

DIARY DATES FOR MARCH

Details of Church services and events are on p9

Saturday 1st, 10.00am. Parish Church. Coffee Morning to arrange Church Teas schedule.

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

Tuesday 11th, time tba. Ramblers Walk

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

Wednesday 19th. Winsford Academy. Group WI meeting

Thursday 20th, 12.30pm. George & Dragon pub. Ladies' lunch.

Saturday 29th, 11.00am. Parish Hall. WI Jumble Sale

Sunday 30th, 1.00am. Start of British Summertime: clocks go forward one hour.

Cheshire West Mobile Library new timetable

The mobile library is next due to visit the village on

Tuesday 11th March, 11.45am–12.10pm

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BUDWORTH BULLETIN

March 2025

*Don't miss the
Great Budworth WI*

JUMBLE SALE

*Great Budworth Parish Hall
Saturday 29th March, 11.00am. For
more details see WI report, page 5.*

GARDEN CLUB

The new year started with the AGM, when there was a full hall, with members paying their subscriptions for the new season. Treasurer Neil Harvey submitted his report and took questions. Reports from the last AGM, along with the Chair's report were available for members to read. All the committee were willing to stand again, so they were proposed and seconded and they were elected en bloc. At the end of the meeting Jean Davies, who started the club 25 years ago, advised members that this would be her last year as Chair. She will be retiring but will remain a member of the club. Jean was presented with a bouquet of flowers (see pic).



Julie Treharne-Bush spoke about the first coach trip of the year, which is on the 24th April to the Sefton Palm House in Liverpool. We will be greeted with a glass of wine, followed by a tour of the Palm House by the Head Gardener there.

Following the meeting, Simon Tetlow, Head Gardener of Tatton Park, gave a talk on the history of the gardens at Tatton Park. He was thanked by Linda Enderby.

The next meeting is on 11th March, when Sharon Mayher will talk about the NGS Story. The new NGS booklets are now available.

There are many other celebrations this year and members will experience lots of good times, all listed on the new Events Card.

After 25yrs this is a remarkable Garden Club with excellent members. I am always delighted with this, year after year. For any information, contact me in the first instance

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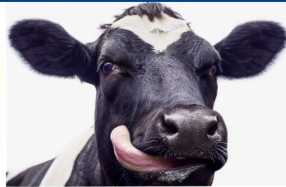
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Easter Wreath-making Workshops

Thanks to all who attended the Spring wreath-making workshops. I'll be running workshops for making living Easter wreaths on the following dates: 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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Ladies' lunch March

The ladies lunch in March will take place in the George and Dragon on Thursday, March 20th. Here's hoping the close proximity of the venue encourages more ladies to come and join a very friendly group at 12.30 Hazel Forwood (01606 891908).



NJ Garden Maintenance

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Cheshire Rural presents
Touring Arts
ROBIN INCE

at

Great Budworth Parish Hall on 26th April 2025
From The Infinite Monkey Cage comes Robin Ince to Great Budworth Parish Hall. Warm, chatty and entertaining, Robin is enormously popular amongst audiences. We are giving residents of Great Budworth advance notice of

this event as it is likely to be extremely popular and tickets will be much in demand. For that reason, we urge villagers to book their tickets early—rather than deciding at the last minute whether or not to attend! Once this event appears on the Rural Touring Arts website, tickets are likely to be snapped up by people far and wide—and we wouldn't want villagers to miss out! This is your opportunity to book early—please don't miss it!

Tickets: £13
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Available from Katy Hopkinson (01606 624472 or 07886 878047) and Jan Hiatt (01606

The Big Boys' Breakfast, 2025



Some of the Big Boys in action

(And on behalf of the community, a very grand and sincere 'thank you' to all the Big Boys for continuing this much-loved annual tradition!)

Thanks to all those—of all ages—who came along to the Big Boys' Breakfast and enjoyed both the usual and the new offering, including homemade Lorne sausage, Bannock bread, granola, jams and marmalades. We raised £780, which will be donated to local good causes. We hope you will join us at our next event. Look out for details in future Bulletins.

Richard Elias



Some of the customers indulging



VE DAY
80TH ANNIVERSARY
A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION
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80th anniversary of VE Day Thursday 8th May

The Church is in discussion with the Parish Council, local musicians and the George and Dragon for a celebratory afternoon/evening to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day, to include music and food and drink in the Churchyard, bell ringing and a special service in Church (along the lines of last year's 80th anniversary of D-Day). Details, times and costs will be in the April Bulletin and Parish Magazine - so please do look out for them and make a note in your diary.

GREAT BUDWORTH CRICKET CLUB

The club committee held its first meeting of the year on 28th January at The Cock O'Budworth.

Planning for the coming season included finalising the fixture list, with the hope of hosting additional games at Arley this summer.

The project for the new net facility is slowly coming together, with the hope that groundwork can begin within a few months. Although projected costs have increased from original estimates, it was unanimously agreed to proceed.

Indoor nets at St Nicholas Catholic High School Hartford begin on Tuesday 4th March, running from 8.30pm -9.30pm and continuing weekly until Tuesday 22nd April. New members welcome.

Match balls—a sponsorship opportunity!

A request for individuals to sponsor match balls will be made again for the coming season. Please help us if you can!

For information on sponsorship opportunities including match balls, please contact the Club Secretary, Doug Toy at gbccnewplayers@outlook.com



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The Great Budworth WI was 93 years old in February and we had an excellent meeting when John Stirling regaled us with stories of his career: from playing Noddy in Toytown, Dixon of Dock Green to appearing in Whacko! with Jimmy Edwards. He produced and directed many shows and name-dropped so many stars, such as John Mills, Hayley Mills, Morecambe & Wise and other well-known names. His wife, who came along with him, was a ballerina and costumier. She also had a great love of donkeys and rescued many from cruelty. One of John's greatest memories was taking their donkeys up the Mall en route to Buckingham Palace to meet the late Queen, an unforgettable moment. His story was entertaining and very amusing and left us all in a happy place. Teas were served from the new kitchen with tasty cakes.

The evening ended with members voting which resolution should go forward to the WI AGM in June. Because the National WI is such a huge organization, we voted to forward a resolution to put to the Government. Last year it was our despair at the lack of dentists. This is an ongoing development. This year the choice was from the following:

- Let's talk about incontinence, a problem so hard to talk about
- Bystanders can be Life-savers: awareness of CPR and defibrillation (a reminder that the village defibrillator is by the G&D side entrance for anyone to use in an emergency)
- Join the repair revolution: we as a WI promote the repair and re-use of all suitable clothing etc. The jumble sale is a perfect example of this.
- Eliminate landfill of medication packaging. Pill pockets and other dispensers of pills are not recyclable and need disposal points in chemists or supermarkets in order to be disposed of safely.

All these are important issues and need to be addressed. After the count we voted for the incontinence problem which needs more awareness.

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March services

Saturday 1st	10.00am – 12 noon	Coffee Morning in church to set rota for church teas
Sunday 2nd	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	10.30am	All Age Worship for St. David's Day
Wednesday 5th	No morning Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Service of Holy Communion & Imposition of ashes.
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 & Natter in the Old School
Thursday 13th	1.30pm	Play and Praise in church
	7.00pm	Compline for Lent
Sunday 16th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	10.30am	Parish Communion <i>Common Worship</i>
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer at Arley Chapel BCP
Thursday 20th	7.00pm	Compline for Lent
Sunday 23rd	10.30am	Parish Communion <i>Common Worship</i>
	2.30pm	Forest Church venue tbc
Wednesday 26th	10.30am	Craft & Natter in the Old School
Thursday 27th	1.30pm	Play and Praise in church
	7.00pm	Compline for Lent
Sunday 30th	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	10.30am	Mothering Sunday Service

Church Teas 2025

Margaret and Maggie invite you to join us at our annual coffee morning in church on Saturday 1st March, to set the rota for Church Teas 2025 10.00am to 12 noon.

With your wonderful support, we managed to raise just over £5000 last year to help with the day to day running of St. Mary And All Saints.

We hope you can support us again and look forward to catching up at the coffee morning. If you are unable to attend, but can help out with teas, or you just want to find out more about church teas, give Maggie or Margaret a ring and we can add your name to the rota, or give you information as to what it entails.

Thank you,
Margaret (07732 324 001)



 **THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND** PREPARATION OF NEW CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

In accordance with Church Representation Rules, a new Church Electoral Roll has to be prepared this year, before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which will take place on Monday 28th April. If your name is on the existing Roll, and you wish to have your name on the new Roll, then you must complete a new application form (these can be found at the back of church). The enrolment process, which started on 23rd February, will last until 6th April, after which time you will not be able to apply for enrolment on the new Roll (application forms can, of course, be completed after 6th April, but those names will only be added to the Roll in 2026).

IMPORTANCE OF THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Enrolment on the Church Electoral Roll is important for both residents and non-residents alike, as the Electoral Roll number determines the number of representatives of the laity on the Parochial Church Council – the body responsible for the overall management and governance of the (ecclesiastical) Parish. In the case of non-residents, important rights relating to burial and marriage are also contingent upon enrolment on the Church Electoral Roll.

Please get in touch if you wish to discuss enrolment on the Church Electoral Roll, or simply complete an enrolment form in Church if you wish your name to be on the new Electoral Roll – provided of course you meet the criteria for enrolment (which can be found on the application form) – and leave your form in the box at the back of Church.

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The next meeting is on Wednesday 5th March at 7.30pm, when Elizabeth Morris will speak on the life of Sarah Smith - 'A Sinner Saved' - the life of a young girl born in 1766 who fell into bad ways and later in life was saved by the Primitive Methodists. I think the speaker comes in costume and plays her part. The tea ladies are Sandra, Dorothy and Shirley.

The Group meeting is at Winsford Academy on Wednesday 19th March, when the speaker is Lucy Adlington from the History Wardrobe. Lucy speaks on 'Bumps, Babes and Bairns'. Tickets are £10 and Great Budworth members are door stewards.

RAMBLERS

The Ramblers (see picture) enjoyed a walk through Lower Peover, along the Peover Eye and to the Tree of Imagination, which is now 10 years old and still looking good. The tasty lunch was at the Snowdrop cafe at Grasslands. The next walk is on Tuesday 11th March.



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.

JUMBLE SALE Our Jumble Sale is on Saturday 29th March in the Parish Hall, from 11.00am. This is our contribution to the movement to repair, reuse and recycle. Jumble can be dropped off at the hall on Friday evening from 5pm and Saturday morning from 9am. Help is essential from 10.45 before the doors open at 11am.

June Wilkinson 891534

Wild Garlic

Wild garlic (pictured) is just appearing now. The leaves make a delicious pesto to mix into pasta or to dress potatoes. It's a quick fix for a hint of garlic in stews and soups, too. The beauty is that, whereas bulb garlic will result in garlicky breath, wild garlic doesn't to the same extent. Chewing a bit of fresh parsley stops garlicky breath instantly. The flowers make a pretty and tasty garnish in a salad. By the time the flowers arrive, the leaves have become tough and lost most of their taste.

Wild Garlic Pesto

Ingredients:

- 150g wild garlic leaves
- 50g parmesan or vegetarian alternative, finely grated
- Fresh lemon – zest of ½ lemon and a few squeezes of juice (optional)
- 50g pine nuts, toasted
- 150ml olive oil



Method:

1. Rinse the wild garlic leaves well in cold water and roughly chop them.
2. Blitz the wild garlic leaves, parmesan, lemon zest and pine nuts to a rough paste in a food processor. With the motor running slowly, add almost all the oil. Add a few squeezes of lemon juice.
3. Transfer pesto to a clean sterilised jar and top with the remaining oil. Put lid on.

This will keep in the fridge for several weeks.

Kate Huet

The Great British Spring Clean returns!

The 10th Great British Spring Clean, run by Keep Britain Tidy, is to take place again and your help is needed! Your Parish Council plans to support this campaign by organising a group of volunteers to tidy up the village. Look out for more details via the Bulletin and social media!

The Joys of a Rural Parish

We are holding a Flower Festival at St. Mary & All Saints Church, Great Budworth on the 11th, 12th and 13th July and a concert on the evening of the 12th to raise money for the general running of the church.

We are inviting all groups within the parish to take part and are looking for volunteers of all skills to help with this great event.

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