

## DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

*Details of Church services and events are on page 19*

- Monday 1st, 7.00pm.** Parish Council meeting. All welcome.
- Tuesday 2nd, 1.00pm.** Parish Church, funeral of Malcolm Byram.
- Wednesday 3rd, 7.30pm.** Parish Hall, WI meeting.
- Saturday 6th,** Tennis court and Bowling Club. Doubles tournament, followed by lunch.
- Sunday 7th.** Arley Cricket Ground. GBCC v Tattenhall CC
- Tuesday 9th, TBA.** WI Ramblers walk.
- Tuesday 9th, 7.30pm.** Parish Hall, Garden Club meeting.
- Saturday 13th, 2.00—5.00pm.** Parish Church, Heritage Afternoon.
- Sunday 14th.** Garden Club trip to Gresgarth Hall.
- Sunday 21st, 10.30am.** Harvest Thanksgiving Service.
- Thursday 25th, 12.30pm.** Ego Green Dragon, Lymm. Ladies' lunch.

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# BUDWORTH BULLETIN

September 2025

## COFFEE MORNING



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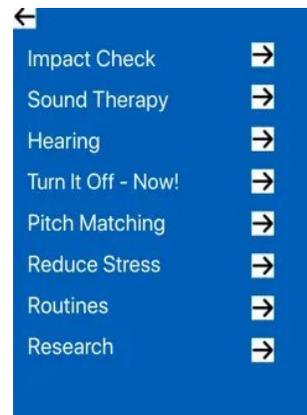
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This graphic (right) shows the adjustable features of the app.



## Ladies' lunch in September



The September Ladies' lunch will take place at the Ego Green Dragon, Lymm, on Thursday 25th September at the usual time of 12.30pm. If you'd like to join us, just call me on 01606 891908 to let me know.

Hazel Forwood

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Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am Holy Communion <i>Common Worship</i> followed by coffee
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm Wedding
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 10.30am All Age Worship
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Craft & Natter in the Old School
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm Play and Praise in church
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm Wedding
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm – 5.00pm Heritage Afternoon in church
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Matins BCP 6.30pm Holy Communion <i>Common Worship</i>
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving Service 6.30pm Evening Prayer BCP Arley Chapel
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Craft & Natter in the Old School
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm Play and Praise in church
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Parish Communion <i>Common Worship</i> 2.30pm Forest Church Great Budworth – meet in church

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September - 10.30am

Please join us for our Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

We are a rural parish, and we give thanks for the gathering in of

all the different crops grown in our parish and for the hard work of all our farmers and growers.

## Skip Shape Guy!

Former Great Budworth resident, Guy Potter, who now lives in The Willows care home in Mobberley, was recently honoured by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) for his years of dedicated service to the charity.

You could be forgiven for thinking that Guy's support of the charity is based on a career in the Royal Navy or its Merchant counterpart. In fact,

his support came after seeing the organisation in action. Guy, now 91, was a keen sailor and it was during a yacht race in the Irish Sea, when a fellow competitor fell overboard, that he saw the local RNLI spring into action and rescue the sailor.

So impressed was he with the service and dedication of the RNLI crew that day, that Guy contacted the charity's head office when he returned home to ask how he could help. As a result, Guy joined the RNLI Northwich branch, which focuses on fundraising, ultimately becoming its chairman. After retiring from that role in 2011, Guy was appointed the branch's president, a position he still holds.

Last month, the current branch chairman Graham Humphries and RNLI senior community manager Sophie Wood (pictured here with Guy) attended The Willows Care Home to present him with a Certificate of Appreciation for his years of dedicated service. Well done – and sincere thanks to you, Guy!



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We had a delightful evening in Nid Peters' garden in July, when Barbara Hughes, Wales' Lady Farmer of the Year (pictured), kept us all very amused with her life story. This was followed by strawberries and cream served by the A team.

The following week was the amazing Flower Festival in Church. Thank you to the florists (Christine West, Lesley Anderson, Pauline Tours, Val Chesworth - and me!!) for the magnificent display depicting our hymn, 'Jerusalem'.

In August we played mini golf at the Hartford Driving range, during which we tackled the Alice in Wonderland course. The winner was Christine Wyllie, with a score of 53. We rested in the clubhouse with drinks and nibbles, which were well received. It was a lovely evening, warm and still.

September is upon us and we are back in the Parish Hall for our meetings. The date of our next meeting is Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm, when the speaker will be Miss Pitchy Patchy. She comes from Newcastle-under-Lyme and specialises in vintage knitted garments that were fashion items in their time - with many making a comeback. Knitting is good therapy: it keeps the fingers supple - and sometimes produces a useful result. My theory is that love goes into every stitch, making it a treasured gift, even if it's not quite what you would have chosen!

Guests and visitors are most welcome, £5 entrance and a warm welcome.

## BOOK CLUB

WI Book Club members continue to enjoy Isabel Allende's novel, 'A Long Petal of the Sea'.

## RAMBLERS

The Ramblers' next walk will take place on Tuesday 9th September. The destination will be announced at the September meeting, on Wednesday 3rd September.

**June Wilkinson 891534**



## GARDEN CLUB

We have had heatwaves and very little rain, making it a difficult time for gardeners and farmers, though great for holidaymakers.

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July Club members celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Club's founding. The committee did all the organising, securing the services of a brilliant caterer and Peter and I (pictured, right) were guests of honour, in our capacity as founding Chair and Treasurer. It was such a great evening, with speeches (including one given by Henri Giller, pictured below) and music provided by member Victor Wood. I was given an album of



photographs and a crystal rose bowl. Every member received a Silver Anniversary Rose for their garden. Members were in awe of all the committee had done, and I must take this opportunity to thank them all for a perfect conclusion to the 25 years that Peter and I have given our time and energy to the club.

This was followed a week later by the Church Flower Festival, when Jane Ford took charge of the work for the Club, along with other committee members and friends, and decorated the font. It was a wonderful weekend.

Julie Treharne, pictured, the next Chair of the Club, organised trips to the new venue for the RHS flower show at Wentworth Woodhouse, and one to the Southport Flower Show. She is also organising a trip on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September by coach to Gresgarth Hall, which is owned by Arabella Lennox Boyd and is nationally recognised. The trip also includes a visit to a Japanese Garden in Lancashire. This will be the last trip of the year and we guarantee a good day. On this occasion you can bring non-member friends. Please contact Julie on 07792 10849 for details. These trips  
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The next fixture was an away game at Kingsley cricket club on 10<sup>th</sup> August. GBCC delivered an outstanding first innings performance, with each of the top five batsmen making double figures, including an undefeated 50 by stand-in captain Mark Hankey. The team posted a total of 225 in the allotted 35 overs. Wickets were shared by our bowlers in restricting Kingsley to 110.

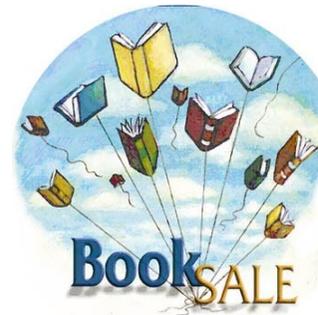
The MOM award went to captain Hankey and the champagne moment was for Rohan Gadepalli's brilliant catch to dismiss the final Kingsley batsman and win the game.

Lymm's resurgence continued in the third game of the season, this time away at Lymm. Struggling to only 103 in their 20 overs, Budworth were blown away by the home side's batting and the game was lost within 13 overs. Lymm take the 2025 series 2-1!

### Forthcoming:

31st August	Tattenhall CC	away
7th September	Rupert Foster XI	home
To be confirmed	Peter McAndrew Trophy	home

### Simon Batey



Sophie Wilkinson held a book sale at the Ice Cream Farm in August—it ran alongside the Sunflower Maze. Many thanks to all those who supplied and to those who bought the books! The event raised a grand total of £300. All monies are going to the Brain Tumour Charity, Team Robster—a worthy cause that supports brain tumour research. Well done, Sophie!



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## GREAT BUDWORTH CRICKET CLUB

I write to report mixed fortunes lately. In the match against Manchester Racquets, Budworth raced to 184 with significant contributions from Pete Taylor, Mark and Matthew Hankey, Darren Curryer and Andrew Peters. In reply Racquets could muster only 91, with the wickets shared amongst our bowlers.



Great Budworth Cricket Club's home ground

A change of fortune followed against the re-surgent Ash Tree, with Budworth reaching 173 for 2 in their 35 overs, and despite Rick Ford's MOM performance of 6 wickets, the visitors knocked off the runs in only 24 overs.

In the match against Barnton on 2nd July, strong hitting from the Barnton batters posted 154, which proved too many for the home side, who were adrift by 18 runs at the close. Andrew Philips received the MOM award for contributions with both bat and ball.

Budworth moved on to the second match of the series against their regular oppo from Lymm. Despite Luke Wright's cavalier 24 runs off 10 balls, at the death Budworth's total of 126 was well under par. With an opening blast from its overseas player (retiring on 26 in the 3rd over - again!) Lymm's victory was achieved in only 16 overs.

On 20th July we played Lord Ashbrook XI, with the visitors batting first. At the break Lord Ashbrook's XI had posted 205 runs in their allotted 35 overs. The home batsmen struggled against some tight bowling and stuttered their way to 97 for 5 before a spell of thunder and lightning caused a delay in play. Despite a willingness to continue the game (particularly by the Ashbrook XI) a final downpour put paid to any hope of further play. A moral victory to the visitors maybe, but the history books will show a drawn game.

In the second game of the summer against Reynolds CC at Ashley, the home side batted first and were restricted in particular by Chai Gadepalli who, in a devastating spell, returned figures of 4 wickets for 3 runs! Their total of 86 was easily reached, particularly after undefeated 25s from both of the Budworth openers, Steve Hankey and Paul Lancaster.

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are much enjoyed by those who participate in them and I must congratulate and thank Julie for all her work in making them such a success.

The autumn programme begins on Tuesday 9th September, when we have the well-regarded speaker, Sarah Hopps, who will be talking about Gardens of Britain and their surprises. We also have our Vegetable and Fruit Show that same night. Will members please check the Members' Newsletter for that evening's schedule? It promises to be a very interesting and full evening, so you must be there!

It is so good for me to share this news with you all, and I look forward to a catch up of summer gardening and activities with my friends.

Jean Davies

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### The Friends of Great Budworth Church

## Heritage Afternoon

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September

2.00pm - 5.00pm

**Talks, organ recital, guided walk around the village,  
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## **MALCOLM BYRAM**

It is with great sadness that we present this appreciation of Malcolm Byram (pictured here), who died on 10th August at home, at the age of 91.

Malcolm will be remembered very widely across Cheshire. Such was his impact on local government in the county that he was made an Honorary Alderman of Cheshire.

Malcolm was involved in the setting up of Cheshire West Council in 2003, and served as a councillor until he was 80 years old. He brought a wide range of experience and skills to the service of the Council, serving, for example, as the representative for Cheshire West on the Executive Committee of Manchester Airport for many years. Marbury constituents found him a good listener and persistent in trying to find a solution to the many problems they brought to him.

Malcolm and his wife, Mib, had the honour of representing Cheshire at the Queen's Garden Party in July 2007.

After retirement Malcolm turned to his love of fly fishing and making intricate flies. He was also a gifted artist, as is demonstrated not only by his paintings hung at home, but also by his success in competitions: he was commended by Harold Riley, the Manchester painter. Jazz and classical music were Malcolm's musical favourites for relaxing.

Malcolm grew up in the area and inherited from his father's family the land on which Marbury Mill and the adjoining house stand. In 1958 he married Mib, who had grown up in Great Budworth, and together they set about renovating the mill, which was in a totally derelict state, and it became their home. Eventually it became impractical for Malcolm and Mib to remain living there, so they moved into the beautiful Georgian house next door, which they had also renovated. Their son, Marc, now lives in the mill. There will be a funeral service for Malcolm at Great Budworth Parish Church on the 2nd September at 1.00 pm. The family will then attend the cremation service and will join friends in Great Budworth Parish Hall for refreshments afterwards.



## Norman Duncalf

### A valued friendship

**S**inging the words “We plough the fields and scatter...” at the funeral, brought memories of Norman flooding back like a tidal wave and I had to write them down.

In 1986 I started work as a barmaid at The George and Dragon in Great Budworth and worked there for the next 25 years. My friendship with Norman began during the cold, dark late winters’ evenings when just the two of us were in the pub. At first, just chatting, then discussing different topics ... looking through my illustrated book of cat breeds ... gardening, with tips supplied by Norman and used frequently by me over the years ... a book about the Scottish isles and, in particular, the isle of Harris, home of Harris Tweed, whose jackets were Norman’s chosen ‘smart casual’ wear. I cheekily suggested a modelling career and, with a twinkle in his eye, he said he’d bear it in mind. Over the next 25 years of cold, dark late winter’s nights, the subject matter was endless. No modelling career for Norman though: his heart and soul went into working the land, growing the produce that his customers from near and far enjoyed so much. In recent years, unable to drive because of sight loss, my visits to the village were few, but when I called I knew that Norman would be Norman: steady, dependable and always happy to chat.

As an acknowledgement of our friendship, I sent a gift to the charity ‘Cats Protection’ in memory of Norman and the cats he loved and cared for over the years. I hope he would approve.

Thank you, Norman, for your friendship and the happy memories.

Sue Statham



*The village’s customary annual display of window boxes, hanging baskets and tubs has been especially brilliant this year and has been much commented on by both residents and visitors. Well done to all those responsible for this fine display! (But wouldn’t it be nice if people dug up the weeds in the roadside outside their homes and avoided sweeping leaves off their driveways onto the roads and into the gutters ... )*

## TENNIS CLUB

**W**hat a fantastic summer we are having – perfect for tennis! It is great to see the court being used so much. The summer tournament, The Cussons Shield, is in the final few weeks of play. We have had two leagues for the mixed doubles tournament which has been taking place over the summer months.

Our next tournament is on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September. This is also a doubles tournament, with partners drawn. We share this day with the Bowling Club Day and lunch will be served under the gazebos in ‘Courtside Corner’. Everybody is most welcome to join us for lunch. Why not pop along and meet the members and join in the fun? We will also, we hope, be joined once again by Great Budworth Ice Cream Farm.

The Bowling and Tennis Club annual dinner is this year on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October in the village hall. Everybody is welcome. For more information about tickets please email [joandeakin522@btinternet.com](mailto:joandeakin522@btinternet.com).

With the amazing weather, play continues on the court with Walking Tennis, social play and coaching all taking place. If you fancy joining us, contact our membership secretary, Richard Chandler, on 07933087560 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



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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, 7th JULY—SUMMARY

### Public Forum

Resident Bob Wilkinson requested:

- Funding (£60) for a replacement post to the parish field gate – approved.
- Repairs to The Stocks – formal quote to be obtained; heritage funds may be used.



### Previous Minutes & Actions

- Minutes from 12/05/25 approved.
- Most actions completed, including pothole reports, streetlight repair, and progressing The Avenue works.

Some ongoing issues: leaf clearing on High Street and bank payment transfers.

### Key Updates & Discussions

1. **Parish & Ward Reports:** No reports.

### Project Updates:

- *Lower Pump House Roof:* Still pending; Resident Mr. Anderson to seek quotation.
- *50 Church Street Planning:* Conservation Team raised heritage concerns, suggesting material and scale changes.
- *Little Dene Flooding:* Positive discussions with CW&C; awaiting land owner action.
- *Streetlight:* Fixed.
- *Pension Access:* Ongoing difficulties with NEST system.
- *Banking:* Lloyds account set up; authorisation now granted.
- *Emails:* Agreed to move all councillors to official parish emails for security and compliance.

### Finance

#### Balances (as of 04/06/25):

- Current: £19,370.09
- 95-Day Access: £20,622
- Reserve: £0 (balance moved to current account)

#### Income/Expenses (up to 06/07/25):

- Income: £2,488.05 (incl. VAT reclaim).
- Expenditure: £1,260.44 (salaries, reimbursements, memberships).

### Correspondence Highlights

- Multiple planning notices and updates.

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- Highways works notifications.

- Water quality results for Lower Pump House.

Consultation invitations (Local Plan, Housing Allocation, Climate Projects).

#### Other Key Items

- **Civility & Respect Pledge:** Contested. Two Councillors opposed on the grounds of cost and relevance. Cllr Culver supported, with revisions, and will redraft for next meeting.

- **Pizza Van Request:** Rejected due to possible impact on local pub and unclear community need.

- **Gully Maintenance:** Cllrs assigned to monitor gullies on their streets; Clerk to coordinate updates with CW&C.

- **The Avenue:** Overgrowth and a hazardous hole reported. Cllr Wilkinson to obtain quotation and fill hole.

- **Parking Complaints:** No PC authority on public highway parking.

- **Other Business:**

- Cllr Wilkinson to set up PC display at Church Flower Festival to promote council activities and recruitment.

The next meeting will take place on Monday 1st September at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

## Big Boys' Trafalgar Night

Saturday, 18th October

6.30pm for a 7pm sit down

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## THE GREAT GREAT BUDWORTH FLOWER FESTIVAL

The entire community was thrilled by July's Flower Festival's success, but none more so than its architect, Maggie Earl, pictured right. She is a modest woman, so getting her to talk about her role in this wonderful event was no easy matter, but she was keen to share both her delight in how successful the festival was and her praise for all those in the community who made it so. But where did the idea come from?



She says it came to her during a Sunday morning service: it was prompted by the fact that, although the Church Restoration Fund is relatively well-funded, its funds are ringfenced for the sole purpose of maintaining the fabric of the Church: they are not to be spent on its day-to-day running. In common with most other churches in this country its congregation is small and the Church therefore relies on a small number of people to pay for its running.



*Inside Maggie's flower barn*

So Maggie got to wondering how best to increase those funds. "All fundraising is carried out via social events," reasoned Maggie. "This is a wonderful church," she thought. "How do we bring different groups together to raise funds?" She then held a brainstorming session with herself in the peace and comfort of her flower barn - something she says she often

used to do during her career in nursing (from which, by the way, she finally retired only a couple of years ago). She concluded that the answer was to organise a flower festival which could be held in the church itself, consisting of individual floral arrangements designed and created by community groups. Maggie reasoned that if one or two people from most social groups in the community got involved, then they would surely have friends and relatives from a wider sphere who would also come. In the event, that strategy proved the key to the festival's outstanding success.

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Maggie then sought support from the Church: an informal committee was formed from its members and a list of village groups, clubs and societies was drawn up.

By now it was June 2024 and Maggie began thinking of sources of flowers and foliage – the building blocks of a flower festival. One early and important decision was *not* to involve the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies (NAFAS) because Maggie was keen to ensure that the event was 'owned' by the community – and also to avoid the costs that the involvement of NAFAS would inevitably entail.

So far so good, but where were the funds to come from to pay for all the flowers and foliage that would form the individual exhibits? Some preparatory fundraising was necessary and this was achieved through a series of events: a wreathmaking workshop held in December 2024 (the raw materials for which were paid for by Maggie herself, it should be added); Maggie organised a few dinner parties inviting people willing to pay; chorister Sue Ollier organised a fundraising lunch; and a number of people made generous donations. In total these efforts raised around £2,000 for flowers. Maggie then sought donations of foliage from local residents (resulting in many offers): she is especially grateful to both Lord Ashbrook and Hazel Evans of Curbishley's Roses for their generous donations of flowers and foliage.

One can only imagine how Maggie must have felt on Thursday 10th July as the Church hummed to the sound and bustle of people from clubs and groups busying themselves creating their floral displays. And, as we now know, over the next few days the event proved to be an enormous success, with some people visiting more than once: it raised around £6,500 towards the day-to-day running of the church.



*A vintage tractor loaned (by Maggie's husband, Roger), for the Festival*

Enormous thanks go to Maggie: our admiration for her ingenuity, planning and dedication are boundless. The last word should go to her, though. Anticipating my final question, she says, "No, I am not doing another!"

Anna Lee

*(See the following pages for pictures from the Flower Festival)*