

DIARY DATES FOR FEBRUARY

Details of Church services and events are on p9

Wednesday 5th, 7.30pm. Parish Hall, WI meeting.

Sunday 9th, 9.00am—12noon. Parish Hall, Big Boys' Breakfast.

Tuesday 11th, 10.00am. WI Ramblers.

Tuesday 11th, 7.30pm. Parish Hall, Garden Club AGM.

Thursday 13th, 12.30pm. The Bear's Paw, High Legh. Ladies' lunch.

Wednesday 26th, 7.30pm. New Vic Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent, WI trip to see 'The Last Quiz on Earth'.

Ladies' lunch February

February's lunch will take place on **Thursday 13th at The Bear's Paw, High Legh, at 12.30pm.** Do let me know if you'd like to join us. Hazel Forwood (01606 891908).



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February 2025

Big Boys' Breakfast



Sunday 9th February 2025

Great Budworth Parish Hall

9am to 12:00 noon (last orders)

Enjoy an all-inclusive buffet of every breakfast delight imaginable. Visit the Continental Counter or brave a Full English Breakfast, washed down with your choice of fruit juice, tea or coffee.

All Inclusive ticket price £12.50 Adult - £5 Child 12 & under

This year we are offering small meal deals to eat-in or take-away.

Come and try it out!

Small breakfast / sandwich including beverage deal - £7

TENNIS CLUB

Spring is on the way! Despite the recent snow, the nights are beginning to get lighter, and we can look forward to another season of great tennis at Great Budworth Tennis Club.

We have a full schedule of events planned for this year and we hope we have some better weather soon. Social play and coaching is continuing and, despite the reduction in court time, the court is being enjoyed by many. If you would like to come and play over the remaining winter months, please contact our membership secretary Richard Chandler on 07933 087560 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

The Village Christmas Tree

The Christmas Tree, which was a major feature of the village Christmas decorations, was sponsored by the Parish Council and a village resident.

We extend sincere thanks to both for their generous contribution. Our thanks also go to the Parish Church for the provision of electricity for the tree lights.



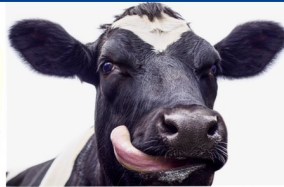
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Spring Wreath-making Workshops
Happy New Year and thank you for coming along to the Christmas wreath workshops. My wreaths are still going, despite the dreadful weather!
I have been asked to run the Spring Workshops again. These will cover both Mothering Sunday and Easter, which may be of interest.
Spring workshops: 13th 14th and 15th March
Easter workshops: 17th 18th and 19th April
The cost per person is £50 and includes tea or coffee and a hot cross bun!



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SCHOOL NEWS

What a start to 2025! We are glad to say that school stayed open throughout the bad weather at the start of January and the children enjoyed some fun activities, including Forest school, in the snow and lots of hot chocolate treats. We are grateful to our caretaker, Mr John Bulfin, for his hard work and early starts, making sure both Great Budworth and Antrobus St Marks were able to open and clearing paths and car parks to keep us all safe.



Swimming was delayed for a week, but Years 5 and 6 are enjoying their visits to Brio Leisure Centre. We have welcomed eight new pupils to school and our Reception 2025 places are nearly full. Four of our children will become 'Junior Librarians' this month when they complete a special training event in Chester, organised by CWAC's Education Library Service.

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year at the end of January and raising funds for the NSPCC Number Day in February. Year 3 pupils will also be taking part in the Northwich Dance Festival, arranged by the Northwich Education Partnership for all local primary schools, which is a lovely way to finish the half term on 14th February.



Looking ahead, the Year 6 children start preparing for their SATs exams in May, with a free after-school booster club. We are also excited about our Spring/Summer residentials, with trips to Pettypool and the Kingswood Colomendy centre, at the foot of Moel Famau, North Wales.

Our next Open afternoon is in Wednesday 23rd April from 1.30pm until 3.00pm. However, every day is an Open day, so please contact us if you would like to arrange a visit for your child.

Finally, we would like to thank our fantastic FOTS team for their fundraising efforts in the run up to Christmas, which have raised over £2,700 to support our children's education. They are starting the New Year with our ever popular 100 Club which runs from February. For just £1 a month, payable in one £12 donation, you could win one of two cash prizes every month. If you would like to take part, please email the school office, admin@greatbudworth.cheshire.sch.uk and we will send you a membership form.

A meeting of Great Budworth Parish Council took place on Monday 6th January. The following is a summary of the key matters that were discussed. Full minutes of the meeting are available on the village website.



Resignation:

Cllr Malcolm Torrance has resigned. Chairman Dave Wilkinson thanked him for his service.

Public Forum:

- Bob Wilkinson updated the Council on the Parish Hall kitchen refurbishment, which was *nearly complete.

He also raised the issue of the streetlight outside the Parish Hall, which has no power. The Clerk will follow up with CW&C.

Finance:

- Bank reconciliations were approved.
- Banking arrangements were discussed. The council approved switching to Lloyds for a debit card and online banking.
- The 2025-2026 budget was signed off.
- A precept request of £11,508.31 will be submitted to CW&C.

Several payments were approved, including salaries, reimbursements, and a donation to the Parish Hall Committee. A Small Grant application by the Budworth Bulletin for the sum of £400 was approved. Current Account balance £8,526.

Planning:

A letter was sent to the owners of 50 Church Street regarding planning concerns but a response is still awaited from the CW&C planning department.

Tree Management:

A tree survey identified priority work, including dead branches and epicormic growth in The Avenue (pictured). A risk assessment and schedule of work were created, and further action will follow after further assessments.

* The kitchen refurbishment has now been completed.

Next Meeting: Monday 3rd March 2025 at 7pm, in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

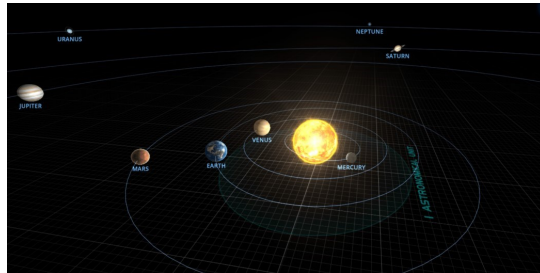


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SKYWATCH

The new moon on 29 January means that skies will be dark enough to see more stars than normal. There are no significant meteor showers this month but the planets are very dominant in the southern sky. Mars is close to Earth at present and the red planet is due south halfway up from the horizon in early February. Further to the west is Jupiter and a good pair of binoculars will pick out its four main moons, which were first observed by the great astronomer, Galileo. Saturn and Venus are visible in the west after sunset, but only for a short time as they follow the sun down. If you are going out to watch please wrap up warm and stay out for at least 20 minutes to allow your eyes to adjust; and keep away from streetlights, which interfere with viewing. A deck chair is a useful place to sit, so you won't have to crane your neck!



Hoping for clear skies, Tony Flynn

THANK YOU!

The Budworth Bulletin extends sincere thanks both to the Parish Council, for its grant of £400, and to Great Budworth W.I., for its generous donation of £100. We

very much appreciate their generosity. It costs £1,600 a year to publish the Bulletin, so we'd welcome donations from all other regular contributors! As Mr Tesco says, "Every little helps" !

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February services

Sunday 2nd	8.00am Holy Communion BCP
	10.30am All Age Worship for Candlemas
Wednesday 5th	10.30am Holy Communion <i>Common Worship</i>
Thursday 6th	7.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer
Sunday 9th	10.30am Matins BCP
	4.00pm Holy Communion <i>Common Worship</i>
Wednesday 12th	10.30am Craft and Natter in the Old School - donation £2
Thursday 13th	1.30pm Play and Praise
Sunday 16th	8.00am Holy Communion BCP
	10.30am Parish Communion <i>Common Worship</i>
	6.30pm Evening Prayer at Arley Chapel BCP
Sunday 23rd	10.30am Parish Communion <i>Common Worship</i>
	2.30pm Forest Church venue TBC
Wednesday 26th	10.30am Craft and Natter in the Old School – donation £2
Thursday 27th	1.30pm Play and Praise

Fundraiser

Starting on 1st February I intend to walk 1,000 miles in aid of church funds. Will you help me by estimating how many days, hours and minutes of actual walking it will take me? The number of miles and time taken for each walk will be recorded.

The cost is £1 per entry, with a prize of £10 to the person with the best estimate. If you want to have a go at estimating the length of time, write your estimate/s on a piece of paper with your name and telephone number included and put in an envelope with your £1 donation for each guess and post in the floor safe in church (it has an illustration of a red church on top). Thank you.

Anne O'May

For those of you who don't know Anne, she is a regular member of our congregation. A prominent member of the bowling club, she also runs the Girl Guides in Comberbach, as well as the Wednesday morning Craft and Natter sessions in church. She is on the Forest Church team and always helps out at church events! Anne is also on the Friends of GB Church Committee and the PCC. Oh yes, and she walks every day - indeed, she walks to and from church from Comberbach each Sunday, even in the bad weather! She will be clocking up the 1,000 miles on her regular walks. So, how long will it take?



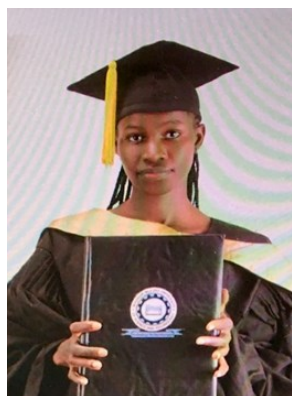
MILDRED'S & DAICY'S STORIES

Mildred Auma and Daicy Alieno have been brought up in Bala Orphanage & Children's Centre in Homa Baly, near Lake Victoria, Kenya. This is one of the poorest parts of Kenya, blighted by malaria and Aids. Since they were five years old, both girls, along with other children, have been sponsored by families here in Great Budworth.

The girls' hard work and determination have allowed them to achieve a high level of excellence, gaining entry to Kenyatta University in Nairobi. Success followed three years later, when they both gained degrees in December 2024, Mildred in accountancy and Daicy in engineering. Congratulations to them both! Hopefully, they should now have a bright future.



Mildred



Daicy

This has been a satisfying and rewarding sponsorship. If anyone wishes to sponsor a child at Bala for £25 a month to feed, clothe and educate a child, information is available on request.

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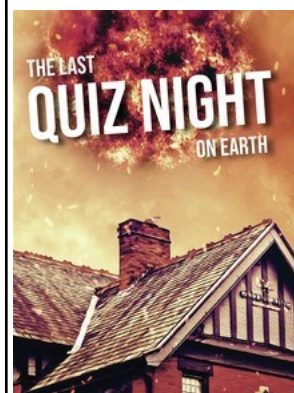


It was not a very good start to the New Year as the weather caved in to extreme cold and consequently the speaker, who was coming from Disley, didn't want to make the journey. The snow continued to fall and the big freeze followed. We decided instead to hold



a jigsaw race for those stoic members who made it to the well-warmed hall. Three teams all did the same 300-piece jigsaw, using a great deal of concentration. The winning team, who completed in under an hour, consisted of Sue, Penny and two Junes! The cakes were delicious, and we all had a tour of the new kitchen, which will be a great asset to our Parish Hall and a credit to the hard work of the committee overseeing the project.

The February meeting is on Wednesday 5th February when John Stirling will try again to make the meeting and give us his talk on 'Toytown to Buckingham Palace'. Hopefully, the weather will be kinder as we celebrate our 93rd birthday meeting in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. The tea ladies are Sue Q, Sue M and Lee for the meeting. We look forward to a better evening weatherwise.



The Birthday month will include a trip to the New Vic theatre in Stoke-on-Trent to see a farce called 'The Last Quiz Night on Earth'. This is on Wednesday 26th February at 7.30pm. We will leave Great Budworth at 6 pm. Tickets are £30 each and we are travelling by car. To secure a seat please let June (891534) or Lesley (891354) know.

A further date for your diary is the Jumble Sale to be held on Saturday 29th March at 11am. It's time to have a sort out. Don't throw away your unwanted items: instead, give them a chance to re-cycle and raise some money for the WI.

RAMBLERS

Thanks to the thaw in the weather the ramblers managed to walk in the grounds of Tatton Park in January and enjoyed a lunch at Booths, Knutsford. The next walk is on Tuesday 11th February, leaving at 10am. Destination to be announced later.

BOOK CLUB

The book club are reading 'The Homecoming' by Anna Enquist, the story of Elizabeth Cook, the wife of Captain James Cook, the seafaring explorer famed for his expeditions and exploration of the world's oceans. Elizabeth remained at home, raising their six children. The book is partly fiction, with the writer imagining how their lives would move on.

June Wilkinson 891534



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This year marks the 80th anniversary of VE day. If readers have a certain sense of déjà vu about this, it may jog memories to remind ourselves that in 2020 we celebrated the 75th anniversary of that momentous event. Indeed, 2020 was a year packed with celebrations as we had no fewer than three anniversaries: VE Day in May, the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June and VJ Day in August; then in May 2023 we celebrated the King's coronation!

Nevertheless, that was two years ago and we now have the opportunity for further celebrations in the village. And we certainly know how to celebrate! Past activities have included exhibitions, scarecrow competitions, baking competitions, fairs, and beacon lighting, to name but a few. This year, we have the opportunity - or excuse! - to do the same. Well, it's all of two years since we did anything like it!

This village has always engaged heartily in any excuse for a celebration. But, before any planning takes place, we need to know the level of interest and enthusiasm for participating in and organising any events this year. Please bear in mind that many of the villagers who have, with enthusiasm and energy, organised these things in the past are now in their 70s and 80s, so we are calling on younger villagers to participate in their organisation.

Please can you let Dave Wilkinson (Parish Council chairman) know, either by email (wilkinson123@btconnect.com) or by text message (07770 654 489) what your views are: broadly speaking, whether or not you are in favour of village-wide activities to mark the occasion and if you're willing and able to help organise such events.



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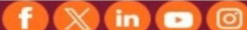
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GARDEN CLUB

It is 25 years since the Garden Club was founded. How the years have flown by since then, but the club has gone from strength to strength every year from the beginning. The committee has changed little over the years, and three of us are still working hard for the club, with trips and a mini-holiday already booked for this year.

The first meeting of the year is the AGM on Tuesday 11 February in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Members' subscriptions of £15 are due then. If you are sending apologies, please send your subscription payment with a friend to secure your place, or contact me if you are not re-joining please.

This will be followed by a talk by Simon Tetlow, Head Gardener at Tatton Park. Visitors are welcome at £5, including refreshments.

For any information, please contact me in the first instance.

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