

## DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

*Details of Church services and events are on pp 8 & 9*

**Monday 4th, 7.00pm.** Parish Hall, Parish Council meeting

**Wednesday 6th, 7.00pm.** Parish Hall, WI meeting

**Sunday 10th, 10.30am.** Parish Church, Remembrance Sunday service

**Sunday 10th, 12.00 noon.** Parish Hall, Wakes lunch

**Tuesday 12th, 10.00am.** TBA WI walk

**Tuesday 12th, 7.30pm.** Parish Hall, Garden Club meeting

**Tuesday 26th, time tba.** Parish Hall, Garden Club, members' Christmas party

**Thursday 28th, 12.30pm.** George & Dragon, Great Budworth,  
Ladies' lunch.

### **Ladies' lunch November**

November's lunch will take place on  
**Thursday 28th at The George & Dragon,**  
here in Great Budworth at 12.30pm. Do  
let me know if you'd like to join us.  
Hazel Forwood (01606 891908).



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# BUDWORTH BULLETIN

November 2024



## **Meet the Budworth Bivouackers!**

*Eleven hardy souls braved the elements and spent an al fresco night in the churchyard (oooh, spooky!) on Friday 18th October. How did they fare? Read their report on page 2!*

## Sleep out – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

**A**t 10.30pm, eleven of us went out through the South Porch to set up our camp for the night. Anne O'May and Maddie, Guide leaders, along with four Girl Guides - Martha, Linnea, Chala and Alex - set up in the alcove by the South Porch, whilst the rest of us - Alec, Margaret, Sarah, Karen and Katy - set up under the window of the Arley Chapel. When I say 'set up', I mean a ground sheet, cardboard and a sleeping bag, plus a sheet ready to cover us up if it rained.

We all settled into our sleeping bags around 11pm (the Guides are pictured, right). The night was dark, but warm, with a slight wind blowing: no stars, moon, Northern Lights or comets visible, but it still felt special to be out there.



Forty-five minutes later, but the first spits of rain were felt. We ignored it at first, but the wind picked up, and then the rain became a little heavier, so we got out our cover sheets and tried to hide under them. The wind got stronger and kept blowing the sheets off until we tucked them under us. At some point the wind stopped, but the rain got heavier. At 3am, with streams of water running down the ground sheets under us, turning our cardboard to pulp, we decided it wasn't sensible to stay out any longer. Our clothes were wet, but luckily it was still warm, so I don't think we realized just how wet we were until we decamped into church. We each found a space and spent the rest of the night trying to keep warm, as we no longer had any dry blankets or sleeping bags to cover us.

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### PADDY PAWS HOME BOARDING DOG DAY CARE

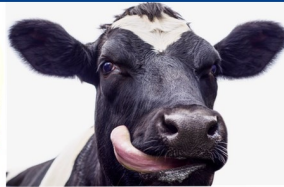
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## BLOCKED DRAINS

**A** number of residents have complained on the village WhatsApp about blocked drains (see pic). For example, there are five consecutive blocked grids on High Street, from the top pumphouse down to the junction with the A559. The house of residents Kate Huet and David Edwell was flooded last year as a result of blocked drains - an incident from which they have not yet fully recovered. These



blockages have already been reported by one or two residents, but we urge readers to add their voices to the pressure on CWAC to do something. You can report a blocked drain at: <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/streets-and-open-spaces/street-cleaning>. Alternatively, simply go the CWAC website and click on 'report it', which is located on the top right of the Home screen.

## What's cooking?

*The Parish Hall is to close from the first week of December whilst modifications take place to the kitchen. As yet we don't know when the hall will re-open, but we hope to have further news in the next issue of the Bulletin, so watch this space!*



## NJ Garden Maintenance

Neil Jones, local gardener with an established Great Budworth and surrounding area clientele, now available for all types of garden work, from regular grass cutting to hedge maintenance and one-off garden tidy ups. Licensed to remove all your garden waste.

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## THE FINDINGS OF CWAC'S 'LET'S TALK ABOUT... TRANSPORT' ENGAGEMENT EXERCISE

The 'Let's talk about Transport' engagement exercise, which ran between 20 November 2023 and 28 January 2024, asked for views on the challenges CWAC faces and the priorities for local transport across the borough.

A report summarising the findings and feedback on how CWAC is responding to the key messages is available to view on their website (enter 'transport strategy' in the Search field on the Home page). There were few surprises in the findings, which the report summarises as:

- Support across the case for change. This included the vision and priorities for the borough and agreement with the challenges identified for the borough's future transport system.
- Support for general improvements to public transport across the borough, including coverage, frequency, affordability and reliability.
- Support for well-connected, safe walking, wheeling and cycling networks to reduce dependence on private cars and enable more people to walk and cycle for local journeys.
- Emphasis on the complex transport and travel challenges faced by rural communities within the borough and ensuring these are addressed and included as part of the Local Transport Plan priorities.
- Support for maintenance of current transport networks, with a particular focus on the road network.
- A desire for clear and measurable details on how the Local Transport Plan 4 will be achieved and implemented, with concern for ongoing financial constraints for the Council and deliverability considerations.

CWAC says the findings will help inform their decisions about the vision, priorities, and approach for the new draft Local Transport Plan.

### Next Steps

According to CWAC, 'Let's talk about... Transport' will continue with further engagement and consultation on the draft Local Transport Plan throughout 2025.

You can register for updates on future stages of the development of the new Local Transport Plan at: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/8FMTF6/>



Cheshire West and  
Chester

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The Guides had had a bit more sense than us older ones, as they had gone in a bit earlier, so their sleeping bags were a little more useable, but still damp. They all slept down the middle aisle.

Tea and toast were on the menu at 6.00am and at 7.00am we packed all our wet belongings and headed home.

A huge thank you to all who took part in the sleepout, and another huge thank you to our sponsors. It will take time to gather it all in, but we estimate that we have raised over £1000. Thank you!



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## GARDEN CLUB

Another year rushes by—and Christmas music is already being played in the shops. Our garden is still full of late colourful flowers, but they will disappear all of a sudden.

The date of the Members' Christmas Party has changed and it will now take place on Tuesday 26th November. This is because the Parish Hall is undergoing a kitchen refurbishment, and not available on our original date. Everything will be the same as planned, so please get your names down as soon as possible, along with details of your contribution to the buffet table. Contact Jane Fairclough on 01606 891132.



The October meeting welcomed Nigel Hopes, Head Gardener from our favourite Ashwood Nurseries in the Midlands. Nigel (pictured, left) gave a fantastic talk about the gardens. His knowledge was outstanding, his manner very relaxed. He was warmly thanked by Linda Enderby.

The Members' Photo competition of their own gardens this summer took place on the same evening and I'm pleased to say that I won it! I was delighted to receive a bottle of prosecco!

A very exciting part of the night was when Julie Treharne introduced the holiday for 2025,

which will take us to Yorkshire. Members rushed to the sign up sheet, and it was full by the end of the evening. Fantastic! Please contact Julie (07792 108549) for any updates in respect of this holiday.

Our next meeting is on 12th November, when Judy Popley will talk about Flower Power Fairs. The Christmas Party list will be there again.

So now enjoy putting your garden to bed for the winter and planning for next year.

Best wishes  
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## ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS November services

- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>** 8.00am Holy Communion BCP  
10.30am All Age Worship for All Saints  
4.00pm Commemoration of The Faithful Departed
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Holy Communion *Common Worship*  
followed by coffee
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>** 7.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer  
7.40pm Bell ringing tbc
- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Remembrance Sunday  
12.00noon Wakes Lunch in Parish Hall  
4.00pm Holy Communion *Common Worship*
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Craft and Natter in the Old School
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>** 1.30pm Play and Praise in church
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>** 8.00am Holy Communion BCP  
10.30am Parish Communion *Common Worship*  
6.30pm Evening Prayer at Arley Chapel BCP
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Parish Communion *Common Worship*  
2.30pm Forest Church – venue tbc
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Craft and Natter in the Old School
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>** 1.30pm Play and Praise in church



## CHURCH EVENTS

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**4.00pm Service of Commemoration for the Faithful Departed**

If you wish a loved one to be remembered at the service, please include their name on the list in church or phone Margaret 07732 324 001 or Pauline 01565 733494 to add their name.

**November 10<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30am Remembrance Sunday**

A special service during which the names from the war memorial are read out and the poppy wreath is laid in the Lych gate.

**12.00 noon Wakes lunch in the Parish Hall**

Hot Pot and apple pie. Please book with Shirley Humphreys 01606 891204

**December 4<sup>th</sup>**

**2.00pm – 4.00pm Christmas Wreath Workshop with Maggie Earl**

Venue: In church, with mulled wine, mince pies, tea/coffee. Tickets £45 per person. Book with Margaret 07732 324 001 or Maggie 07970 927 161

This event is to raise funds for a flower festival we are holding in church in July 2025.

**December 12<sup>th</sup>**

**7.30pm - Festive Cheese and Wine party**

With raffle. Please join us for a social evening in the surroundings of our beautiful medieval church. The party is to raise funds towards the cost of running our church. All are welcome. Tickets are available from Margaret, Maggie or Pauline – numbers above.

## Great Budworth Yoga

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**K**nick Knacks were the subject of Paul Stockton's talk at our October meeting. He brought along items that filled two tables and had members puzzling to identify their uses. Paul interacted with the audience well and we all enjoyed his selection of goods, but collecting is a compulsion that can be incurable, as his wife admitted.

WI members enjoyed an evening listening to the Handbag Harmonies at the group meeting at Winsford Academy. The competition was for an heirloom of the future: Jane Ford's Christmas quilted tablecloth was chosen as our entry.

The County Federation Annual meeting is at the Storyhouse, Chester on Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> November when one of the speakers will be Mary Lamb, who completed the Three Peaks Challenge in her wheelchair with her assistance dog, Sheldon. Another speaker will be Prof. Paul Mealar, who has composed many pieces for Royal occasions, as well as 'Wherever You Are', sung by the Military Wives. The third speaker is Radio and TV presenter Nicky Freeman, who appears on Escape To The Country as well as other TV programmes. Nicky will tell us of her life and charity work. This is a full day meeting.

Great Budworth WI's next meeting is our AGM on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm, when the annual reports and financial statement will be presented. This is followed by nominations for the committee for 2025.

After the business we share a supper of fish pie or cottage pie, served with extras. A special reminder to members to bring the following with them: dinner plate, dessert bowl, cutlery, glass and drink of your choice. This makes our AGM a special night, as we can mingle, chatter and enjoy a jolly quiz. We cater for all our members, but please don't forget your own pots and crocks.

### BOOK CLUB

The new book on the bedside table this month is "The Wind Knows my Name" by Isabel Allende. A story of a young boy, Sam, whose mother manages to get him a place aboard the Kindertransport train from Nazi-run Austria in 1938 to safety in England. It has the makings of a good read.

### RAMBLERS

The walkers (pictured, right) went to the Railway at Mobberly for their October ramble which took them alongside the second runway and under the runway via the Bollin tunnel to the other side. The planes were busily coming and going on a lovely day - we were like real plane spotters! Lunch at the Railway was excellent. The next walk will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November.



June Wilkinson 891534

## TENNIS CLUB

After the most amazing finals day held on 7<sup>th</sup> September, as reported in last month's issue, we continued our celebration of the season at the annual Bowling Club and Tennis Club dinner on 5<sup>th</sup> October in the village hall. This year the dinner was hosted by the Bowling Club and it was a great evening. We enjoyed nibbles, followed by a lovely two-course meal prepared by Rachael Gates and her team at Country Kitchens. It was a very jolly evening, with speeches from Ric Burgess, Chairman of the Tennis Club, and Bob Wilkinson, Chairman of the Bowling Club, who annually compete for the teller of the best joke! This year it was a definite win for Bob. They both acknowledged 40 years of the clubs and our gratitude for how both clubs began. We all extended thanks to the generous donor of the land to the village, Dr Love. Following speeches, the trophies were presented. We were so fortunate to have founder members Gill Cussons and Kathy Kay to present the Cussons Shield and Kay Cup to the winners of the competitions held throughout the year. We finished the evening with a raffle and auction of the floral table decorations. It certainly was a most enjoyable evening.



From left: Karen Williams, Kathy Kay, Chairman Ric Burgess, Gill Cussons and Cheryl McQuillan.

Autumn has arrived with a flourish and although we have had rare glimpses of the sun, we have also had a lot of rain and unfortunately rain stops play! However, the fun does not stop just because the autumn nights are drawing in. The Sheperdson Shield

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competition, took place on 27<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm at Hartford Tennis Club, where the use of multiple courts ensured the tournament could be played in daylight hours.

Coaching opportunities for members will continue each Wednesday over the winter months. If you are interested in joining the club and participating, contact our membership secretary, Richard Chandler (07933 087 560). In addition, social tennis continues, albeit weather dependent.

If you would like to come and play over the winter months, contact Richard Chandler to have a chat about membership. 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 which is there to be appreciated by all.

Joany Deakin

**Together we raised a cool £650 at our Macmillan Coffee Morning on 27th September! This figure includes £65.50 generously donated by the WI, following their quiz night held on the previous evening.**



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