November

- Wednesday 1st** 10.30am Holy Communion CW followed by coffee
- Thursday 2nd** 7.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer
- Saturday 4th** 2.00pm Service of Blessing at Arley
- Sunday 5th** 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
- 10.30am All Age Worship with the Bishop of Stockport, Bishop Sam Corley. All welcome.
- Wednesday 8th** 10.00am Craft and Natter in church – bring along any craft you would like to do or just come for the natter!! £2 to cover any costs. Anne O'May leads this.
- Thursday 9th** 2.00pm Play and Praise
- Sunday 12th** 10.30am Remembrance Sunday
- 12.00noon Wakes lunch in Parish Hall – Ticket £12.50
contact Shirley 01606 891204
- 4.00pm Holy Communion CW
- Sunday 19th** 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
- 10.30am Parish Communion CW
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer BCP at Arley Chapel
- Wednesday 22nd** 10.00am Craft and Natter
- Thursday 23rd** 2.00pm Play and Praise
- Sunday 26th** 10.30am Parish Communion CW
- 3.00pm Forest Church

We had a lot of events through October, and we would like to thank everybody who supported us.

'Sing' was a full day of singing on Sunday 14th October, under the leadership of conductor Keith Orrell, with Stephen Reynolds accompanying on the piano (see pic. right). This was a



great day, with participants coming from Great Budworth and Manchester. Les Misérables in church sounds fantastic!

And finally, we had our sleepout (or, rather, sleep-in!) in the church on 20th October (see page 14). Thank you to all our sponsors.

GARDEN CLUB

We come to the end of the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness as we reach November, and now is the time for frosty mornings and toasty mugs. The garden needs to be put to bed so that it can regain its energy for the coming of spring. We have lots to do so that we can enjoy the satisfaction of our efforts all year, then can sit back and plan for next year - and indeed sow our sweet pea seeds!

Our speakers in October were David and Pauline Matthewman (pictured), who had travelled from North Allerton in Yorkshire. They changed their previous professional careers mid-life to concentrate on growing sweet peas. It was a huge challenge and extremely hard work, but ultimately very successful. They provide seeds for many garden companies and have won gold medals at all the flower shows with their displays, and they told us how best to grow our own sweet peas. They were thanked by June Wilkinson.



An exciting part of that evening was when Julie Treharne announced the Garden Club holiday for next year: a three-day trip to some of the most famous gardens in the south of England. Members put down their names and paid deposits. We have an excellent thriving club, and I was delighted to learn that the holiday was so well supported that it is now full.

Many thanks to Julie. If you have any questions about this, please contact her direct on 07792 108549.

The speaker at the next meeting on the 14th November is Catherine Sobolewska (our own Kay Bashford's granddaughter), who will talk about Design Management and Harvesting of a Cutting Garden.

Tickets will also be on sale that evening for the members' Christmas Party on 5 December. The format is the same as before, but tickets must be obtained as numbers are limited in the Parish Hall. If you want to come, but can't attend the next meeting, please send your £3 to me or any committee member.

I look forward to seeing you around the village or at the next meeting.

Jean Davies

07899 937 683.

George & Dragon Golf Club

Sunday 1st October brought us the climax of one of the great sporting events in the world – The Ryder Cup. Purely by coincidence, on the same day the George & Dragon Golf Society's season also reached its climax, on the lush green fairways of Reddish Vale Golf Club (pictured).



Several honours were still up for grabs. So, who would perform like a gallant European and who would stumble like a hapless Yank?

Going into this final event, which would determine the Order of Merit winner (the big trophy!), Pete Wood was probably the fancied favourite, with Ian Mulholland and Ben Colman waiting in the wings if Pete should stall. Alas Pete did – although he didn't end the season empty-handed (see below).

Delivering on the day was Ben Colman, so becoming our champion golfer for 2023 (for the second year running, btw). Congrats to Ben.

The other honours for the year went to:

- President's Prize (at Sandiway GC in June) – Andy Heath
- Nid Peters Trophy (for the best stableford score in the year) – Pete Wood (45pts around Portal GC)
- KO Comp – Ben Pearce (beating Jeremy Lawton in the final)
- Lowest Gross of the season – Ben Pearce (gross 72 at Reddish Vale)

We will be celebrating these honours at our annual awards dinner at the George & Dragon on Saturday 25th November and look forward to seeing Phil and his staff then.

Finally, we are always looking for new members, whatever your ability. We even accept hapless Americans!

Steve Cartwright (2023 President)

Comberbach Methodist Church, Senna Lane, CW9 6BD

Lite Bite Dates - November-December

These lunches offer soup and a roll, a pudding and a cuppa with good company, for a donation. Dates are listed below.

Open from 12 noon–1.30pm

2nd, 16th & 30th November and 14th December

A WARM WELCOME TO EVERYONE



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with other local authorities as part of a group-buying scheme for solar panels and battery storage. Planning permission to add solar panels to a property would need to be agreed.

Dates for remaining Parish Council 2023 meeting and 2024 meetings.

- 6th November 2023 (Justin Culver sends apologies)
- 8th January 2024
- 12th March 2024 (Steve Coppell sends apologies)
- 7th May 2024
- 1st July 2024
- 9th September 2024
- 4th November 2024

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A meeting of Great Budworth Parish Council took place on Monday 4th September. The following is a summary of some of the key matters that were discussed. The full (draft) minutes of the meeting are available on the village website.



On behalf of a local resident, the Chairman raised a concern relating to the increase in aircraft noise and low flying aircraft over the village in recent weeks. Cllr Lynn Gibbon reported that aircraft have been rerouted owing to the change in wind direction. A resident reported that he is aware of major consultations taking place regarding Manchester Airport flight paths. Final decisions have not yet been made.

It was reported that three grids in the High Street are blocked. Following heavy rain, flooding occurs on the High Street. Cllr Lynn Gibbon suggested we access the 'Grids & Gullies' page on the CWaC website. This shows the programme of cleaning work scheduled for 2023. Residents can report a blocked grid/gully and the Parish Council can report faults and grids missing from the map.

The Parish Council approved the decision to place a plaque in memory of the late Bert Hunt on the wooden bench outside the Vicarage. The plaque will not be paid for by the Parish Council.

Highways remain a major topic for the Parish Council, with several potholes on Heath Lane still needing attention. Residents have been encouraged to report all highway issues to CWaC via the Highways app. The Parish Council gave agreement for the re-painting of the village telephone box and are seeking quotations for the repair of the bottom pump house roof. A water quality test at the bottom pump house was carried out by a member of CWaC on 29/8/2023. The report should take between 8 – 10 weeks.

Cllr Lynn Gibbon provided updates for August and September 2023. This included:

- Information on a number of monthly newsletters that are available to subscribe to, including Your Streets, Travel and Transport.
- An update on Soot Hill. The scheme is supposedly progressing well and currently on budget and on programme for completion in December 2023. Further updates can be found on the Soot Hill Website - <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/transport-and-roads/highways/major-road-schemes/land-slip-at-soot-hill-northwich>.
- A new Ward Plan is being developed around four themes: Highways, Environmental, Education and Health. These are all linked to communities and will provide a ward picture with actions to pursue. The plan will be circulated once completed.
- Solar Together – information is available on the CWaC website about joining up

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Fraudulent Emails

Everyone with an email address must be familiar with the fraudulent emails (often purporting to come from BT advising us that our bill is ready or that there are messages waiting for us) that arrive in our Inboxes with monotonous regularity. We delete them, of course, but before doing so it's also a good idea to forward them to the National Cyber Security Centre at report@phishing.gov.uk. They will respond with an email acknowledging receipt and providing you with an update of their activities. For instance, the latest one I received stated: "As of August 31st 2023, the number of reports received stand at more than 23,927,000, with the removal of more than 142,900 scams across 261,100 URLs." So, I hope you agree that it's worth the small amount of effort. But don't stop there: I also block that email address from sending any further emails before finally deleting it.



Anna Lee

Ladies' lunch in November



November's lunch will take place on **Thursday 16th 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).



CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOPS At Guide Post Farm, Cann Lane, CW9 6 LX

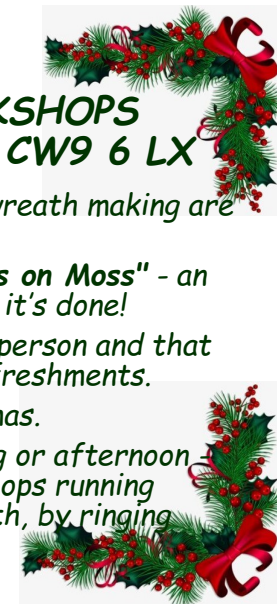
It's that time of year again and bookings for wreath making are already being made!

The theme this year is "Sustainable wreaths on Moss" - an alternative to oasis. Come and see how it's done!

The price is the same as last year: £40 per person and that includes all materials, as well as light refreshments.

It's the perfect start to Christmas.

Workshops will take place during the morning or afternoon and some evenings. Book now for workshops running Friday 1st December through to Friday 8th, by ringing Maggie on 07970 927 161.



PARISH HALL USERS' ADVISORY GROUP

A small but committed group of users attended the Parish Hall Users' Advisory Group meeting on Monday 25th September. Don Hammond, Chairman of the Charity's Trustees, reported that the somewhat clumsily named 'Charity Known as the Village Hall and Bowling Green', had now been wound up and its assets and activities transferred to the new charity, Great Budworth Parish Hall



Charity. As well as being more felicitously named, the new charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), which means it is a legal entity – which its predecessor was not. Other Trustees of the charity are: Bill Anderson, Dave Hiett, David Hopkinson, Iain Ritchie, Malcolm Torrance, John Tours, and Bob Wilkinson.

Don Hammond reported that income for the year ending December 2022 was £4,383. Expenditure for the same year was £4828, resulting in a deficit of £445. So far this year income is £3179, with expenditure currently running at £3958, reflecting some modest capital expenditure and increased expenditure on utilities. Funds in the Co-operative Bank stand at £18,805.

There was agreement that hire rates would need to be increased, though the Hall's role as an important community asset would be foremost in reviewing these.

The Trustees are looking for a volunteer to take on the role of Treasurer. David and Janet Hiett were thanked for having shared this role for many years.

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VERNON JAMES

Sadly, we announce the death of Vernon James of Westage Lane, Great Budworth. He was proud to be the Oldest Man in the village after the death of dear Bert Hunt but did not hold the title for very long.

Vernon was 96 years old and had lived in Westage Lane for a very long time until August this year. His garden was a credit to him and he and Bill Horrigan, his neighbour, had front gardens of glorious colour and back gardens with more vegetables than any supermarket. There was great competition between two great men of the soil.

Vernon came from Whitley. His wife Barbara was the school dinner lady. He drove a wagon, was a milkman and for many years maintained the Budworth Bowling green (the hallowed turf!).

The funeral is on Wednesday 8th November in the Parish Church at 1pm. Karen, his daughter, welcomes anyone able to make it.

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A number of improvements had been carried out since the previous meeting of users.

These included the following:

- the hall's broadband package had been renewed with a modest saving
- CIO insurance was renewed
- the fire door was rehung, so that it is more secure and much easier to close
- external paintwork had been repainted
- internal beams were treated and cleaned
- the Parish Field continues to be maintained and tarmac has been laid over the defunct speed bump.

The installation of a hearing aid loop was considered, but it was decided that no action would be taken.

Thanks were expressed to the Trustees who had undertaken most of the work. These were Bob Wilkinson, Malcolm Torrance, John Tours, Dave Hiett, Iain Ritchie, Bill Anderson and Don Hammond. Others, including John Williamson, had assisted and these were also warmly thanked.

Thanks were also extended to Sue Scott for her continuing role as Bookings Clerk and to Pat Collings, who had taken over the cleaning of the hall.

Potential projects were discussed. These included:

- Refurbishment of the kitchen
- A review of the contents of the loft
- Installing bins in the ladies' WCs for sanitary products.

Bulletin readers will await future developments with interest!



We surpassed ourselves! We, by which we mean everyone involved (cake bakers, washer-uppers, and, above all, the good people of Great Budworth AND beyond), raised an astonishing £870 from the coffee morning held on Friday 29th September. A very sincere and hearty 'thank you' to everyone!

