

DIARY DATES FOR JUNE

Details of Church services and events are on pp 2 & 3

Tuesday 3rd, 8.30am. Great Budworth Ice Cream Farm. Garden Club holiday starts.

Wednesday 4th, 7.30pm. Parish Hall. WI meeting.

Tuesday 10th, 7.30pm. Parish Hall. Garden Club meeting.

Tuesday 17th, 8.00am—10.00pm. Clay House Farm, Flittogate Lane. Royal Cheshire Show.

Wednesday 18th, 8.00am—6.00pm. Clay House Farm, Flittogate Lane. Royal Cheshire Show.

Thursday 19th, 10.00am—12.00 noon. GB School Open Morning.

Thursday 19th, 12.30pm. Red Lion, Park Lane, Pickmere. Ladies' lunch.

Saturday & Sunday 21st & 22nd., 10.00-4.00pm. NGS garden opening, All Fours Farm.

Ladies' lunch June

The next ladies' lunch will take place at the Red Lion, Park Lane, Pickmere, on Thursday, 19th June 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



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BUDWORTH BULLETIN

June 2025



The Royal Cheshire County Show has been the premier summertime agricultural event in the North West of England for 186 years.

This year's show will take place on
**Tuesday 17th June (8am – 10pm) &
Wednesday 18th June (8am – 6pm)**

Venue: Clay House Farm,
Flittogate Lane, Tabley, WA16 0HJ

Ticket prices: Adults (18+ yrs) £33; Children (5-17 yrs) £14;
Family ticket (2 adults + 2 children): £85

Free onsite parking. Children aged 4 and under enter free. Dogs must be on leads.

Attractions include: classes for cattle, sheep, pigs and dairy goats. Also light and heavy horses, show jumping, rare breeds of live-stock, poultry, pygmy goats, pigeons, cavies, rabbits and dog show.

ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS

June services

Sunday 1st June	8.00am Holy Communion <i>BCP</i> 10.30am All Age Worship
Wednesday 4th	10.30am Holy Communion <i>Common Worship</i> with refreshments afterwards
Thursday 5th	7.30pm Archdeacon's Visitation at St. Mary's Church (with Churchwardens and Sidespeople sworn into office during the service).
Sunday 8th	PENTECOST (Whit Sunday) 10.30am Matins <i>BCP</i> 6.30pm Holy Communion <i>Common Worship</i>
Monday 9th	7.30pm PCC Meeting in the Old School
Wednesday 11th	10.30am Craft & Natter in the Old School
Thursday 12th	Play & Praise in church 0 – 5yrs with parent/carer
Sunday 15th	TRINITY SUNDAY 8.00am Holy Communion <i>BCP</i> 10.30am Parish Communion <i>Common Worship</i> 6.30pm Evening Prayer <i>BCP</i> at Arley Chapel
Monday 16th	7.30pm Opening Service for the Royal Cheshire Show in the Church Tent
Saturday 21st	The Friends of Great Budworth Church summer outing to Shrewsbury. More details will be available in church soon.
Sunday 22nd	10.30am Parish Communion <i>Common Worship</i> 2.30pm Forest Church venue tbc
Wednesday 25th	10.30am Craft & Natter in the Old School
Thursday 26th	Play and Praise in church 0 – 5yrs with parent/carer
Sunday 29th	8.00am Holy Communion <i>BCP</i> 10.30am Parish Communion <i>Common Worship</i>



A big thank you to all who attended the evening event in the churchyard for VE Day. It was a lovely evening, with the band, bar, bells and food, followed by a reflective church service and ending with the candlelit procession outside. Thanks go to the band who entertained us, the bar staff who kept us well-watered and the George and Dragon for the delicious fish and chips. We were lucky with the weather, although it did go a little chilly later on, but it was great to have so many come along to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

SCHOOL NEWS

We hope you all enjoyed the Easter celebrations. We rounded off the Spring term with our Easter Service and a fun week of egg rolling, Easter bingo, bonnets and dioramas. After a sunny and relaxing Easter holiday, the children (and staff) came back to school full of beans and looking forward to the Summer term and its many activities.



At the end of April our older children had a fantastic two-night residential in Shropshire, where they experienced high wire trapeze, an incredible zip wire, archery, making cars out of barrels and many other activities. The day after they returned, they joined other primary schools from around the area and took part in the Northwich Sings events at Brio Leisure Centre. What a busy week! Our April Open Afternoon was a great success, with visitors and pupils taking part in a Huladaze circus skills workshop and meeting Victor the hedgehog from Northwich Hedgehog Rescue.

Applications for places in our Reception class this September have been so good that we have increased our planned admission numbers to meet demand.

We break up for our Summer half-term on 23rd May and school reopens two weeks later. This longer half term is very popular with our families, as holiday companies charge far less for the second week since most schools have returned by then. It also means a shorter five-week break in the summer, which really helps with childcare arrangements.

There are many things to look forward to in June and July. Our next Open Morning will be on Thursday 19th June, from 10am -12noon, as we still have a few places available in Nursery and the school as a whole.

The Year 6 children will have completed their SATS exams and will be preparing for High School with transition events, a summer play to organise and many other activities. We'll also be holding a Teddy Bears' picnic for our new Reception children, as part of their settling in process before September.

Our Gardening Club will be busy with preparations for the Church Flower Festival and looking after all the seedlings and plants we have already planted this term. Class 2 children will be learning to play the clarinet, participating in a 10-week music programme which began in May and will culminate with a performance for parents in July. There will be more details of Summer events in the next issue of the Bulletin.

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TENNIS CLUB

The Club's Fun event took place on Saturday 10th May at Aston-by-Budworth on one of the hottest days so far this year! Both junior and senior members enjoyed the informal social event, which was held at the home of Clare and Simon



Clayton. Whilst great fun was had with a variety of games and activities, we did give in to the heat and enjoyed the wonderful lunch instead under the shade! Our thanks to Clare and Simon for hosting.

Pictured left: Chairman Ric Burgess and host Clare.
Pictured below: Clare and Simon's tennis court.

Our next tournament is The Cussons Shield, a mixed doubles tournament, which will take place over the summer months. Partners will be drawn and matches organised.

There is a slight change to our event on Saturday 6th September, this year: this will now be an additional tournament. We share this day with the Bowling Club and we shall set up gazebos in 'Courtside Corner' where, as always,

lunch is served. Everybody is most welcome to join us for lunch.

With the amazing weather, play continues on the court with Walking Tennis, social play and coaching all taking place. If you fancy joining us, please contact our membership secretary, Richard Chandler 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 simply fancy a game. It is a fantastic village facility and one which is there to be appreciated by all.

Joany Deakin



FLOWER FESTIVAL : THE JOY OF A RURAL PARISH 11th—13th July

This Flower Festival will take place at St. Mary & All Saints to raise funds for our church. Local groups from around the Parish will be joining us with their own flower displays. Each group will be picking a favourite hymn to accompany their flower arrangement.

EVENTS

Friday 11th July and Saturday 12th July, 10.00am—4.00pm : Flower Festival

Saturday 12th July, 7.00pm : Music @ St. Mary's

A concert with local performers to raise funds for St. Luke's Hospice and for Save Ukraine.

Sunday 13th July : Sunday service, using some of the hymns from the flower festival

Other events (more details in the July-August issue of the Budworth Bulletin)

Art exhibition in the Old School—local artists.

Trips up the Church tower, weather permitting (8 yrs and over). £5 per head.

Tea and cake will be served in the Parish Hall.

The George & Dragon will be service a ploughman's lunch in the pub at a flower festival rate.

Entrance to the festival and the concert is free, but donations are welcome.

If you intend to come along to the concert, please obtain a ticket - so that we know how much wine will be needed! Tickets are available from Maggie Earl (07970 927 161) and Margaret Cross (07732 324 001)

Pauline Ridgway (01565 733 494)

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NGS GARDEN OPENING

All Fours Farm

Colliers Lane, Aston by Budworth

Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd June

10.00am—4.00pm. Entry: £5; children FREE

Tea, coffee and cake



The National Federation of WIs will vote at the June AGM on the Resolution to call on WI members to work together to increase public confidence and training in the delivery of CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and to improve access to defibrillators in the community.

It is hard to find anyone who could speak against this resolution. CPR and the defibrillators are essential in towns and villages. Great Budworth has a public defibrillator at the George and Dragon rear entrance (pictured right) and the bowling green has one inside the club house. I feel we should have another in the Parish Hall for hall users and maybe one in the school. Members unanimously passed the resolution.

The members discussed their floral display at the forthcoming flower festival in the Church in July. The WI has 11 members celebrating their birthdays in the month of May and the members showed an interest in a craft day in the Autumn.

Our speaker, Cindy West, told us of her life as a Queen's nurse in the army, the places her career had taken her to and the many people she had met. Cindy was warmly thanked and members enjoyed their tea and coffee with homemade cakes.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 4th June at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall when the speaker, Maxine Jaeger, will talk to us about her 'Life at Harrods'. It sounds an interesting talk. I wonder if she met Mohamed Al-Fayed ... Visitors are very welcome at a cost of £5.

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11 after erroneously noting one of his boundaries as a bye), bringing Steve Hankey in. The two Hankeys played steadily and runs came, albeit not quite as quickly as we'd have liked. Steve Hankey retired on 27-not-out, allowing Captain Taylor to arrive at the crease and hit some big shots for a very rapid 14 before falling, caught-behind. Phillips took his guard at the wicket next, with GBCC needing 13 runs from the last two overs. A couple of big shots got him going, but didn't bring the needed runs and dot-balls followed. We entered the final over still needing 6 runs to win.

Phillips, facing, struggled to get bat on ball and three dots went into the book. The fourth ball took a thick edge allowing a single to be taken, putting Hankey on strike. Sadly, the next ball to him was also a dot leaving GBCC needing 5 to win off the last ball. Hankey swung at it and managed to hit it out of the 30-yard circle marker at mid-wicket. Phillips was on his way before the ball passed him allowing two quick runs to be taken. Turning blindly and with the ball in the fielder's hand he called for a third and Hankey obliged. The pressure caused panic in the Lymm fielders and the throw was poor. The third run was completed and, sensing the chaos, the two batters went for a very risky fourth run. They got there and, in a quite remarkable climax, the game was drawn with both teams on 133.

It was a challenging total to chase by the Budworth team but they never gave up belief and the innings featured some good batting. However, despite a good first half of the game with the ball, the fielding showed some rustiness after a long winter of rest and it's probably fair to say that 20 runs were gifted to the opposition, along with the dropped catches. But we take some solace that we didn't lose - and that the fielding will definitely improve!

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GREAT BUDWORTH CRICKET CLUB

After the disappointment of the earlier cancelled match, players were looking forward to the game against fierce rival Lymm on Saturday 17th May. Our correspondent Darren "Dazzla" Curryer sent the following report of a thrilling match.

GBCC's first match of the season was a fairly traditional away game at Lymm. Captain Taylor picked a strong team and, given our run of successes against them in recent years, we were high on confidence. GBCC won the toss and elected to bowl first. Openers Ford and Whitlow bowled to their usual high standard, with few runs off the six overs they shared. However, there were three dropped catches, which allowed the game to drift in Lymm's direction.

A good comeback was achieved from Phillips, Dutton and Taylor, with the score after 12 overs being just 47 runs. Phillips clean bowled three batters and Rick Ford took a good catch low down off Dutton. This was soon to change after two big overs for Lymm that brought them 27 runs. Thereafter, GBCC wrested some control back, but Lymm were able to post a very healthy 133/5, with Dutton claiming the final wicket of the innings with a lovely swinging delivery that went straight through the batter's guard and took middle stump.

After a quick team talk from Captain Taylor, our openers, Lancaster and Curryer, headed out to the wicket. Lancaster got the innings away with a tidy single, followed by Curryer, hitting a straight drive that went to the boundary. Lancaster fell shortly afterwards, being bowled by one coming out of the sun behind the bowler's arm that made it very hard to see the ball. Shepherd came to the crease and the two batters continued to get runs, Curryer retiring on 27 not-out, to be replaced by Matt Hankey.

After 12 overs GBCC were comfortable at 70/2, but we were conscious that we still needed 64 runs from 8 overs. Shepherd fell for 15 (the scorebook crediting him with

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BOOK CLUB

The book club are reading 'Butter', by Asako Yuzuki, the bestselling novel (translated from the Japanese) about a female gourmet cook and serial killer and the journalist intent on cracking her case, inspired by a true story.

RAMBLERS

The ramblers walked from Lymm Dam (pictured), along the Trent and Mersey canal, then back via the Trans Pennine Trail for their May walk, ending with lunch at the Coffee House in Lymm.



Chris Wise



We are saddened to report the death of Chris Wise, of Providence House, Church Street. Chris was elected as a Parish Councillor in the 2024 local elections and had lived in the village for many years. He had many friends among us from social occasions, as well as his membership of the tennis club. We hope to include an appreciation of his life in the next issue of the Bulletin.



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GARDEN CLUB

This is the best time of the year in our gardens, when everything changes daily. We have had the driest spring on record here, so watering the pots and new plants is essential. It will rain eventually - and then we will be complaining again!

The trip to Sefton Palm House was excellent, with the Head Gardener providing us with interesting information and a glass of prosecco at the end.



On 15th May, members enjoyed a tour of the garden in Higher Whitley of member Victoria Galimore and her husband (pictured right). It was a truly wonderful garden and the glorious weather enabled us to sit in the sun and enjoy the scene. The photograph, left shows (from l. to r.) members Val Chesworth, June Wilkinson and June Raby under the stunning wisteria arch.



The holiday to Yorkshire is nearly here and a coach full of members will enjoy a great time together. We shall be staying in Harrogate, a beautiful town to be in. I'm sure it will be very good. There are other trips planned, but please *Continued on next page*)

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check details and book with Julie Treharne, 07792 10849, who has arranged some wonderful trips and events for us.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 10 June, when we have our members' Flower Show, followed by a GQT with members' panel, and a photo competition. There will be prizes, medals and presentations. The competition categories are as follows:

- (1) A single rose in a bud vase;
- (2) Any six perennials;
- (3) Member's choice of three same flowers;
- (4) Flower from a lily bulb;
- (5) Wild flowers from member's garden in a 1lb jam jar;
- (6) A small branch from a flowering shrub;
- (7) An A5 photograph of member's garden.

July is our Celebration Party of 25 yrs of the formation of the club. The format is being kept a secret from Peter and me, but I know it will be amazing. There are gifts and talks and a meal for members only, but tickets must be obtained in advance. There will be a caterer.

Peter finally had his 90th birthday celebration, a little late, but he attended, make a lovely speech (pictured above, right) and enjoyed his special day.

For any information about the Club, please ask Julie or me.

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