

Comberbach Village News Extra

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The following is general information regarding voluntary action from Cheshire West and Chester Council

Coordinated community response to COVID-19 launched

Cheshire West and Chester Council, Cheshire West Voluntary Action (CWVA) and the voluntary and community sector are all working closely together to provide an opportunity for residents to volunteer in the fight against COVID-19.

An online form has been created for residents to pledge their support for local communities, helping to make sure west Cheshire's most vulnerable residents have access to things like essential food and medical supplies, as well as somebody to keep in touch with during any periods of self isolation.

Once residents have completed the online form, CWVA will signpost them to the charities and community groups in their area so they can do their bit to tackle COVID-19. Residents can also state what kind of volunteering they would be interested in so they can be matched with the ideal charity or community group.

Register your support for the community now
Councillor Louise Gittins, Leader of Cheshire West and Chester Council, said: "It is fantastic to see so many groups popping up in communities throughout west Cheshire as this spirit shows the determination of local people to triumph over the pandemic we now face.

"We are working closely with our partners in the community and voluntary sector to make sure we have a coordinated response and avoid any duplication. A lot of these charities and community groups have been around for years, providing a valuable service to vulnerable residents, and they continue to do so in the fight against COVID-19.

"I would like to invite all volunteers who want to help and all groups who are already mobilising their efforts to become part of our network so that

we can work together to build a strong and sustainable community response to coronavirus that safeguards the elderly, vulnerable and economically-impacted individuals in our borough.

"By working together across the community with local health organisations, charity sector, business sector, voluntary sector and faith sector, we can all play our part and beat this virus into history."

Good neighbours can make a big difference to more vulnerable residents in their communities over the coming weeks and months, whether that is collecting their shopping, sending their mail, or simply have a short phone call with them.

Micro volunteering is a great way of doing small things to make a big impact. You don't even need to leave the house as simply spreading the word about services or activities available in local communities could make all the difference.

All kinds of volunteering can be done while taking the relevant precautions to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and before eating, drinking or touching your face.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze.

Put used tissues in the bin straight away and wash your hands afterwards.

Avoid close contact with people who are unwell. Leave any of your good neighbour deliveries at the door.

If you are a local charity or community group and would like to share your current activities, please email: enquiries@chesterva.org.uk. Businesses wanting to get involved with the community response can also email the same address

Council makes £250,000 available to community groups to support vulnerable residents

Cheshire West and Chester Council has set up a Community Fund worth £250,000 to help local people and causes as west Cheshire aims to fight COVID-19 together. This Community Fund will help new community initiatives when they are setting up, as well as those more established groups that

will continue to provide valuable services during the fight against COVID-19. It could help fund things like training volunteers, administration, marketing, fuel, supplies and other costs. Details about how you can apply for funding will be available later this week. Your local councillor will also be able to direct you

to the Community Fund so you can see how it could benefit your group. Any initiative, up to the value of £500, that relates directly to Community Support in response to COVID19, could qualify. Contact your councillors.

Recreation Area

(a message from John Ryder, Parish Council)

I am arranging to have padlocks fitted to the swing gates at the recreation area.

I will place some bollards at the entrance to the Memorial Hall to try and stop cars going onto the car park.

Community Support and Initiatives

There are lots of individuals offering support to immediate neighbours and friends but below is a list of others in the village who want to offer their help.

This help is available to all who need it including key workers. Please do contact them should you need shopping, mail posting, urgent supplies or simply to speak to someone.

Erica and Gareth,
5 Burgamot Lane,
07940 229076

Steph and Paul,
1 Burgamot Lane,
07900 660033

Bev Logie,
Brookfield Road,
01606 891549

Liz Cook, 1
1 Reedsmere Walk,
(Reedsmere Walk and Barrymore Crescent)
07771 638324

Helen Gardner,
Broadacre,
07989 425346

Lynda Searby,
Kepplegate, The Avenue,
(The Avenue)
01606 892439

Ann Barr,
(Spinner Crescent and Chapel Close),
07366 983508,
also available for dog walking

Gail Woodcock,
(Marbury Road),
01606 891218

Jen Lonsdale
(Senna Lane),
07841 976759

Claire Hornby
(Warrington Road/ Marbury Road),
01606 892724

Bev Owen
07799 066609 is available if you need to talk to somebody

Village Picture Trail

Residents have been putting pictures of rainbows, bears and other animals in their windows so that children out on a walk for round the village can try to spot as many as possible.

Maths Tuition

Daily posts of maths problems from Alex Hornby on <https://www.facebook.com/AHmaths-tuition/>.

Vegetable Hampers

A hamper of fresh vegetables can be delivered to your door, cost £10.
For details: Jon 07921836324

Messages from local groups and organisations:

Litter Pick

The village litter pick on 4 April is cancelled. I am sure individual litter pickers will be out as part of their daily exercise.

Memorial Hall

All activities are cancelled/postponed for the foreseeable in light of last night's announcement.

Liz Cook.

Art Group

The Art Group have cancelled all their meetings for the foreseeable future, we're all working away at home hoping that what we produce may be able to be exhibited later in the year. *Regards from Midge Broadhurst*

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All meetings and events are cancelled until further notice.

Wishing everyone well and to keep safe. *Sian*

Comberbach Primary School

We would just like to say a huge thank you to our amazing community for the kind wishes and support at such a tricky old time!

Whilst school remains open to the smallest number of students, whose parents are workers 'critical to the COVID-19 response', we would like to thank all parents for following the Government advice and 'social-distancing'.

Let's keep working together to keep our loved ones safe.

Thank you

Mrs AS Williams

Executive Headteacher

Great Budworth Garden Club

We are sorry to tell you that our Meeting on 7 April is cancelled due to the dreadful coronavirus outbreak.

Further updates will be given for the coming summer months.

Jean Davies 01606 892383 / 0789993 7683

Comberbach Open Golf Championship 2020

At present this event is planned for 19 July 2020. More details to follow.

Ian Philips, Organising Committee, Chairperson.

Email: ianphilps987@btinternet.com

Comberbach Methodist Chapel

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We were very disappointed not to be able to have our Mothering Sunday Service. If anyone was walking past the Chapel on that morning, they may have heard strains of Alan playing the Organ. For about an hour he played through the Hymns

that would have been sung at the Service, these included a Choir's piece called The Mothering Sunday Carol, an old traditional song that is sung each year. We have since heard that on that day, one of our Members sang it out loud at her Mother's Grave in Great Budworth Churchyard and another Member had a lovely surprise when her daughter, who was not able to visit, sang it down the phone, having learnt it many years ago whilst in the Chapel Choir!

A Message from our Minister:

In these extraordinary times, we are all learning new ways of living and being. For all of us, whether we live with our fami-

lies or live alone our interaction with others is important. Though we have stopped all of our Church activities until this crisis is over we are keeping in touch with each other in many other ways, by phone or video call. Services and other resources are posted on our Facebook page regularly (<https://www.facebook.com/comberbachmethodistchurch/>). Be assured that we are praying for our community, our country and our world. If you need to talk to someone we are here to help.

I can be reached on 01606 301588.

God bless

Rev Tim Simms

St. Mary And All Saints Church, Great Budworth & St. Mary's Chapel Arley

It is with deep regret that we announce that public worship is suspended until further notice. This advice has been issued by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in light of the Government guidance around non-essential contact.

Therefore, there will be no church services from the 22 March until further notice.

The church will remain open during daylight hours for visitors and anybody wishing to pray or to 'just be' in a quiet place. Hygiene rules will still apply i.e. washing hands on entry to church.

The Ministry Team and volunteers will be available if help is needed with delivering shopping and / or medication if you are self-isolating, or if you can't get out for other reasons. Shopping will be left at the door to protect both parties.

The Ministry Team are available to talk or share prayer by phone, email, and by other social media. We are currently looking at possibly producing short services / thoughts for the day which will be viewable on 'Youtube'. The weekly sheet will be in church and the website will be updated regularly.

Morning Prayer will be said daily in church at 9.30am on behalf of everybody, and the church bell will be rung during this time (10.30am on Sundays).

Unfortunately, physically visiting those diagnosed with COVID-19 or those self-isolating, is not advised. If it becomes absolutely necessary for someone to have a visit from a clergy person, please speak to us.

These are unprecedented times, and we know there will be many people feeling worried and anxious; we are here to help where we can.

Contact numbers:

The Rev Alec Brown (Vicar)

01606 891324

The Rev Christina Westwell (Curate)

07870 687304

The Rev Dr. Jenny McKay

07554 416058

Mrs Janet Rees (Reader Emeritus)

07988 432889

Mrs Margaret Cross (Churchwarden)

07732 324001

Mrs Pauline Ridgway (Churchwarden)

01565 733494

Mrs Maggie Earl (Volunteer)

07970 927161

Keeping everybody in our prayers. Stay well.

The Ministry Team

Also postponed:

Concert on 25 April – Daleian Singers – hopefully reschedule for later date

Church Teas due to start on 12 April – suspended until further notice.

Guidance on Coronavirus – St Mary and All Saints Church, Great Budworth (update)

Following guidance from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, issued on 17 March, 2020, this is to confirm that public worship at St Mary and All Saints Church, Great Budworth, has had to stop for the time being and until further notice. This is deeply regrettable but perfectly understandable, and in line with the Archbishops' comments we will be looking at new ways of serving both the congregation and the wider parish. Daily prayer will continue to be offered on behalf of all parishioners by the Curates and myself and, depending on guidance from the Archbishops, we might be looking at some live streaming on a Sunday morning,

either from one of our homes or possibly from the church. The usual Weekly Sheet will be available electronically, as will other prayer resources, which are also available on the Diocesan and national Church's websites. Requests for prayer can of course still be made by contacting the Vicar and Curates and Churchwardens, electronically or by phone. Sadly, and in line with the latest announcements from the government, the Church has had to be closed to visitors and parishioners until further notice and for at least the next three weeks. Information relating to the current situation will be available on the website, through the Parish Magazine (the distribution will probably be delayed for at least three weeks from 24 March) and Weekly Sheet

(which will be distributed, as far as possible, electronically) and on the main external Church noticeboard (for those who may be walking or cycling past the church as part of daily exercise).

Separate information on baptisms and weddings (which can no longer take place) and funerals (which can still take place but under very strict conditions in terms of attendance) is available under the Contacts page of the website.

Please be assured of our continuing prayers, concern and care for all parishioners at this very difficult time.

*The Revd Alec Brown
Vicar. 24 March, 2020.*