

## DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER

*Details of Church services and events are on p8*

- Sunday 1st**, Parish Church, 10.30am. Animal Blessing Service.
- Wednesday 4th**, Parish Hall, 7.30. WI meeting. Chair yoga with Julia Ford.
- Thursday 5th**, Comberbach Methodist Church, 12 noon—1.30pm. Lite Bite lunches.
- Saturday 7th**, Parish Hall, Great Budworth Tennis & Bowling Club Annual Dinner.
- Sunday 8th**, Parish Hall, 2.00pm—4.30pm. Church Teas hosted in support of Great Budworth Sharing Memories Facebook group
- Tuesday 10th**, Parish Hall, 7.30pm Garden Club meeting: David Matthewman.
- Wednesday 11th**, Great Budworth CofE Primary School. Budworth Explorers (toddler group) starts.
- Wednesday 11th**, Parish Hall, 7.00—8.30pm. Drop-in wine tasting.
- Thursday 12th**, Parish Hall, 7.00pm Church Quiz night and hotpot supper.
- Saturday 14th**, Parish Church, 9.30—4.30pm. Sing! Community singing.
- Tuesday 17th**, Hayhurst Arms, 12.30pm. Ladies' lunch.
- Thursday 19th**, Comberbach Methodist Church, 12 noon—1.30pm. Lite Bite lunches.



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# BUDWORTH BULLETIN

October 2023

*The Friends of Great Budworth Church  
present a*

# QUIZ NIGHT

*with Hotpot Supper*

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm**

***In the Parish Hall, Smithy Lane***

***Get your teams together (maximum six per team)  
and have your team names ready  
for a fun evening!***

***Tickets £12 per person including hotpot.***

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## GARDEN CLUB

Autumn is coming, although we had a surprise mini heatwave after the dreadful wet August. The borders have late summer colour, but already there are signs of leaves turning and darker nights are upon us.

Our September meeting started with a brilliant presentation of Wild World by Dave Brotton. He showed us some amazing close-up photos of wild animals, the most sought after being the jaguar. This was his most recent expedition to the Pantanal in Brazil. What a fantastic tour and Dave's professionalism was fantastic. He was thanked enthusiastically by Anna Lee.

We also had a members' photo competition of a view in their garden, judged by our speaker. The runner up was Jane Fairclough, but the winner was Sian Chandler, from Comberbach, with her single flower photo entry. Sian is pictured here with our speaker. Well done to the winners, and thank you to all who entered.



**The members' mini holiday for 2024** was announced by Julie Treharne. Phone 07792 108549 for details. The date is the Monday 24th—Wednesday 26th June 2024. The trip is by coach to famous gardens in the south of England. If you want to go please put your name down at the October meeting and secure with a £100 deposit.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 10 October when David Matthewman will talk about Sweet Peas.

For any other information, please contact me in the first instance.  
Jean Davies, 07899 937 683

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# Wine Tasting

*When: Wednesday 11 October  
7.00pm—8.30pm in the Parish Hall  
It will be an informal drop-in tasting*

*The Great Budworth Wine Group has not been particularly active in recent months, and I have sourced good value Chilean wine from an importer in Knutsford that several people in the village have purchased and enjoyed.*

*This event will be an opportunity to taste the current vintages of this excellent, somewhat underpriced range of wine, together with several other interesting wines.*

*The cost is just £5 to pay for the hire of the Hall and a tasting measure of each of the wines on show.*

*Any surplus will be donated to the Great Budworth Parish Hall Charity.*

*Please let me know if you are likely to come.  
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## SCHOOL NEWS

As we return to school and reflect back on a very busy year, we give thanks for all the hard work and dedication of our Head teacher, staff and governors, together with our gratitude for the support of the Friends of the School and our wider community. We wish our Year Six leavers the very best of success in their new High Schools and congratulate them on all they have achieved in their time with us, in particular some excellent SATS results and a wonderful end of term play, 'The Mystery at Magpie Manor'.

The children enjoyed their annual Residential trips to Anglesey and Tattenhall, as well as some exciting days out and events in school. We were visited by ex-pupil, Neville Cookson, 93 years young, who attended our school during WW2 and received a personalised signed photo from International Space Station Commander Chris Hadfield, who visited Manchester recently but couldn't come to school. Foxes Class have been reading his children's book 'The Darkest Dark' and we had hoped to meet him. We are also grateful to The Marbury Lady, Alison Hamlin Hughes, who donated a beautiful framed photo of a rainbow over Great Budworth and to John Macken, the manager of Witton Albion Football Club, who gave a talk during our Sports Week and helped us to complete our skipping challenge. We were delighted to have been awarded a Gold Medal from Vale Royal School Sports Partnership for our participation in many fun events at local high schools and a fun traditional sports day here at school. Our older children have been happy to resume weekly swimming lessons this year after a two-year wait owing to Covid restrictions.

We have enjoyed a lovely Maypole afternoon for our parents and grandparents and thank Shirley Humphreys for all her help every year. We would also like to thank Rev Alec along with Rev Christina and Margaret for organising 'Play & Praise' every fortnight for our early years children. Thanks also go to Ruth Southern and Jean Ripley for helping us every week listening to the children read and assisting with class activities. We were delighted to welcome members of the village community to Afternoon Tea in June, hosted by our Year 6 children, with singing by the younger children as well. We plan to hold another event in the autumn term.

Our two Open Days attracted new families to the school, together with some miniature ponies and alpacas! We plan to hold three more Open Days during the new school year. Our new free toddler group Budworth Explorers starts on 11<sup>th</sup> September as well. Details can be obtained from school (admin@greatbudworth.cheshire.sch.uk or 01606 663690).

A big thank you and farewell go to Mrs Rachel Darlington, who provided excellent maternity cover for Mrs Chelsea Hathaway, who returns this term. We also send prayers and best wishes to our Bursar, Mrs Anne Price, as she takes time away from school.

Our congratulations to our acting Head teacher Mrs Rachel Corradine for a very successful first year in charge. We have exciting plans for the future and look forward to keeping Bulletin readers up to date with all that is happening in school next year.

## GREAT BUDWORTH CRICKET CLUB

**T**he club has continued to enjoy one of its most successful seasons, losing the odd fixture to either the weather or the opposition's failure to raise a side. GBCC's squad is steadily growing in numbers, ability and enthusiasm, allowing us to regularly get 11 players out, despite Club Captain Mark Hankey's obsession with foreign holidays (both Europe and Wales!). Unfortunately, possibly one of our most challenging fixtures - against ECAD (English Cricket Association for the Deaf) - could not take place this year, so the Peter McAndrew Trophy was not presented in 2023.



We have enjoyed return fixtures with a side from Warrington CC, being successful on both occasions. It is always satisfying to beat local rivals and we have completed the treble against Lymm Outrington Park this year. Our thanks to them for getting the game on at their ground in August in miserable conditions that brought out the best and worst of Steve Hankey's fielding: a mixture of Jonty Rhodes and Bambi On Ice!

Elsewhere GBCC has had fairly easy wins against Reynolds CC, Ashtree CC and Barnton CC. The final home game of this summer took place on Saturday 2nd September against a Lord Ashbrook XI. Invited to bat first, Budworth posted a competitive 160 in their 30 overs. This proved to be a winning score as Lord Ashbrook's side wilted quickly following the unfortunate loss of both Roland and Harry Flower to injury early in the game. Consistent batting performances have come from Steve Norton, Paul Lancaster and Pete Taylor, with a number of impressive innings from new boy, Greg Atkins. Spencer Osborne continues to baffle opposition batsmen with his flighted spin bowling.

We've been able to host a barbecue after each home game at Arley, with catering by Mike Barker and others, as well as generous liquid support from Richard Kershaw of Holts Brewery. This continues to make games against Great Budworth a highlight for several of our visiting team! The club treasurer's strictly applied fines policy for offences such as dropped catches, poor fielding - or in fact anything - will ensure the end of season bash is extremely well funded!

### St Mary & All Saints

## Animal Blessing Service

**Sunday 1st October 2023 at 10.30am**

You are welcome to bring your pets along to the service, where they will be blessed during the service if you so wish.

If you can't bring your pets, bring a photo of them. If you can't get to church, but you still want their names read out, please let us know.

We look forward to meeting them and, of course, you as well!



## The Heritage of Great Budworth



More than 20 villagers came to the meeting in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 13th September to share their thoughts about the future of Great Budworth Heritage Society.

COVID and the increasing age of current Committee Members and volunteers have meant the Society has been much less active recently, and so it is hoped to recruit some new, younger, more active members. Great Budworth Parish Council has a lot of responsibility for listed trees and buildings, but there is much else to do!

Formed in 1966, the Heritage Society (originally known as the Amenity Society) is a registered charity and has the following objectives:

To encourage high standards of architecture and town planning in Great Budworth.

To stimulate public interest in and care for the beauty, history and character of the area of Great Budworth and its surroundings.

To encourage the preservation, development and improvement of features of general public amenity or historic interest.

To pursue these ends by means of meeting, exhibitions, lectures, publications, other forms of instruction and publicity, and promotion of schemes of a charitable nature.

The audience was given a brief history of some of its activities over the years, including the contribution of £3,500 toward the recent repair of the Lower Pump House. The Heritage Society was also closely involved in the design of (what were then) the new houses built on Westage Lane in the 1980s/'90s. Architectural drawings were on display, along with other historical documents concerning the Society.

Many years ago Great Budworth was described as the Jewel in the Crown of the *(cont'd on next page)*

Comberbach Methodist Church, Senna Lane, CW9 6BD

### Lite Bite Dates - October - November



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

Thursday 5th & 19th October  
2nd, 16th & 30th November.

December dates to be advised in next month's issue

**A WARM WELCOME TO EVERYONE**



## LOVE CAKE? INTERESTED IN THE HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE?

**Then come along to Church Teas on**

**Sunday afternoon, 8<sup>th</sup> October,**

**which I am hosting on behalf of**

**the Great Budworth Sharing Memories Facebook group.**

Everyone is welcome to join us on Facebook to learn more about the history of our village and local area, share your own memories, see some amazing photos, hear some fascinating stories and even possibly connect with old neighbours and friends. It's a friendly group and we have almost 1,000 members!

I'll have a selection of photos available for you to look at whilst you enjoy your cakes and I would love you to call in for a chat.

If you have any photos, items or memories of the village that you'd like to share (whether or not you are a member of the Facebook group), I'd love to meet you and see and hear them. I can photograph any items that you bring and if you have any items that you don't want to keep but can't bear to throw away, I will take them off your hands and give them a good home. Think of this church tea as a local history Antiques Roadshow without the valuations!

Jane Robins



### Postage collection times from Great Budworth postbox have changed!

**The new Monday to Friday collection time is 9.00am. However there is a 4.30pm collection from Comberbach Post Office. (By the way, don't rely on postboxfinder.co.uk. Last updated in July 2011, it still states the collection time as 4.30pm!)**

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# ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>

8.00am Holy Communion BCP  
10.30am Animal Blessing Service

## Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

10.30am Holy Communion CW followed by coffee

## Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

7.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

10.30am Matins BCP  
6.30pm Holy Communion CW

## Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

2.00pm Play and Praise  
7.00pm Friends of Great Budworth Church Quiz

## Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>

9.30am – 4.30pm Sing! Singers of all abilities welcome to join us for an uplifting day of singing together at Great Budworth Church (details below).

## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

8.00am Holy Communion BCP  
10.30am Parish Communion CW  
6.30pm Harvest Festival at Arley Chapel

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>

10.30am Parish Communion CW  
3.00pm Forest Church – venue TBC

## Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

2.00pm Play and Praise TBC

## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>

8.00am Holy Communion BCP  
10.30am Parish Communion CW  
4.00pm Service of Commemoration for the faithful departed.

### **SING! 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

*Singers of all abilities welcome to join us for an uplifting day of singing together at Great Budworth Church, getting to know a selection of music including Spirituals to Musicals. Versatile and vibrant choral conductor, Keith Orrell, will lead the day, accompanied by our outstanding pianist, Stephen Reynolds. From 9.30am till 4.30pm with non-singing friends and family welcome to come and listen to an informal run through around 4pm. Cost: £20, (Junior singers £10 including music hire) with proceeds in aid of Great Budworth Church.*

*For more information and registration, contact Alison Willis by email - [singingfob@btinternet.com](mailto:singingfob@btinternet.com) - or speak to Margaret on 07732 324 001*



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previous Local Authority, but now we are on the very outer edge of Cheshire West, whose prime focus is Chester. A concern was expressed that the Village was less attractive than in the past, and that some areas are looking neglected.

Audience members raised many interesting thoughts and ideas, including questioning whether the focus might more helpfully be on community building. An idea was put forward that perhaps having an annual event involving the whole village would be helpful.

If progress is to be achieved in re-energising the Society, it will need a core of people willing to take on the roles of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Those at the meeting were encouraged to leave their names & contact details.

Please do contact one of us if you would like to be involved with the work of the Heritage Society: Jenny Bowman on 01606 891431, or Anna Lee on 01606 892352.

## **Sarah McQuaid in Concert**

**Parish Hall, Thursday 9th November, 7.30pm**

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

*“One of the most instantly recognisable voices in current music ... Shades of Joni Mitchell in a jam with Karen Carpenter and Lana del Rey.” - Neil March, Trust the Doc*



## **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**

### **August Winners**

1st: - Karen Elias  
2nd: - Benny Jans

### **September Winners**

1st: - Kristi Hulley  
2nd: - Lynda Flinn

## TENNIS CLUB

The Finals Day of this year's summer tournament was held on Sunday 3rd September. A glorious day unfolded and play started with the first semi-final of Jane Elliott and Ric Burgess versus Bev Gerrard and Dino Manfredi. A great match resulted in Bev and Dino going through to the final. The second semi-final was contested by Paula Donahue and Ian Mulholland and Coral and Stephen Houston. This was another great match with Coral and Stephen going through to the final which was straight after. The final was a good match and well supported by a noisy crowd! Bev and Dino were victorious and worthy winners. The whole day was set in our beautiful village club with blue skies and sunshine. Refreshments and a lovely buffet lunch were



provided, followed by some delicious homemade cakes! Some photographs, kindly taken by Glenn Johnson, showcase the day and the winning doubles pair, Bev and Dino. Thank you to all who contributed to this successful event. It was great to see other contenders in the Cussons Shield come along to add their support on the day.

## Great Budworth Tennis & Bowling Club Annual Dinner

The next Club event is The Annual Presentation Dinner on Saturday 7th October to be held in the Parish Hall in association with the Bowling Club. This year it is being hosted by the Tennis Club. Tickets are £31 per person to include canapés and a delicious two course dinner. Everyone is welcome to come along! Details and tickets are available from Felicia Dykstra or Sue Moorhouse.



Sue Moorhouse, Club Secretary  
07742 535256

### Ladies' lunch in October

October's lunch will take place on Tuesday, 17th at 12.30 at the Hayhurst Arms. Please contact me if you'd like to join us as I shall need to book a table.  
Hazel Forwood (01606 891908).



The September meeting of the WI took place in the Parish Hall on a very warm September evening, when Dominga Devitt gave a presentation of adverts to make you laugh. The films went back to the early days of 'Fabulous Pink Camay', 'Brush Your Teeth with Pepsodent' and 'Beans Meanz Heinz'. We were treated to lots of entertaining adverts of Nescafé, Martini (with Leonard Rossiter and Joan Collins) and the aliens laughing as we peel potatoes. The diction was not easy to follow, but the cakes were delicious and we enjoyed the gathering.

Some members are doing a day workshop to make their own Pinny Pots (examples pictured, right) under the guidance of Yvonne Pinder, who gave us a talk earlier this year and inspired us to have a go.



The results will be on display at our next meeting in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm,

when Julia Ford is going to give us a demonstration of Chair Yoga. Chair Yoga is exactly as it sounds: you can keep fit and well whilst sitting in your armchair. It sounds too good to be true. Maybe I am expecting too much, but Julia suggests we wear comfortable clothing and we can all have a little go with the help of a chair for a prop.

Our next meeting (details above) is free to members and if you have a guest who would like to come along entry is £5. After the demonstration, we will enjoy our cup of tea and tasty cakes provided by Jean D, Jane S and Elizabeth S and we can all admire the beautiful Pinny Pots!

June Wilkinson 891534

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