

DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER

Details of Church services and events are on page 11

- Wednesday 1st, 7.00pm.** Parish Hall, WI meeting.
Saturday 11th, 10.00am. Parish Hall. WI Craft Day.
Tuesday 14th, 10.00am. Meet at Parish Hall. WI Ramblers walk.
Tuesday 14th, 7.30pm. Parish Hall. Garden Club meeting.
Wednesday 15th, 7.30pm. Winsford Academy. WI Group Meeting.
Thursday 16th, 7.30pm. Parish Hall. RTA Victor & Albert.
Saturday 18th, 6.30 for 7.00pm. Parish Hall. Big Boys' Trafalgar Night.
Thursday 23rd, 12.30pm. Cock o' Budworth. Ladies' lunch.
Sunday 26th, 2.00am. BRITISH SUMMER TIME ENDS—clocks go back!

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BUDWORTH BULLETIN

October 2025

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7.30pm



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When we have a speaker we never know how the evening will go, so our September speaker, named 'Miss Pitchy Patchy' (real name Hen Johnson) was an unknown quantity. What a pleasant surprise it was, then, when she arrived, dressed from head to toe in 1940s clothes: hat, hair, make-up, suit jacket (complete with

shoulder pads), skirt, seamed stockings and shoes. She went through her entire wardrobe explaining the reason why each garment was worn as it was. It was all a delightful insight into war time fashion. We loved the talk and look forward to Hen returning in the future.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 1st October at the earlier time of 7pm, when we have a hands-on meeting as we'll have a chance to make a raffia table mat. Bring an apron, a water sprayer and scissors! You can watch the demonstrator and then have a go, if you wish. The tea ladies are Penny, Jayne and Elizabeth.



Examples of 1940s utilitarian chic

We have other dates to look forward to in October: we have a craft day at the Parish Hall, with Bev Langham on Saturday 11th October, to make a pendant and a bauble. This is an all-day event commencing at 10am. Please bring a packed lunch, but tea and coffee will be provided. The cost is £30 each and that covers materials. Places are limited, so booking is essential, with June Wilkinson or Lesley Anderson.

The group meeting is at Winsford Academy, on Wednesday 15th October at 7:30 pm, when Lesley Smith will be Florence Nightingale.

The WI will hold a first aid evening in the Parish Hall on Monday 17th November, at 7.00pm, when a member from Circle Medical Centre will demonstrate the use of a defibrillator. This is open to anyone who is able to come. Further details will be in November's Bulletin. There will be no charge for this as it is part of our resolution to encourage the use of CPR training and the provision of defibrillators in useful places.

BOOK CLUB

The members have all enjoyed reading 'Seven Sisters' by Lucinda Riley. It was a very good read and they are now reading 'The Salt Blood' by Francesca de Torres.

RAMBLERS

The rambles will walk on Tuesday 14th November, meeting at 10am at the Parish Hall.
June Wilkinson

ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS

Services in October

Wednesday 1st	10.30am Holy Communion followed by refreshments
Thursday 2nd	7.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel
Sunday 5th	8.00am Holy Communion BCP
	10.30am Animal Blessing Service
Wednesday 8th	10.30am Craft & Natter in the Old School – all welcome
Thursday 9th	1.30pm Play & Praise in church
Sunday 12th	10.30am Matins BCP
	6.30pm Holy Communion <i>Common Worship</i>
Sunday 19th	8.00am Holy Communion BCP
	10.30am Parish Communion <i>Common Worship</i>
	6.30pm Harvest Thanksgiving at Arley Chapel – All welcome
Wednesday 22nd	10.30am Craft & Natter in the Old School
Thursday 23rd	1.30pm Play & Praise
Sunday 26th	10.30am Parish Communion <i>Common Worship</i>
	2.30pm Forest Church <i>[Information from Christina on 07870 687304]</i>
Tuesday 28th	2.00pm Wedding in church

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*Sunday 26th October
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Anne O'May has finished her 1,000 mile walk!



A lot of you will probably have seen Anne walking the roads around the local area. She walks most days, so decided to turn this into a fundraiser, getting people to guess how long it would take her to walk 1,000 miles (not in one go, we might add)!

She finished on 11th August at 8.56am

It took Anne 12 days, 11 hours and 25mins to walk the 1,000 miles. The nearest estimate to the time taken was Rebecca Brierley's, who guessed 12 days, 8 hours and 30 minutes! £10 prize – well done Rebecca.

A note from Anne: A huge thank you to everybody who supported me on my 1,000-mile walking challenge. Your sponsorship has raised £956 to date; this money will help keep our church warm and welcoming this coming winter. Thank you all again, Anne O'May.

Sunday 2nd November

Annual Memorial Service in church at 4.00pm

Remembering loved ones who have passed away.

Towards the end of October there will be a sheet at the back of church where you can record the names of loved ones you wish to be remembered during the service.



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TENNIS CLUB

Our Open Day and Tournament took place at Great Budworth, on Saturday 6th September 2025. We shared the day with the Bowling Club and we set up the gazebos in 'Courtside Corner' where, as always, a fabulous lunch was served and enjoyed by us all. The sun shone and it really was a quintessential British village scene! It was a great day for the Tennis Club and the Bowling Club to showcase all they have to offer. It was so nice to see so many bowlers and tennis players and their guests enjoying the day.



Ten members played in the tournament: eight seniors and two juniors. It was an exciting day, full of mixed doubles matches, with partners changed each match, and the standard of play was excellent. The two juniors, Penny and Pixie, (pictured below with our Chairman, Ric) wowed us with their match play - both have improved so much - and some great games were had. Well done to everybody who played. It was a most enjoyable day.

The winning lady overall was Karen Williams and we had a tie for the winning man with our Chairman, Ric, and Glenn Johnson sharing the honours (all pictured above left). The two juniors, Penny and Pixie, also received awards.

Don't forget the court is available to non-members. 2025 guest court fees:

Non members use of the court - £5 per hour.

Non members use of the court with a club member £1 per hour.

Guest fees can be paid by BACS: Great Budworth Tennis Club, Nat West Bank PLC sort code 60-15-29, account number 76584976. Please put your name as the reference.

Autumn is well and truly on the way and the nights are beginning to draw in. However, the Club continues over the winter, with social play, walking tennis and coaching. The court is a fantastic village facility and is there for all to enjoy. If you fancy joining us, do contact our membership secretary, Richard Chandler, on 07933 087560 to have a chat.

Joany Deakin



GREAT BUDWORTH CRICKET CLUB

The eagerly awaited match away at Tattenhall Cricket Club started under threatening skies and strong breezes. The home side chose to bat first, a decision they probably were to regret with testing opening spells from bowlers Swiss Whitlow and Rick Ford. After the initial breakthrough by Whitlow, wickets fell at regular intervals with only Tattenhall's number three batter offering any resistance.



Great Budworth Cricket Club's home ground

Captain Pete Taylor then took advantage of the firm pitch, extracting pace and bounce in an intimidating spell which should have been rewarded, but Mark Hankey was unable to take a catch which came his way, and compounded the error by pretending to have injured his shoulder! A tight series of overs from Spencer Osborne was unlucky to be wicketless. This opened the door to a devastating spell by the now recovered Hankey, who ultimately claimed six wickets, including that of Tattenhall's number three bat: having retired after reaching his 50, he was stumped off his first ball when he returned.

Tattenhall's innings closed on 140 and was followed by a magnificent half-time tea - a spread which was noted as having everything apart from salad!

Taking advantage of a true pitch and quick outfield - which gave full value for shots - the Budworth batsmen made steady progress in chasing down the runs in just 25 overs with contributions from everybody, most notably from Richard Shepherd, who carried his bat with 50 not out, finally supported by the now fully recovered Mark Hankey.

This was an enjoyable afternoon at a friendly and hospitable club, which we hope will accept the invitation to become regulars on our fixture list.

Despite a last-minute glitch, the fixture against Rupert Foster's XI went ahead, although a day earlier than first planned. The visitors batted first, in a 35 overs-a-side match and posted a challenging target of 260, with two of their players retiring on 50, well supported by a number of their teammates. It proved a tricky day for the
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- **50 Church Street:** Planning applications undecided.
- **Little Dene Flooding:** No update yet; monitoring maize harvest impact.
- **Gully Mapping:** Ongoing; will be submitted to CW&C once complete.
- **Banking:** Internet banking issues continue; cheques used in the meantime.
- **Civility & Respect Pledge:** Decided not to formally adopt NALC version; support noted in minutes.

Finance

- **Insurance:** Renewal quotation from Zurich (£1,082 p.a. for 3-year deal) favoured unless cheaper one received.
- **Bank Reconciliation:** Confirmed and signed off (Balances: £18,525.66 (Current) and £20,742.33 (Savings)).
- **Expenditures:** £1,894.51 in total, including salaries, maintenance, water testing, and office expenses.

Correspondence Highlights

- Multiple planning applications reviewed.
- Notices of road closures posted online.
- Several public updates and newsletters shared on website.
- Defibrillator battery and pads due for replacement; Cllr Stephen Coppell to price new unit (£1,500 budgeted).

Other Business

- **Poor resurfacing of High Street:** Still uneven. To be reported to Highways.
- **Parish Hall electrical testing:** Clerk requested last PAT test date; Cllr Dave Wilkinson to follow up.

Next Meeting: Monday, 3rd November. All are welcome to attend.



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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 1st SEPTEMBER—SUMMARY



Public Forum

- **Box Hedge Hall:**
 - Residents raised concerns over unnotified development (garage & leisure block) and impact on Crownest Lane.
 - Issues include working 7 days/week, gateway enlargement without permission, and fears of further development.
 - Clerk will raise concerns with Planning; Cllr Lynn Gibbon to investigate complaint routes.
- **Damaged sign near Cock O'Budworth:** Already reported; will follow up.
- **Potholes, leaves, and speed sign:** Resident submitted issues; updates provided or investigations under way.

Council Matters

Planning

Primary School windows/doors: Concern about use of PVC/Aluminium; comment to be submitted reflecting concerns.

Parish Cllr Updates

- **Parking by Upper Pumphouse:** Delivery vans prevented from parking by cars in the Parish Council-owned spaces near to the top pump house: pub therefore to be permitted to block off left-hand space with 'no parking' cones.
- **Sailing Club:** Cllrs Karen Williams and Dave Wilkinson attended open day; club committed to future communication.

Planning enforcement: Cllrs Karen Williams and Tyler Hutton and Ward Cllr Lynn Gibbon and others expressed serious concerns over ineffective planning oversight and planning enforcement failures on the part of CW&C.

Ward Cllr Report (Cllr LG)

- Local Plan consultation closed; next draft pending.
- Devolution discussions ongoing between 3 councils.
- Local residents looking at applying for a judicial review re Winnington Solar Farm.
- Northwich Library due 2026.
- Longstanding pavement issues in Northwich: petition launched by Cllr. Lynn Gibbon. All interested are invited to support it.
- Village maintenance list being compiled by Highways.

Progress Updates

- **Lower Pump House Roof:** Repairs completed and paid for.

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side bowlers, with only Steve Norton (with figures of 3 for 10 in his four overs) coming out on top. In reply, despite a good start by Mark Hankey (48) and Richard Shepherd (19), supported by Stu Whitlows with his maiden 50, Budworth fell slightly short with a total of 221. Nevertheless, it was a good day, with nearly 500 runs scored and finishing with the usual post-match food and drink!

With the plan to change the Peter McAndrew Cup format this year to a single wicket competition on 21st September, the season's close will be the Club's awards night at the Cock O'Budworth on Friday 26th September.

Simon Batey



Ladies' lunch in October



The October Ladies' lunch will take place at the Cock o' Budworth, on Thursday 23rd October at the usual time of 12.30pm. All ladies are welcome to join us! Just call me on 01606 891908 to let me know.

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GARDEN CLUB

We move into autumn and our gardens are slowly going to sleep for winter. This means more work for the gardeners: cutting back and clearing up the debris, but a satisfactory outcome when all is neat and tidy again.

Our last speaker was Sarah Hopps (pictured, right) from Thirsk, who showed us many gardens nationwide, all very appealing. We had visited many of these on day trips and holidays, but gardens are ever changing, so to go again is a must. She was thanked enthusiastically by Anne Panagakis.



The Produce Show was held the same evening, organised by committee members, Dawn Freeman and Neil Harvey. The winner, with the most points overall in every category, was Liz Wathen from Wincham (pictured left). Dawn won the RHS Banksian medal, with her first in the 'beans and beetroot' category and came second with her potatoes.



In second place was Victor Wood (pictured opposite with Neil Harvey) who won first prize with his onions and potatoes. The Trophy for Best Item in Show was won by Ray Lowe (pictured on opposite page) for his fantastic

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baking apples.

Runners up were Jenny Bowman with apples, and Julie Treharne with beetroot.

Well done to everyone who entered! It all contributed to an interesting evening.

Cash prizes were given in other categories.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th October, when the well-known speakers, Martin and Jill Fish, will talk about and demonstrate 'Gardening on the Menu'. This will be a very good evening, as always.

Julie Treharne will tell us about next year's holiday and names will be taken of those who would like a place on this tour. We will also be selling tickets for the Christmas party, which will be held on Tuesday 2nd December.

We have had a wonderful 25th year of the Club, full of celebrations and parties. We are so pleased and thankful to all our committee members.

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