

Comberbach Village News

Community updates and events - Sept 2019



Clockwise from top left Small Tortoiseshell, Red Admiral, Painted Lady and Peacock butterflies

Parish Council

An informal update from your parish council chairman

Notes from the Chair

Summer is all but gone, and the winter nights will be drawing in soon.

Recreation Area

The recreation area is a great source of enjoyment by children and residents of the area, and is well used daily.

It's disappointing to open my remarks with a note to say that persons unknown to us have caused wilful damage to the multi play unit by damaging a section of the decking. This was not just wear and tear but an aggressive act to cause damage to the equipment.

Whilst a temporary repair has been done to allow the unit to stay open it's costing the council nearly £500 for a replacement deck unit.

If anyone knows of the persons who did this damage, I would urge them to contact our PCSO. The council plans to install additional picnic tables in the

new year and replace some or all of the existing picnic tables as they are now nearly 18 years old!!

Highways

Over the last few months several residents continue to review the state of the verges and grass cutting schedule and often use the CW&C web site to request action.

I personally requested the Council visit the area in view of the vegetation growth on the paths and verges which was growing out of control and indeed did not look as though it had been sprayed early to kill off the vegetation. The Council have now completed another spraying of the affected areas and you can now see the impact.

However, I would urge residents to use the website to complain if an area is still not acceptable. Remember as council taxpayers we are paying for a service!!

Kid Brook

A resident has included photos of debris in this issue of the newsletter on the debris collected at the culvert from the brook which runs parallel to the School and Mather Drive to the culvert on Brookfield by Chapel close.

It's a little-known fact but residents who have properties on either side of a river or stream are regarded as "RIPARIAN LANDOWNER" and that you own the section of stream to the centre line.

This means that it's your responsibility to let water flow through without any obstruction. You are responsible for maintaining the bed and banks of the watercourse and to ensure that trees and shrubs are cut back, and not to throw debris or grass cuttings into the stream.

*John Ryder, Chair,
Comberbach Parish Council*

Just a few words from your local PCSO

Nights draw in

As the nights start to draw in - can I ask residents to keep an eye on the elderly residents in the village.

If you have any concerns then please contact 101.

Parking issues

At the end of the school term (July) I received complaints

regarding vehicles being parked on grass verges in the village.

Please be respectful of peoples' property and the surrounding areas. This will be monitored during school opening and closing times.

Surgeries

I regularly hold Police surgeries at Comberbach Post Office :

Monday 9 September 9-10am
Monday 30 September 2-3pm
Monday 14 October 2-3pm
Thursday 24 October 2-3pm

If you have any issues or concerns please come along to discuss.

*Regards
PCSO Diana Wiggins 20322*

Methodist Church and Sunday School

Holiday Club

Our Holiday Club this year was a family affair with Adults and Children all having fun together each Wednesday morning. The focus was on the life of Jesus, looking at the stories/parables he told, the friends he made, the miracles he performed, his prayers and his death and resurrection. There were lots of activities - crafts, woodwork, junk modelling, games, skills - including fixing a puncture and sewing on buttons and of course snacks and drinks. We had special visits from PCSO Sam Woodall and Diana Wiggins who spent two mornings with us chatting to people and having a go at the activities. Great fun was had exploring the police car and making the lights work - unfortunately the same couldn't be said for the siren which was sounding a little hoarse! Our time was rounded off with an all age worship where we explored the question that Jesus asked: *"Who do you say I am?"*

Family Fun

More family fun can be had as Messy Church restarts on Saturday 21 September at 4.30pm in the Sunday School Room. The usual fun activities, friendly conversations and simple meal included. Year 6+ Children will have their own space to chill and chat with friends. All Welcome. Further details email cmc-messy@gmail.com.

Sunday School

Sunday School recommences on Sunday 8 September after a Summer Break. We meet

each Sunday at 11am for Bible themed stories, puzzles etc. with drinks and biscuits. The Sunday School and Choir Prize giving Family Service will take place on Sunday 13 October.

Skydiving

To try and raise money for our Vestibule Fund, one of our Members, Octogenarian John Hardy, will take part in a SKYDIVE, weather permitting, on 26 September at Tilstock Airfield near Whitchurch. If anyone would like to sponsor John, a Sponsorship Form is in the Post Office. Thank you!

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday 29 September, when the Chapel will be decorated with fruit, flowers and vegetables, with a display of tinned and packet goods as well, which will be divided between the elderly and the sick from the Village and also the Mid Cheshire Foodbank and the Northwich Salvation Army. The Morning Family Gift Service will be led by Mrs Sharon Mayer, the Cheshire Agricultural Chaplain and the Evening Thanksgiving will be led by Rev David Hill and followed by a Harvest Supper.

Our fortnightly Lite Bite Lunches commence on Thursday 3 October from 12 noon until 1.30pm. In order to make it all worthwhile, we would love to have more people joining us. It is such a great opportunity to meet people and have a chat during the

winter months. Please look out for the Big Blue Sign outside the Chapel and if you would like a Lift please ring Alan on 891248. We hope that the Year 6 School Children will again come to help with the waiting-on, which is a lovely contact between young and old. As ever we are always grateful for extra Kitchen Staff to help with the Soup, Sweet, Assembling or Washing Up, so again please ring 891248 if you would like to help.

This year, the Morning Remembrance Sunday Service on 10 November will take place at the Village Hall and will be led by Rev Patron Bell with an Evening Memorial Service at the Chapel at 6.30pm, which will be led by Rev Tim Simms. Our Village Carol Service will take place on Sunday 8 December at 2.30pm.

We have had details from the Mid-Cheshire Foodbank about their current Needs: These include Long Life Fruit Juice and Milk, Jam, Tinned Fruit, Rice Puddings, Custard, Meat and Tomatoes.

Lite Bite Lunches

at the Chapel

begin on

Thursday

3 October

12 noon to 1.30pm

Diary

September

21 Messy Church 4.30 - 6pm
29 Harvest Festival
11am & 6.30pm

October

3 Lite Bite 12noon - 1.30pm

13 Prize giving Family Service
11am
17 Lite Bite 12noon - 1.30pm
19 Messy Church
31 Lite Bite

November

10 Village Hall Remembrance
Service 11am

10 Chapel Memorial Service
6.30pm
14 Lite Bite
28 Lite Bite

December

8 Village Carol Service
2.30pm
12 Lite Bite

The Memorial Hall report

Remembrance Sunday Service

Following the success of last year's Remembrance Sunday Service at the Memorial Hall, another event will be held on Sunday 10th November. Again, you are invited by the Hall committee and Comberbach Methodist Church to come along to be part of this special village event, which also marks 75 years since D-Day.

Please arrive at 10am, and the event will start at 10.15am with a short service in the Hall led by Rev James Patron Bell. We will then proceed out to the cenotaph where the names of the men from Comberbach who lost their lives in both World Wars will be read out, prior to a minute's silence at 11am, followed by the last post.

Everyone is welcome to join us afterwards for refreshments in the Hall.

Young people from our village uniformed groups; Guides, Brownies, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers will be there once again.

The 'There But Not There' perspex figures will be displayed again, and to mark the D-Day Anniversary, this year, along with thousands of other events across the country, we will have 'Bootprints'. These Bootprints commemorate those 22,763 who died on D-Day and in the ensuing Battle of Normandy, as well as those who have died in subsequent conflicts.

If anyone would like more information or clarification, please contact me:

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Comberbach Art Group

Annual exhibition

Comberbach Art Group are now well into their preparations for the annual exhibition in the Memorial Hall on 19 and 20 October. In addition to showing all our own paintings we have issued invitations to other local artists and art groups and we hope to display around 200 different original works of art, most of which will be for sale at very reasonable prices. We will also have some cards produced by our own members.

We are open on the Saturday 19 October from 12pm until 5pm and on Sunday 20 October from 11am until prize giving at 4pm. As usual we have our popular vote for your three favourite paintings and the artists of the three paintings with the most votes will be awarded certificates and a small prize at the end of the exhibition.

We will have teas and coffees and our delicious homemade cakes available while we are open.

Comberbach Art Group ART EXHIBITION Comberbach Memorial Hall Marbury Road CW9 6AU



Sheba by Ellen Plail

SATURDAY 19th OCTOBER 2019

12-5PM

SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER 2019

11AM-4PM

Admission £1 under 12s Free

Refreshments available

A request to those who live along Kid Brook



(This refers to the tributary of Kid Brook that runs behind the houses on Senna Lane, along the edge of the school playing field and then between the houses on Mather Drive and Goosebrook/ Brookfield Road before entering a culvert and going under Warrington Road.)

Good day Neighbours,

May we appeal to all homeowners whose gardens adjoin Kid Brook Stream to ensure that garden waste and other miscellaneous rubbish is disposed of correctly in your green and

black bins and not allowed to enter Kid Brook by leaving it close to the bank where it is in danger of being washed downstream after heavy rains and becoming trapped in the grating covering the culvert entrance where the stream is culverted under Brookfield Road to continue into Marbury Mere.

Recently we have had to remove for disposal, garden rubbish, filling three green bins and other items including a spare wheel and tyre at a cost of £8. Other items washed down included a football, two

traffic cones, planks of wood, a small table and four large tree stumps! Please see attached pictures.

Real danger of flooding

Failure to remove these items could result in a blockage causing the brook to rise quickly with the real possibility of causing flood damage to property and surrounds.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

*Roger and Carole Chapman
Marjorie Peters*

Friends of Anderton and Marbury

Upcoming FoAM events

Saturday 28 September Mammal Trapping at Marbury

An opportunity to find out what mammals have ventured into the traps set in the park the previous evening.

Meet: 9.30am at the Rangers' Cabin / Marbury Lodge
For information contact Jim Jeeves: 01606 77688

Sunday 13 October Autumn Bird Walk in Northwich Woodlands

A chance to observe the migrating and wintering birds

at Haydn's Pool, Ashton's and Neumann's Flashes.

Meet: 10am at Witton Mill Car Park, Northwich
For information contact
Dave Bullock: 01606 781981

Sunday 27 October Trees in the Park

A guided walk looking at the wide variety of trees in just a small area of Marbury Country Park.

Meet: 10am at the Rangers' Cabin / Marbury Lodge
For information contact
Mary Jeeves: 01606 77688

Monday 18 November Talk on the History of Marbury Hall, Parkland and Gardens

An illustrated talk based on extensive research by a group of members of FoAM into the history of Marbury Country Park from the 12th century to the present day.

Meet: 7.45pm in Comberbach Memorial Hall
For information contact
Mary Jeeves: 01606 77688

Comberbach WI



Garden Party 1 August 2019

A delightful Garden Party was held to raise funds for next years Comberbach WI 70th birthday celebrations.

The weather was kind, the company interesting - and of course the food was plentiful and delicious!

Thanks to Lesley Smith for opening her beautiful garden and home to host this event. The bring and buy stall raised around £125 - other funds raised yet to be finalised.

Thanks to all who attended and the committee who helped to make the afternoon so pleasant and successful.

Sian Chandler



Ladies Club

August meeting was cancelled as many members were on holiday or visiting family.

Acton Bridge Supper

We did have a wonderful supper party in July at Sylvia Kirk's at Acton Bridge. Once again we were lucky with the weather and we were able to sit outside for most of the evening. We had a great selection of food that everyone contributed. Our September meeting is a walk with meal/drink. Fingers crossed for a fine evening.

As a lot of members want to go to the Comedy evening in the village hall that is going to be our October meeting instead of going to an out of town theatre as planned.

Diary dates

23 September	Walk along the River Weaver/ Canal with meal later.
12 October	Comedy evening village hall
18 November	Thai Chi taster? T.B.C

Lost and found

About a year ago I lost my millennium gold signet ring, stamped 2000. The first and third O were slightly worn out. With my weight loss it had been slipping off and I had meant to get it resized. We looked everywhere and decided it must have gone down the grid when I was washing the cars.

Mid August I went to a BBQ organised by the Fete Committee at the post office in Comberbach. In Steve's lounge, sitting on the side, was the ring. I asked Steve about it and he said it had been found recently and handed in! I couldn't believe it was still on his sideboard. I go in every day

for my paper but it wasn't visible shoppside. Unfortunately Steve can't remember who handed it in. If anyone can remember doing so I would love to be able to thank them, aren't we lucky living in such a lovely village with very special neighbours.
Dennis O'Byrne 891755.

Soulcakers' Farewell Tour

Time takes its toll so this year will be the final year that the current side will perform the Comberbach Soulcaking Play. The tradition goes back centuries despite a gap between the 1950's and 1980's, but continuity was ensured through George Robinson who performed in both the 1950's side and in 1985 when we reformed. So through George's involvement, the Comberbach play can truly be described as a traditional Soulcaking play.

This year will be our 35th consecutive year of continual performance. We will have performed the play on over 500 occasions and raised over £25,000 for our main charity, St Luke's Hospice as well as other contributions over the years for the British Heart Foundation and the Samaritans. The play is renowned and people have travelled across the country to see it performed. In addition to our village play we have performed various other mummers' plays as far afield as France & Germany.

Historic Tradition

To continue this historic Comberbach tradition it needs a new team so if you are interested in taking on the play please let us know and we can provide all the assistance needed. Meantime, if you haven't seen the play or you just want to see it once more, our last performances will be in the George & Dragon at Great Budworth and The Cock @ Budworth on Saturday evening 2nd November. Thanks to everyone for their support over the last 35 years. Let's hope there is a way to keep this village tradition alive.

John Brighthouse

Last performances

Saturday 2 November
Comberbach Soulcaking Play performances
8pm George & Dragon
9-15pm The Cock @ Budworth

Comberbach Open Golf Championship 2019

Re-arrangement

We had to re-arrange the date for this year's Comberbach Open Golf Championship as there were too many people away on holiday or unavailable for the original date in mid-July.

So the new date is:
Sunday 29 September

As usual it will be held at Antrobus Golf Club...with tees starting at 08.30am

So if you would like to take part in our 20th Anniversary year please let me know.

Ian Philps

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The roll call of previous winners is below.

2000 Mark Heyes	2001 Iain Bell	2002 Alan Owen
2003 Ian Philps	2004 Iain Bell	2005 Andy Heyes
2006 Iain Bell	2007 Pete Heyes	2008 Andy Heyes
2009 Bill Buckhurst	2010 Rob Cawood	2011 Steve Wharfe
2012 Ian Philps	2013 Bill Buckhurst	2014 Chris Chrimes
2015 Bob Neale	2016 Tom Richardson	2017 Ian Philps
2018 Chris Chrimes	2019 ??	

The Friends of Great Budworth Church

Heritage Afternoon

Saturday 14 September, 1.30 - 5pm
Talk on the history of the church building, its architecture, its registers and its music
Trips up the tower (small charge)
Afternoon teas
Concludes with a walk round the village with the Vicar, The Rev Alec Brown, to see places of interest.

Ceilidh

The Friends of Great Budworth Church invite you to a Ceilidh

Friday 18 October, 7.30pm

At Comberbach Memorial Hall

Light Refreshments

Contact: Geoff Ridgway 01565 733494

Comberbach Memories (Late 1930s until early 1950s)

Brian Maddock - Pointe-Claire, Québec, April 2015

I was found under a gooseberry bush in the front garden of Chapel House. At least that is what grown-ups told an inquisitive small boy. In fact, I believe Nurse Hankey, the district midwife, had something to do with my arrival in April 1932.

Chapel Houses dated from 1882 according to a plaque on the wall. The building had started life as the first Methodist chapel in Comberbach in 1807. In the late 1870s, the chapel moved to larger quarters on Senna Lane. The old building was converted into two small cottages and a third unit was added at the end furthest from the road. At the back, the houses abutted on the end of the large Spinner garden. The small gardens in front of the houses ran down to a brook. Beyond them lay a large pasture field belonging to Millington's farm. Across the road (now called Warrington Road) was another large pasture field used by Walker's cows and horses. They came to drink at a water-tank situated under the line of plane trees that bordered the road.

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Because our home was located on a major thoroughfare, that linked the main part of the village to the Spinner, and the bus stop outside the entrance to Walker's farm, the road was busy with pedestrians so I got to know many of the people living in the village. There was not much change. People who came from outside the local area were “forriners” who “spoke funny”. Most of the natives spoke with a strong Cheshire accent. The toffs, Mr Alistair Cameron-Rose and his wife, who lived at Beech House after the war were from a totally different world. The evacuees who came from Liverpool early in the war were from a different planet. (Most soon went back home but a few remained until the war ended and became assimilated.)

The population was a mixture; some of the men worked in the ICI chemical works at Winnington and Wallerscote, a few worked on farms, some were retired, most women were stay-at-home workers, a few had jobs in Northwich or Warrington. However, quite a few worked and served in the village.

Coachloads of visitors

The Spinner - (No one ever added “and Bergamot”) - was a gathering place for adults. Mr Thomas Platt was the licensee until after the war. His wife, Eleanor (Nelly), replaced him after his death. A pavilion and bowling green constructed just before the outbreak of war attracted coach loads of visitors – much to the disgust of locals in times when beer was often in short supply. (Sometimes

the front of the pub was closed up, but locals knew how to enter through the back door!)

The Drum (Officially called “The Avenue Inn”) was a smaller less-frequented pub. The sign outside the door portrayed a monkey with a drum. It had its regulars and a few who had some reason to avoid the Spinner. Mr Harry Hitchen, its landlord, also served as a portrait photographer.

The post office was located opposite the entrance to the “rec” and the bowling green. The other bus stop in the village was located there. It served as a small grocery store in addition to its official capacity. Mrs Lamb was the proprietor until she retired and Mrs Proudlove took over after the war. The present post office was a private home, but during the war, the Roberts family opened a chip shop at the back. It opened only on certain evenings.

Lilly Millington ran a small shop in a wooden cabin located at the Top o'Town. She specialised in selling toffees and “pop” to small children. Local women liked to linger there for a chat.

Mr Edward Cowap lived in a big house just before the brook where it ran under Warrington Road. It had a large shop-window – but no walk-in customers. I think it was a tailor's business. His son, Thomas, had a car and I think he travelled to farmers who bought the substantial sort of clothing needed for heavy work on farms.

Wheelwright's Shop

Albert Johnson had a wheelwright's workshop beside Kidbrook, right on the Budworth border. His father had been in the same trade before him. Albert lived with his mother in an old cottage a bit back from the road. He had the carpentry and metal-shaping skills needed to build farm carts that were sturdy enough to last over a hundred years. Unfortunately, it was a disappearing trade as farmers preferred carts and lorries with pneumatic tyres. Albert had a sideline – building coffins as needed and performing the services of an undertaker. When someone died, Albert was asked to come to “measure up” and make all the funeral arrangements.

Almost across Budworth lane was an old house in which the Shaws/Hankeys lived. In spring the bank running down from the house to Kidbrook was covered in a golden yellow carpet of hundreds of daffodils. My guess is that the flowers were once harvested for sale on the market.

Before the war and maybe at the beginning of it an old boot and shoe repairer named Amos earned a few pence in a small shed just along the farm track running westwards from the crossroad at Walker's corner. It lay behind Percival's house.

Percival's Garage

Percival's Garage seemed to be past its heyday even when I was young. Petrol sales and car repairs did not seem to be its main business. They had a lorry for hauling jobs. Mrs Percival drove a large fairly ancient car which was used when necessary to taxi people to the doctor's surgery or to go to the railway station with luggage. For short distances, the charge was in the sixpence to a shilling range. The garage performed another useful service to those of us who had no electricity connection; they recharged acetylene batteries which contained liquid acid so they had to be handled carefully.

Cyril Johnson lived with his parents in the first house on Cogshall Lane. He established a garage on the Northwich-Warrington road (A559) at the top of Gibb Hill. It was a more up-to-date service with petrol pumps and facilities for making car repairs. It remained closed during the war.

Further up the Avenue lived Harry Mather who was an insurance agent. He served as councillor for Comberbach for a number of years. Mather Drive was named in his honour. The first two houses were council houses.

There were three working farms in or near the village. Marbury Home Farm stood at the sharp corner in Marbury Lane. A public right of way ran from across the road there to the Budworth road where it is joined by Cock Lane. A rickety wooden bridge spanned Kidbrook about halfway along the path. This was a popular walk on nice sunny days.

Farms

Ivy Lodge farm is situated opposite the Spinner. Mr Thomas Walker was in charge but his son George seemed to do most of the work. Like all the farms it was mainly a dairy operation producing milk for the cities. After the morning milking (by hand) heavy churns filled with milk were placed at the gate near the road to be collected by a lorry.

Avenue farm was operated by Mr George Woodcock. The farm buildings were on the west side of the Avenue. The fields lay mainly on the west side of Gibb Hill. In addition there were three small specialized farmlets.

Yew Tree Farm sat beside the Wesleyan Chapel. For some years after the war, Mr Albert Lowe used it as a base for a new type of enterprise. Mr Lowe obtained several Ford tractors and the accompanying three-fur-

row ploughs, mowing machines, harvesting machines, etc.. Farmers in the district hired the equipment as they needed it including an experienced operator to accomplish work in a day or two which would have required much more time with horse driven machinery. Later Mr Lowe moved to Well Farm near Frandley Brow in Antrobus. (Mr Lowe also served as a lay preacher.)

The Millington family lived in a large farmhouse on the northwest corner of the Top o'Town. They used a large pasture field stretching from behind the chapel down the slope to the brook and then up the slope on the far side to behind the Spinner. They kept at least one milking cow and sometimes some heifers. They kept pigs and poultry too.

The Stubbs lived in a house with some outbuildings along Senna Lane at a little distance from the main village. A small croft surrounded the house. There was no sign of farming activities.

There was a smithy on the Moss but it went out of operation as the use of horses declined rapidly.

Phil Raynor was a coal merchant who lived in a modern detached house on Marbury Road.

Mrs Moore, another resident of Marbury Road, gave piano lessons to small girls. She was somewhat dreaded by boys because she was reputed to teach the violin – and we all knew that only sissies played the violin!

Which leaves two enigmas – at least for a small boy. Dr Menzies lived in the large detached house at the Top o'Town where Senna Lane joins Marbury Road. But he was a doctor who had no surgery and no patients! Instead, he drove a small Austin car to work each day in the laboratories at ICI Winnington. (Years later I discovered that there are people with a PhD in science.)

Joseph Hodgkinson lodged on Cogshall Lane. Adults called him "Joe Hockey". He had a portly figure and was always well-dressed with a gold watch chain across his chest. Most weekday mornings he took the 10.10 bus to Northwich and returned in the late afternoon. I was told he was a "bookie" – but that meant nothing to me at the time.

Sanitation matters

Into the 1950s many houses in Comberbach lacked flush toilets. These older homes had a "lavatory" at the back of the dwelling. Sometimes the facility was attached to the house. Others were situated "across the yard" or "at the bottom of the garden". Each had a wooden seat with a hole in it and a large galvanized can below to collect the human waste. (Normally old newspaper was supplied – only those with middle-class pretensions used bought toilet rolls.) Gradually these cans became perilously close to overflowing!

"At one minute to midnight", as the expression goes, "Racker's" team would arrive in the evening. Mr R. Collins operated Manley Farm in Antrobus and he had a contract to empty the lavatory cans in Comberbach. Usually, two strong farm lads would be engaged to perform the unsavoury task. In summer adults would cry "Racker's coming!" and they would rush to close all windows and doors. I always felt sorry for the horse who had to drag the heavy lead-lined cart and it malodorous load back to Manley Farm. (Incidentally, many Comberbachers insisted they would never buy produce grown on that farm.) Nowadays there is a modern sewage collection system. Charlie's Rough was a delightful sylvan copse before the sewage treatment plant was built. (I once read that a man chose it as a spot to commit suicide.)

School Days

As soon as they reached the age of five, children were eligible to attend Comberbach Infant School. The teacher was Mrs Cox, a kind matronly lady. She lived in a house attached to the school. The school itself faced Marbury Road opposite the war memorial and the bowling green. (It has since been converted into a residence.) The entrance to the classroom was at the back, away from the road. A small enclosed playground included a three seat (so they said) lavatory for girls and a stone screen for the boys to "wee-wee" against. If boys had a more desperate need they had to run home! The caretaker, who lived on the Moss, lit a big coal fire to keep the room warm in winter.

In the late 1930s, there were few children of school age. Mrs Cox kept us busy learning to read at the appropriate level. While a small group stood around her desk trying to improve their reading skills, the rest of the class had to work quietly at some other tasks. Since it is almost impossible for young children to refrain from talking, the corners were often occupied by the latest chat-boxes. There was lots of story-telling for the rest of the class. Our favourites were *The Three Pigs*, *Goldilocks*, *Cinderella*, and *Jack and the Beanstalk*. Woe betides anyone who missed out an important detail. Each week there was a special moment when Mrs Cox read the most recent Enid Blyton story for us. Arithmetic comprised learning multiplication tables, doing "sums" (calculations on paper), and mental arithmetic exercises. Singing was another major activity.

Each year, close to Christmas, Mrs Cox produced a little show for the parents. Just before the war started we presented a series of tableaux based on Disney's "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs", a very popular film at that time. In one scene the poisoned Snow White (played by Jean Preece) lay in her coffin made by the grieving dwarfs and I, in the role of Prince Charming, has to kiss her back to life. What a traumatic experience for a small boy! The after-effects lasted until I was about 15!

After their child had spent three years in the infant school parents had to make a difficult choice about where to send their young 8-year-old. Barnton and Winnington schools were bigger and probably better, but they were far away and there was no direct bus service. Budworth school was closer, but the teacher had a doubtful reputation. Antrobus C of E school was another small rural school not renowned for its academic successes. I managed, with my grandmother's support, to persuade mother to let me go to Antrobus where I knew some of the children. (It was quite an experience, but it is outside our Comberbach context. Suffice it to say that in 1943 Ernie Battison and I broke the mould when we passed the scholarship exam to gain entry to Sir John Deane's Grammar School in Northwich.)

Sunday School

Sunday School was not an enjoyable experience, but adults seemed to consider it necessary. From about the age of 5, each Sunday morning Winnie Woodcock would collect me to take me to the Sunday school held in the chapel school room. There were two highlights in the year: prize-giving and the annual trip. Prizes were awarded for regular attendance. I was always disappointed. Others got interesting books such as the *Beano Annual* and *Rupert Bear*. I got *Alice in Wonderland*, *Gulliver's Travels*, and *Robinson Crusoe* – all classics, but long and in small print, far beyond my reading level and comprehension. In summer two of Bowyer's coaches were hired to take us to the seaside (usually New Brighton). I enjoyed the journey, but the tide was invariably in and the amusement park began to open just as we had to leave for home. Disappointing!

Transportation

In the 1930s and 40s, few people had a car. During the war, cars were restricted to professional users such as doctors, farmers and tradesmen. In Comberbach the Cameron-Roses had a Jaguar, Dr Menzies a small Austin, and Mrs Percival her ancient taxi. The rest used a bicycle or walked.

Bicycles were used for going to work or to school. Grammar school boys found it more convenient to cycle the 7 miles into Northwich than to use a rather inconvenient bus schedule (especially when the class got detention). Going to school took about 20 minutes (going down some steep inclines); returning took about 30 minutes because one-gear bicycles made it preferable to walk up the very steep Winnington Hill and Soot Hill in Anderton.

Most people walked to the bus stop or to the village shops and, of course, to the Spinner. Few undertook to walk to Budworth for church services partly because of the distance but especially because of the two steep hills in the dene. Comberbach chapel was closer to home.

The Northwestern Road Car Company provided a regular bus service. Every day a bus en route to Warrington via Anderton and the back lanes of Budworth and Antrobus reached Comberbach at about 5 minutes to the odd hours (i.e. from 5 to 9 am until 5 to 9 pm). The bus returning to Northwich arrived at about 10 minutes past the even hours. The bus stops were at the post office (then on Marbury Road) and the Spinner. Until after the war the Northwich to Warrington service via Lostock and Wincham along A559 did not come into the village; users had to walk to or from the top of Gibb Hill. It was a great improvement when the route was diverted at the Cock O'Budworth to make a stop at the corner of the Avenue near the Spinner. It arrived an hour before or after the other service so the village enjoyed an hourly service to Warrington and Northwich.

Friday was market day in Northwich so an additional service operated to Great Budworth once an hour. It arrived from Northwich at approximately the half-hour until 9.30pm and returned at ten minutes to the hour. The service also operated on Saturday so it was popular for going to Northwich to attend a football match or to go the cinema.

People who wanted to go to Manchester or Liverpool preferred to go to Warrington by bus. There they had a choice of taking another bus from the terminus located at Bridge Foot (beside the Mersey where it is crossed by the bridge) or to walk to Warrington Central station where trains ran every half hour to both of the big cities. The total journey took about two hours – even longer if going via Northwich.

Take a plane? Only the RAF had them! (And also the Luftwaffe! Early in the war, a stray bomb fell somewhere behind the Spinner pavilion, but it did not explode. I was away from Comberbach at the time so I cannot provide any details, but I can imagine it might have been hard on the drinkers for a short period. They might have had to walk all the way to the Drum!)

How a young boy knew the time of day Each weekday had routines.

At 6.30am I would hear Jim Rustage's nailed boots crunching on the cobblestones as he went to start milking cows at Frandleigh Brow farm where he was employed. The ICI "buzzer" (a very loud steam-operated whistle) sounded at 7.30am and at 1 pm to mark the start of work for the day-workers. At 12 noon and 5 pm, it sounded to announce the time to cease working. It was usually quite audible in Comberbach.

Billy Allen was also a reliable time indicator. He had lost a leg during the first world war so he used crutches to

move about the village. Just before 11 am Billy would swing down from the Top o'Town to ensure that the Spinner opened on time for the lunchtime session. At 2 pm he returned to his home on Cogshall Lane. Just before 6 pm, he was back for the evening opening time.

Closing time at the Spinner was sometimes a noisy affair. Customers would assemble in the parlour room where there was a piano. Mrs Hurst had a strong voice and she could be heard leading a spirited rendition of well-known songs such as "Nellie Dean". There was much enjoyment but I never heard of any drunkenness. Of course, the passing buses were another approximate time check.

Marbury camp

Early in the war parts of Marbury Park were turned into an army camp. Temporary huts were constructed to house the troops. I think the officers were billeted in the hall. Various regiments came and went as the army prepared for the D-Day landing.

After the landing, a tall barbed wire fence and watchtowers were erected around the camp so that it could be used as a prisoner of war (POW) camp. Occasionally a long peaceful column of the POWs filed through the village on its way to a service in Budworth church. After hostilities ceased in 1945, some POWs volunteered to work on local farms in order to escape camp boredom. They were excellent workers- skilled, knowledgeable, and energetic. Farmers missed them when they were repatriated to Germany.

After the war, due to a labour shortage, ICI imported workers from further afield. There was also a housing shortage in the district so the army huts were reconditioned to make temporary homes for some of these workers and their families. Unattached workers were accommodated in Marbury Hall which had been converted into a hostel. The staff comprised former Polish soldiers who could no longer return to their Communist-dominated homeland.

Another Marbury Lady anecdote

George Plant told the story of a shift-worker coming home from Winnington works after the afternoon shift at about 10.30pm on a dark stormy night. It was pitch dark and lonely in Marbury hollow – and (Who knew?) perhaps the ghost of the Marbury Lady was about. As the worker walked up the curving hill he distinctly heard the sound of a rattling chain. He paused and the noise stopped. He increased his pace and the chain rattle resumed. This happened again and his panic increased. Then just as the worker reached the crest of the hill he saw a goat dragging the chain which had been used to tether it. Whew!

Tidbits

Speaking of “talking funny”. After nearly 60 years away from Comberbach my own speech has changed. Speaking on the phone to my father’s cousin I was accused of talking “like a bloody Yank” – that hurt! A teacher of Belgian origin one said, “Vous parlez bien le français, mais avec un accent québécois” In earlier years when the James Bond, agent 007 films were new, young women who were complete strangers, would accost me and tell me I sounded just like Sean Connery!

When I lived in Comberbach locals pronounced the name of the village as “Commerbatch” with a silent first “b”. According to Wikipedia the first “b” is now sounded. (It’s all due to “them forriners”!)

There was a time when Comberbach had its own embryo opera house. Mrs Allen lived in one of the old tumble-down thatched cottages along Senna Lane between Top o’ Town and Cogshall Lane. Hers was the end house with a large garden. The isolated outhouse was situated near the centre of this garden. Mrs Allen’s son had a fine voice which could be heard whenever he was “communing with nature”.

A type of “call-boy” operation was once based in Comberbach.

The Millingtons kept a boar which could be rented out by local farmers. Every now and then a specially constructed stout trailer, just about big enough to hold a boar, could be observed leaving for a new assignation.

As a teenager, I spent my Easter and summer holidays helping at Senna Green farm. From time to time Mr Harrison, the farmer would go to market to acquire some six to ten gilts (young female pigs) that had been farrowed recently. For some weeks the gilts were left loose in the orchard to grow bigger. When they came into season the boar was brought in. Unfortunately for him, they all came into heat at about the same time. It was amusing to see the old lad trying to catch some rest while amorous young

things were nudging him and encouraging him to swing into action.

One day, I cannot place it in time, the hunt was about. A fox dashed across the road between the Spinner and Chapel Houses hotly pursued by the pack of hounds. They wriggled through the hedges and caught the unfortunate fox beside the brook below the steep bank at the back of the houses on Mather Drive. The hunters had great frustration because their horses could not get across the hedges and fences bordering the gardens along the road. So the hounds tore apart their prey before any huntsman could get there. (Does this devalue the worth of some “desirable modern residence” now located on this spot?)

The “Budduth Bobby”

The Cheshire Constabulary had an outpost in Great Budworth. The incumbent “bobby” was rarely seen in Comberbach except on sunny afternoons in summer. A brick wall some six feet or more high sheltered the garden of Ivy Lodge farm from the road. Thus, the intersection of Budworth Lane and Warrington Road was made into a dangerous blind corner for traffic. The danger was reduced by a halt sign. However, cycling clubs touring the countryside would swing round the corner without stopping – right into the eyes of the bobby who was waiting around the corner. He booked them all! (My irreverent sense of humour makes me wonder if some of today’s upright citizens of Comberbach might have a law-breaking ancestor who belonged to one of the cycling clubs – after all, they mostly came from “Manchester way”).

It is now almost 60 years since I last was in Comberbach, but I will always remember it as a fine place to grow up in – before the arrival of all “them forriners”! However, I can use Google Street View to keep an eye on progress - which has been very substantial.

Brian Maddock, Pointe-Claire, Québec, April 2015

Grant Funding for Local Groups

A message from the Parish Clerk, Denise French, regarding possible grant funding for local groups.

Member Budget Funding 2019-20

Please find listed below the link for Member Budget Funding 2019-20:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/your-council/councillors-and-committees/councillors-allowances/member-budgets.aspx>

Councillors Gibbon, Marshall and Wright welcome applications from both parish councils and community groups.

Can you please forward this email to your network of local community groups and include it on websites and in local newsletters?

Please email completed applications before the end of September 2019, in order to be considered by Marbury Ward Councillors in October 2019.

Comberbach Primary School

Interactive white boards

As the children take a well deserved summer break, our teachers and support staff are still busy working through the summer holidays. We are making some much improved alterations inside the school to improve and maximise the space we have. We have taken delivery and fitting of much needed class interactive whiteboards. These were bought with money donated by a very generous parent. This has enabled us to have them fitted in every classroom. This will benefit group interaction and promote collaboration amongst children and group discussion and participation.

Friends of Comberbach (FoCS) also donated money for us to purchase wellie stands which have been placed in Nursery and Reception class.

On our staff Inset days in September we have scheduled a First Aid at Work training session course and a Safeguarding course. The First Aid will enable all of our remaining untrained staff at Comberbach to be trained to a basic knowledge within the workplace. Safeguarding children remains at the central focus of work activities and the responsibility of all professionals.

Welcome back

We look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Wednesday 4 September eager and ready for the start of a new school year.

At the end of September Class 4 will depart to The Old School in Todmorden, Lancashire on their class residential. Robinwood Residential remains a favourite for staff and previous pupils and

there is always a good tale to tell when the children return from the 'piranha pool'!

On Friday 27 September we will be hosting a Macmillan's coffee morning, the children would love to see the residents of Comberbach village join us between 9.30am and 11am in the school hall. We will be gathering fellow tea and coffee drinkers to join us for cake and raise money for people living with cancer. We look forward to seeing you in school.

Thank you; Helen



Comberbach Bowls Club

Congratulations to the bowlers of Comberbach. The photographs show Matthew Thurwell holding the cup as winner of the Lady Barrymore Trophy; the sixth time he has won this cup.



John Moores is holding the Mid Cheshire Bowls Association Littler Cup. He is Captain of the winning C team who are also shown celebrating their victory in winning this competition for the first time.



A birds eye view

Pretty Pool

Seeing as this edition of the 'Village News' takes us up to Halloween, I will recount a spooky event that happened to me a few years back. The setting was a beautiful lake, Petty Pool in Whitegate. During summer, in my opinion there is not a prettier pool in the whole of Cheshire. It is 12+ acres in size, long and tree lined with crystal clear water. Nature obviously loved the place as well. The surface was covered with an array of stunning water lilies and alive with damsel and dragonflies.

They shared the water with many ducks and geese, including the endearing ruddy duck. Now a very rare sight after being culled, accused of breeding with the endangered white-headed duck from Iberia. The resulting hybrids reducing the latter population even more, leading to the persecution of the escapee ruddy ducks. Whatever the rights and wrongs, I miss them. The males large pale-blue bills are used to smack against their inflated chests while wooing the females, to make a noise not unlike a ruler being flicked over the edge of a table...boing! When you left the lake at night a pair of tawny owls were often illuminated as you drove along the long lane back to the main road.

Pretty petrified

There were also fish, carp so big even the most untrustworthy angler would not have to exaggerate. They were few in number and the lake was large, so mostly you would just sit there letting the peaceful ambience engulf you until day slipped into night. The events I am about to describe occurred in September when it was pitch-black by 8pm but you could still fish until 10pm, and you needed to because the fish would show no interest until night approached.

The only other thing on the lake with me was a wood mouse, or so I thought. We had first become acquainted when he jumped into my rucksack and attempted to eat my bait. We had now come to an understanding, and while he sat patiently by my chair, I would throw him choice morsels to munch on, which he held like he was playing a harmonica. Then he was gone, just as dusk slipped into silent darkness and his fear of owls got the better of him. That is when I first

heard it...a horrible metallic scratching sound. It then came again, louder and nearer this time. I worked out it was caused by something catching the metal grill that covered the slippery walkway that led all the way (a 10-minute walk) back to the empty car park.

The noise grew louder, even closer, each scratch seemed to magnify the tension unbearably. I waited alertly, hoping the noise would stop only for it to come again just as I thought it had gone for good. The walkway zig-zagged through a bog which must have accounted for the sound seemingly to appear and disappear, as whatever it was, and it was an 'it' by now, changed direction. Now the noise was constant, unnerving, like something metal being dragged over the grill....an axe maybe?

Gone Grey

There was nowhere for me to go, it was pitch black, a bog behind me and deep wide water in front of me. The only way was back to the car park was via the same walkway the 'thing' was using. The noise stopped, it was just a few feet in front of me and I could sense it's looming presence.

My only hope now was to switch my powerful torch beam on and use the element of surprise to escape. As I did so I was confronted by a terrifying vision. It was tall and haggard, with serpentine eyes and with what looked like a dagger held out in front of it. It was only when the grey heron let out an almighty screech and flew right over my head did I realise what it was. I do not know who was more scared, well I do but as it is not here to defend itself let us just say it was the heron. I was surprised to find that the 10-minute walk back could actually be completed in 5.

As I hurriedly made my way along the walkway's zig-zag turns, dreading what I was going to meet around each corner, my eyes were drawn down. I saw that the wet walkway was covered with tiny, young frogs. The heron must have been feeding on them, its feet catching on the metal grill as it walked methodically along it. There is usually a logical explanation for everything, particularly when you are thinking about it sat safe, snug and warm back home!

JB

Great Budworth Garden Club

Strange climate

As we advance into late summer, the gardens are still full of flowers and colours. It's been a strange climate this summer, with heatwaves and floods in different areas, but we gardeners persevere and our green fingers are busy.

Wonderful Club holiday

Our club holiday, organised by Henri and Lynda Giller to Pembrokeshire, was wonderful, and we stayed at the Lamphey Court Hotel, visiting Aberglasney, Picton Castle, Upton Castle, the Centre of Alternative Technology at Machynlleth, plus many other smaller NGS gardens. A great choice of venues and a well thought out trip; we all had an amazing time. The good news is that Henri and Lynda will organise the holiday for 2020, thank you both so much. This is for members only, and the venue will be announced at the September meeting, when names will be taken, and in October the first deposit will be taken. First there, first served !

The July meeting was our Members' Open Gardens, when four busy members worked very hard, to allow us to see their lovely gardens. They were Nick and Lesley Hopkinson's at the Old Hall and Bill and Lesley Anderson's at Bakery Cottage. Fine, interesting, beautiful gardens in Great Budworth. Then two in Comberbach, Heather and Alan Bailey's Manor Cottage and Julie Trehane's Kidbrook Cottage.

Lovely country gardens full of interest, and lots of hard work



in their developments. Julie did Prosecco and Heather did tea and cakes, with donations going to charity.

A wonderful evening, and an opportunity for members to get to know each other. Thank you gardeners.

Eventful day trip!

Our August trip was a full day out to RHS Harlow Carr at Harrogate. It is a great garden, full of interesting features and herbaceous borders with wonderful autumn colour. There were two famous Betty's tea shops, at which members could enjoy various menus or just have a Fat Rascal, a speciality type of scone! We set off home feeling tired but satisfied that we had all had a great day in perfect weather.



The thing we didn't expect was for the coach to suddenly stop in the middle lane of the M62! Immediately we were surrounded by motorway police and were told to get off the coach and go behind the barrier. The other lanes were stopped with cones, and the motorway ground to a halt. Almost bewildered, we disembarked and within a short time a replacement coach arrived to take to Poplar Services. We stalwart members did as we were told, and I do thank and admire you all for your resilience to this unexpected change to the programme! We arrived home safe and sound, albeit late, but that was really because of heavy ongoing traffic. The coach had computer trouble and had to be towed off. What a first experience for us all.

The next meeting on 10 September is our Produce Show, with the schedule printed in our own Newsletter, but ring me if you any questions. A talk entitled 'Gardening on the Menu' will be given by Martin and Jill Fish, who will also cook for us. This will be a busy evening, as the hall will be full of flowers, vegetables, fruit and preserves. Try to be there from 6.30 to bring in your exhibits, and the meeting starts at 7.30pm.

If you want any information about any of the above items, please contact me in the first instance.

Jean Davies.

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Report from Comberbach Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 27 August 2019

Recreation Area

The Council has approved maintenance works to some of the equipment and will purchase 2 new double bins to help reduce litter. The council thanks everyone response of over 40 names for the pencil sponsorship. The closing date has passed. Look out for the great for your pencil in a few months! The next focus is for new picnic tables; possibly activity tables featuring games on the table top i.e. snakes and ladders; noughts and crosses etc.

Noticeboards

The Parish Council has agreed to purchase a new noticeboard to be located at the Primary School in the same style as the one near the P.O. This is for any community notices and for

easy access it won't be locked. The Finance Committee will consider whether to purchase a replacement noticeboard for the entrance to the car park on Marbury Road.

Uninvited Callers

The Council has stickers for your front door warning that the householder will not answer the door to uninvited or unexpected callers. There are also post-cards with hints on how to avoid being scammed. Collection from the P.O.

Highways Issues

The Council has written again to CWAC Chief Executive raising concerns about the poor state of the local highways. A response is awaited and will be published once received.

Open Meeting

The Council is arranging an Open Meeting over Autumn/Winter and would be delighted if any local groups would like to attend to promote their organisation. Parish Councillors will be in attendance to discuss the work of the Council and hear from residents – we welcome your views so look out for the date. There may also be tea and cake....!

P.C. Minutes are on the noticeboard by the P.O. and on Comberbach.com website. The next meeting of the P.C is on Tuesday 22nd October at 7.15pm at Comberbach Memorial Hall. The next meeting of Finance Committee is the same day at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

Calling all poppy knitters

I know a lot of you have been very busy knitting poppies and I thank you for your assistance. We would be grateful if all the poppies could be returned to 3 Bracken Way by the end of September.

This will let us have plenty of time to attach the poppies to the display.

*Many Thanks,
Rena Bradley*

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Cllr. Rena Bradley	3 Bracken Way, Comberbach CW9 6QF	01606 891005	Bracken Way, Kennelwood Road, Fox Lea, Freshfields, Broadacre
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Cllr. Bob Holt	8 Cogshall Lane Comberbach CW9 6BS	07739 046775	Senna Lane (lower to Mather Drive), Warrington Road (from the Spinner), Marbury Road, The Moss, Meadow Lane
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Residents can report any highways and street care issues via CWAC website using the details below:
<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/contact-us/report-it/report-it.aspx>

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What's going on...when, and how to contact the right people

Memorial Hall

Brownies (1st Comberbach)	Thursday	6 - 7.25pm	Zoe Jones	783634 07513229863
WI	1st Mon each month	7.30pm	Rosie Rowe	784858
Ladies Club	3rd Mon each month	Different Venues	Ursula Ryder	01606 891827
Love to Dance	Mon, Tues, Wed	4pm		
	Tues, Tots and Seniors		Zoe	07527 514810
Dog Training	Thursday	8pm		
Yoga	Wednesday	8-9:30pm	Beginners and Intermediate	
	Gary Lucas on 07757 547692 :email garylucas365@gmail.com or Facebook at 'gary lucas yoga'.			
AH Maths Tuition	Tuesday & Wednesday	5:30 - 6:20pm	Alex Hornby	07960 882068
Indoor Bowling	Wednesday	1 - 3pm	Rena Bradley	891 005

Chapel

Brownies (2nd)	Wednesday	6 - 7.20pm	Lynda Flynn	891571
Guides	Wednesday	7.30 - 9.00pm	Anne O'May	891156
Rainbows	Monday	6 - 7.15pm	Sue Greenwood	76408
Marbury Senior Section	Monday	8 - 9.30pm	Anne O'May	891156
Sunday School	Sunday	11am - 12.00pm	Ian Woodcock	782655
Art Group	Mondays	10 - 1.pm	Midge Broadhurst	01925 266 798
French Language Lessons	Thursday	7-9pm	Nathalie Poutineau	892741

Comberbach Primary School Hall

Toddler Group	Wednesdays	9.30 - 11.30am	Comberbach School	01606 891336
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Anderton Village Hall

Scouts	Friday	7.30 - 9.00pm	Paul Underwood Rob Doel	07725 150 928 891789 07526 723516
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Antrobus School Hall

Cubs	Tuesday	6.30 - 8.00pm	Rachel Cameron	01606 891023
Beavers	Wednesday	6.15 - 7.15pm	Janet Warburton	854014

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Articles for the newsletter can also be made to any of the team below either on paper or by e-mail

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Pre-school website	www.comberbachpreschool.co.uk		
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Sunday School Room Hire	Ian Barron		891579
Great Budworth Parish Church	Rev A Brown		891324
Fete Committee	Steve Howard		01606 891316

Dates for your diary

Sept	2	W.I. Positive Hearing, 7.30pm	Memorial Hall
	3	Parish Council Meeting, 7.15pm	Memorial Hall
	4	New School Term starts Comberbach Primary School	
	9	PCSO Surgery 9 - 10am	Post Office
	10	Gt. Budworth Garden Club Produce Show, 6.30 for 7.30pm	Gt.Budworth Parish Hall
	12	FOAM Bat Walk & Talk	Marbury Park
	14	Ride & Stride Sponsored Bike Ride /Walk, 9.30am	Gt Budworth Church
	14	Heritage Afternoon, 1.30 - 5pm	Gt Budworth Church
	15	Holy Communion 8.00am Parish Communion, 10.30am	Gt Budworth Church
	15	Evensong, 6.30.pm	Arley Chapel
	16	Ladies Club	TBC
	20	FOCS	Zumba Night
	21	Messy Church, 4.30 - 60pm	Chapel
	22	Harvest Festival, 10.30am	Gt Budworth Church
	23	Ladies Club Walk along River Weaver / Canal & meal	
	27	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.30 - 11am	Primary School
	28	FOAM Mammal Trapping 9.30am	Rangers Cabin Marbury Park
	29	Comberbach Open Golf Tournament, Tees from 8.30am	Antrobus Golf Club
	29	Harvest Festival, 11am & 6.30pm	Chapel
	29	Holy Communion 8am Parish Communion, 10.30am	Gt Budworth Church
	30	PCSO Surgery, 2 - 3pm	Post Office
Oct	3	Lite Bite Lunches, 12noon - 1.30pm	Chapel
	6	Holy Communion 8am	Gt Budworth Church
	6	Animal Blessing Service, 10.30am	Gt Budworth Church
	7	W.I. Women in Parliament, 7.30.pm	Memorial Hall
	12	Fete Committee Stand Up Comedy Night	Memorial Hall
	14	PCSO Surgery, 2 - 3pm	Post Office
	13	FOAM Autumn Bird Walk, 10am	Witton Mill Car Park Northwich
	13	Prize Giving Family Service, 11am	Chapel
	17	Lite Bite Lunches, 12.00noon - 1.30pm	Chapel
	19	Messy Church, 4.30 - 6pm	Chapel
	24	PCSO Surgery, 2 - 3pm	Post Office
	27	FOAM Trees in the Park, 10am	Rangers Cabin Marbury Park
	31	Lite Bite Lunches, 12noon - 1.30pm	Chapel
Nov	1	Deadline for Comberbach Village News	