DIARY DATES FOR MAY

Details of Church services and events are on p11

Sunday 4th, 2.30-4.00pm, Parish Hall. Volunteers needed for Church Teas, please! (Baking and/or serving.)

Sunday 4th, 10.00-2.00pm. All Fours Farm: NGS garden opening Monday 5th, 10.00-2.00pm. All Fours Farm: NGS garden opening Monday 5th, from 2.00pm. Parish Hall. WI plant stall, plus teas, coffee and cakes

Wednesday 7th, 7.30pm. Parish Hall. WI meeting
Thursday 8th, 5.30-9.15pm, Churchyard. Celebrating 80th anniversary of VE Day

Saturday 10th, 12.00 noon. GB tennis court: GB Tennis Club Fun Day **Tuesday 13th, 10.00am.** Parish Hall. WI walk

Tuesday 13th, 7.30pm. Parish Hall. Garden Club meeting

Thursday 15th, 12.30pm. Cock O'Budworth. Ladies' lunch

Sunday 25th. Garden Club trip to Holden Clough (fully booked)

Thursday 29th, Garden Club trip to Victoria Gallimore's garden



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GARDEN CLUB

Spring has now certainly sprung! We have had beautiful weather and have already dead-headed the daffodils. Other perennials are filling all the gaps very quickly and the gardens look great.

The speaker in April was David Matthewman, who enlightened us about the famous Kew Gardens in London. He was thanked by Anne Saville.

There was also a spring flower competition - a small arrangement from members' own gardens. There were many entries and the hall looked lovely (see pic on next page). The winner was Lillian Norbury (pictured right)



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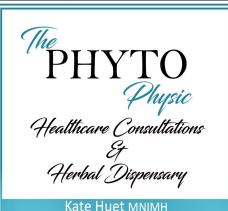
and the runner up was Liz Wathen (pictured left). Well done to everyone!

Peter Davies's 90th birthday celebrations sadly had to be put on hold, as he had been in hospital. All being well, we will celebrate again on May 13th, when Marguerite Hughes will be our speaker.

The trip to the Sefton Palm House is fully booked, as is the holiday in June. Please contact Julie Treharne for other details 07792108549.

There is a full day's coach trip to Holden Clough, the John

Foley nursey, and The Ridges, on Sunday 25th May. There is also a visit to member (cont'd on next page)



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ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS May services

Thursday 1st 7.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer

Sunday 4th 8.00am Holy Communion BCP

10.30am All Age Worship

Wednesday 7th 10.30am Holy Communion Common Worship

Thursday 8th 1.30pm Play and Praise

5.30pm VE Day 80 celebrations in churchyard.

8.30pm Special Service in church followed by candlelit procession

outside

Sunday 11th 10.30am Matins

6.30pm Holy Communion Common Worship

Wednesday 14th 10.30am Craft & Natter in the Old School TBC

Saturday 17th 9.15pm Annual Boyd Walk from St. Mark's Antrobus (refreshments

on return)

Sunday 18th 8.00am Holy Communion BCP

10.30am Parish Communion Common Worship

Thursday 22nd 1.30pm Play and Praise in church

Sunday 25th 10.30am Rogation Sunday – Special Service and walk round village

2.30pm Forest Church at Guidepost Farm where the Bishop of

Chester will be joining us

Wednesday 28th 10.30am Craft & Natter in The Old School TBC

Thursday 29th 7.30pm Ascension Day Service of Holy Communion *Common Worship*

CHURCH TEAS 2025

Church Teas re-commenced on 6th April and will run through to 19th October each Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday, 2.00pm to 4.30pm,

though there may be exceptions if we can't fill the few dates that remain un-(wo)manned. Any help to cover these dates (4th, 25th & 26th May, 27th July, and 31st August) would be greatly appreciated:

NOTE! WE NOW HAVE A CARD READER FOR THOSE WHO, LIKE THE KING, NEVER CARRY CASH!

Margaret 07732324001 Maggie 07970 927161

ST MARY & ALL SAINTS GREAT BUDWORTH FLOWER FESTIVAL The Joys of a Rural Parish 11th—13th July

Friday: Join us in church 10.00am-4.00pm

Saturday: Join us in Church 10.00am -4.00pm

Music @ St. Mary's in Church 7.00pm

Sunday: Songs of Praise service 10.30am

Join us in Church 1.00pm-4.00pm

Each of the floral exhibits will be inspired by a different hymn and will be created by different local groups, reflecting the vibrancy and diversity of this beautiful parish.

Tea and cakes will be served throughout the day at the Parish Hall. The George and Dragon pub will be serving a special menu for the occasion.

There will also be a local art exhibition, trips up the Tower (from which to enjoy the amazing views) as well as a Music @ St. Mary's concert in the church on the evening of 12th July, and our Songs of Praise service on Sunday morning.

Admission is free to the Flower Festival, though voluntary donations to the Church are very welcome. Tower trips cost £5 (must be over 8 years old). Advance tickets for the concert are available from Church on Sundays or from the Flower Festival.

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NJ Garden Maintenance

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Victoria Gallimore's garden, in Higher Whitley, to see the beautiful wisteria, on Thursday 29th May. Details for both visits are available from Julie Treharne.

The meeting on 10th June is the Members' Flower Show. A schedule for this meeting is available from Linda Ender by 07949 496 747. This will be followed by a Gardener's Question Time, along with 'A Photo of Your Own Garden' competition. There will be some grand prizes!

Enjoy your gardens: this is one of the best times of the year.

Jean Davies 07899 937 683





NGS GARDEN OPENING

All Fours Farm

Colliers Lane, Aston by Budworth
Sunday 4th and Monday 5th May
10.00am—4.00pm. Entry: £5; children FREE
Tea, coffee and cake

A traditional and well-established country garden with a wide range of roses, hardy shrubs, bulbs, perennials and annuals. You will also find a small vegetable garden, a pond and a greenhouse as well as vintage machinery and original features from its days as a working farm. The garden is adjacent to the family's traditional rose nursery.

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Graham Stirrup never fails to put on a good talk with pictures very professionally presented. On 2nd April his talk was on the lives of Women in World War One. Many were called to do the jobs of men: farming, engineering, factory jobs and making TNT for the bombs. His concern was that there is no memorial anywhere to commemorate their wartime contribution. Working in the munitions factory (see pic)

left many girls with life-changing health issues, but they have never been credited for

their efforts. We were very moved by the talk and he was sincerely thanked by Linda Wyers. Tea and cake followed.

The Jumble Sale was more than a success. Many thanks for the numerous donations of clothes, unwanted items and bric-a-brac. We raised the huge sum of



over a £1,000, which was wonderful result, but very hard-earned. We sold such a lot of the goods, but were still left with a huge amount of jumble to pass on. It is unbelievable that so much money can be raised from unwanted goods. The work involved is overwhelming: gathering and sorting goods, clearing up afterwards and trying to do our best to find the right place to pass on the leftovers for recycling. We say a great big 'thank you' to everyone who helped us right to the end of the sale and for clearing up the remains of the day.

Four members entered the County Quiz representing Great Budworth and by a spurt in the last round we managed to avoid the booby prize!!!

In May we have Cindy West, from Little Stanney, who was a nurse in the army. Her talk is called "We're in the Army Now" and she will tell us of the trials and tribulations of her job. The meeting is on Wednesday 7th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall and the tea ladies for the evening are Kath, Anne and Margaret. All are very welcome and admission is £5 for visitors.

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A warm welcome to Helen and David to their new home at Blackthorn, School Lane. Helen and David sold their house in Sale last August and are now very busy with renovations to their new

home. As longstanding members of Heyrose Golf Club, they already know a few people in the village and are delighted to find how friendly other villagers are. They look forward to becoming more involved in village activities as work on their new home comes to an end.

Hedgehog Awareness Week: 4th - 10th May

Hedgehogs are a great indicator species – if their simple needs aren't being met, it means the habitat is deficient – and that's a warning to other species, including humans! Here are some ways to give hedgehogs the edge:



Let the edges grow wild! Log piles, leaf heaps, and wild edges attract natural food and offer shelter for hedge-

hogs. Check for wildlife before mowing or strimming wild areas.

Add **Hedgehog highways!** These 13cm x 13cm square gaps in the base of boundary walls and fences ensure hedgehogs can access vital habitat.

- Make **ponds** safe: ponds are great for wildlife but ensure there are escape routes add sloping edges, ramps or half-submerged rocks so hedgehogs can scramble out.
- Look out for **litter**: litter is very harmful to wildlife and, even if it's not an issue in your own garden, it's likely to be in the wider environment.
- Water is vital for all wildlife and can be scarce, especially during hot spells. Make sure there are always clean shallow bowls of water available for hedgehogs add a few pebbles for bees and butterflies to perch on so they can safely drink too.
- **Stop using poisons and pesticides** that could directly harm wildlife and destroy the food chain.
- **Netting** can become entangled in hedgehog spines: make sure sports nets are put away and garden netting is raised 30cm off the ground so hedgehogs can safely pass under.

Ladies' lunch May

The next ladies' lunch will take place at the Cock O'Budworth on Thursday, 15th May at 12.30pm. Do come and join our very friendly group and enjoy a relaxed lunch. Call me on 01606 891908 to let me know if you'd like to join us. Hazel Forwood



TENNIS CLUB

Once again we were blessed with glorious sunshine for The Parker Cup tournament at Great Budworth Tennis Club on Saturday 5th April.

We started the day with our first ever junior tournament with Charlotte, Penny and Pixie playing (pictured, right). They all played so well and all three visibly improved during their matches. Several of us watched the competition and all agreed that the future is certainly very bright for GBTC!

Results of the Junior tournament:

Gold medal – Charlotte

Silver medal – Penny

Bronze medal - Pixie.

The Parker Cup followed with ten members competing for the trophy.

Players (pictured below) played four rounds, changing partners for each

ners for each round. It was

an amazing afternoon, with all matches hotly contested and the standard of play was fantastic! The lunch was delicious, as always. It was a very close competition with everything to play for in the final match of the day. The winners of the Parker Cup 2025 were Karen Williams and Stephen Houston. We also had a Grand National sweepstake and went across to

the village hall to watch the race. The new kitchen was admired too!

The events calendar is now well under way with the Fun Day taking place on Saturday 10^{th} May, starting at 12 noon, and The Cussons Shield, which is a mixed doubles tournament, taking place over the summer months. Partners will be drawn and matches organised. The semi-finals and finals day for The Cussons Shield will take place at Great Budworth on Saturday 6^{th} September. We share this day with the Bowling Club and we set up the gazebos in 'Courtside Corner' where, as always, lunch is served.

Now the lighter nights are with us it is so nice to see the increased usage of the court with Walking Tennis, social play and coaching all taking place. If you fancy joining us, do contact our membership secretary, Richard Chandler, on 07933 087 560, 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 that is there to be appreciated by all.

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Joany Deakin

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The WI ladies are doing a plant stall and teas in the Parish Hall on Monday 5th May from 2pm. We will hope to sell plants, tea and cakes to all the passing visitors, so if you are around in the village do pop in.

Ramblers

We had a splendid walk in April along the River Bollin between Wilmslow and Styal Mill along the Styal and Carrwoods. The Bluebells were blooming and the trees were looking very green, but best of all was the glorious sunshine. Lunch followed at Morley Green Tea Rooms. The next walk is on Tuesday 13th May, leaving the Parish Hall at 10am.

Book Club: The Book Club are still reading is "The Outrun" by Amy Liptrot **Parish Hall Kitchen.**

The new kitchen was officially opened on Saturday 5th April, when the Parish Hall was open for all to inspect the new kitchen in memory of our dear friend Don Hammond. Don's widow, Karen, came along and after a few kind words we presented her with a bouquet of flowers. There is a plaque on the wall of the hall to commemorate all that Don has done for our beautiful Parish Hall. We are a very fortunate village to have this love-



Pictured, from I: Dave Hiett, Karen Hammond, Bob Wilkinson

ly facility in our midst and we hope that over the years we will all raise many a glass to our dear friend Don. This was followed by the excitement of the Grand National on our new television set in the hall.

June Wilkinson

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GREAT BUDWORTH CRICKET CLUB

The club AGM took place at the Cock O'Budworth on 25th February. After re-election

of club officers, Club Chairman Richard Kershaw delivered his annual statement. He reflected on another successful season on the pitch and recorded thanks to all committee members for their efforts, both on and off the pitch. Particular mention was made of Colin Greenhough for his help in maintaining the ground and its equipment. Thanks were also expressed to Mike Barker, Rick Ford—and his daughter Bella for post match BBQ catering!



Thanks were also sent to Rowland Flower

for the recent work that was carried out on the pavilion and for his support so far with the permanent net project.

The different format for the Peter McAndrew memorial match had been hugely successful and this year will take place on 27th July.

Club captain Pete Taylor delivered a review of the season, in which 11 out of 13 games were won.

Winners of the various awards were:

Batting: Paul Lancaster Bowling: Stewart Whitlow All rounder: Matt Hankey Player's player: Steve Hankey

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Peter McAndrew Award: Rick Ford

Single wicket competition: retained by Matt Hankey

Champagne moment: Rick Ford (for umpiring without due care and

attention!)

The playing membership fee will remain at last year's rate of £50 and the Social membership rate was reduced to £20.

Work on the practice net project was proceeding and the Spring Clean Up was scheduled for Saturday 12th April.

Indoor nets continued at St Nicholas's High School, Hartford until 22nd April and the end of season Awards Night is scheduled for Friday 25th September 2025 at the Cock o'Budworth.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES IN MAY:

Wednesday 14th May: AWAY Lymm

Sunday 25th May, 1.00pm: HOME to Kingsley CC

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For information about joining the club, either as a player or as a social member, or for sponsorship opportunities, visit Great Budworth Cricket Club on Facebook.



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