

Comberbach Village News

Community updates and events - Jan 2019



**The Village News team
wishes everyone A Happy New Year!**

It was great to see so many lights in the village over the Christmas period

Parish Council

An informal update from your parish council chairman

Notes from the Chair

Firstly, a very Happy New Year to all residents and readers of the Newsletter, from myself and the Parish Councillors.

Local elections

This year will see the Local Elections in May which means that each Councillor will either put himself or herself up for re-election following their term of office. The village needs to have "new blood" installed into the Parish Council and other committees so as we can continue to provide amenities to what the residents want.

Could you be available;

- To give some of your time to assist with Parish Council business and are available to attend meetings on just 7 Tuesday evenings per year.
- Willing to speak up for the residents of Comberbach.
- Help to maintain and improve the quality of life in the village.

If so, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk in the first instance.

Precept

The Parish Council will be setting the precept at the January meeting. Whilst we currently have a very healthy reserve, thanks to the management of the budget over the last few years, we do have some significant costs during 2019.

Recreations Area

The surface of the soft play area needs a complete refurbishment, otherwise the annual ROSPA inspection could request the area be closed on safety grounds as the surface is starting to crack in a vast number of places. The Parish Council have applied for funding from several sources and are waiting for confirmation to see if we have been successful. The Ward Councillors have given us an allocation from their budget. If we are unsuccessful in the funding, then the cost of the refurbishment to the Council budget will be in the region of £25,000. Not an insignificant amount to maintain the upkeep of the recreation area. However, the soft play area was built in

2002 so overall 16 years must be considered a bonus without significant costs to maintain.

IT Resources

The Parish Council is evaluating initiatives for

- Web based cloud storage and improvements to the website
- New Finance software to manage the Accounts and Reporting of the Parish Council accounts

Other Projects

The current Community Notice boards at the entrance to the memorial hall car park and the notice board near the bus stop need repair and we are proposing replacement notice boards during 2019.

Finally, wishing all residents a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

*John Ryder,
Chair*

Your Village Newsletter Needs You!!

Two members of our team, Andy and Norma, have recently left the village and whilst they have kindly continued to help in the short term we need to recruit some new volunteers. The newsletter is published every two months and ideally we need at least one person who can help with the editing (ideally with some basic IT skills) and at least one person to take the bundles of newsletters to the volunteers who distribute them throughout the village.

Anyone interested please contact:

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Methodist Church and Sunday School

First Christmas event at the Chapel

The first Christmas event to be held at the Chapel was our Christmas Fayre at the end of November, when a total of £498 was raised for our Maintenance Fund. Thank you to all who supported us. The Chapel was full for the Village Carol Service on 9 December, when the Christmas Story was told through Readings and Carols. The Choir's contribution included I Saw Three Ships, Fum, Fum, Fum, On Christmas Night and a new Advent Carol called Look to the Light. The NSPCC representative, Angela Harrison, was absolutely thrilled with all the gifts that were brought to the service. Thanks were also expressed to the Parish Council for providing the outside Christmas Tree. The inside tree had been decorated with stars by the 2nd Comberbach Brownies, all representing items given to the Food-bank. Thank you for all the donations.

Champion!

Ida Meakin retained her Indoor Bowls Champion status at the Guild Christmas Party, beating Jackie in the Final. The school children and some parents visited the Chapel on 21 December for their Carol Service, which was led by our Minister Rev Tim Simms.

Crib Service

The Chapel was packed for the annual Crib Service when £250.98 was collected for Action for Children, whilst the Christmas Day Service Collection amounted to £145.28 for St Luke's Hospice.



Carol Singing

Alan and Anne would like to thank everyone who opened their doors to the Carol Singers on their journeys around the village and surrounding areas.

Thank you to our supper hosts - Maureen and Sidney and Marjorie and John, also to Maddy and Issy for their much appreciated "Truck Stop" in Reeds-mere Walk. We really did have some wonderful "Welcomes" on our travels, enjoying nibbles and chocolates, especially on Christmas Eve.

This year we collected an amazing £1,145 for the Chapel funds, one of our best years ever. Donations from this will be sent to three Charities - Action for Children, Methodist Homes for the Aged and the Methodist Overseas Relief Fund. Thank you to all who helped or supported in any way.

Our fortnightly Lite Bite Sessions restart on Thursday 10 January and again we offer a warm welcome to anyone in the

village who would like to join us between 12 noon and 1.30pm. Soup and a Sweet and a good opportunity to meet up with friends! Look out for the big blue board outside the Chapel (891248 for transport).

Party time

The Sunday School party is due to take place on 19 January, with lots of traditional party games, food and entertainment from our favourite magician, Nick Barnes. This year the Messy Church children have also been invited. Sunday School takes place each Sunday at 11am, when we would love to see new children joining us (Tel.: Ian on 782655).

Bible Study meets each Thursday at Ida's home continuing on 10 January at 7.30pm.

Date for your Diary

Our 140th Chapel Anniversary will take place on Sunday 10 February at 11am. Following the Family Service, there will be a small exhibition in the Sunday School of photos, documents, memorabilia etc., relating to the Chapel, Choir, Sunday School and the organ, which will be 121 years old this year. It was built in 1898 by Hardy and Son from Stockport and is listed on the National Pipe Organ Register. Having been playing for fifty three years, Alan is the longest serving organist and choirmaster.

Please come and celebrate with us on this special day. Refreshments will be served, whilst you browse through the photographs and share some memories.

Memorial Hall

We may be into the new year, and November seems along time ago, but I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended the village Remembrance Sunday service on 11 November, to mark 100 years since the end of WWI: It was wonderful to see the hall packed, and how lovely to see so many young people from Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs & Scouts, leading the parade to the cenotaph with their colour flags and all of them, from 5 year olds upwards, distinguishing themselves with exemplary behaviour. Thanks to the uniformed organisation leaders who organised their groups to come along.

Apologies

We had no idea how many people would come along, so apologies if you couldn't see an order of service, had to stand, or struggled to hear the sound system outside. If we hold a similar service again, we will be sure to right those wrongs!

Thank you

A huge thank you to Rev. Tim Simms for leading the service; to John Hardy who read the Binyon poem; to Emily Clewes for playing the Last Post so adeptly, and to Alan Woodcock for playing the organ. Thanks to everyone who donated cakes and to Ellen Buckhurst, Heather Morris and Julie Tomlinson,

who worked so hard serving refreshments.

I would like to say the biggest thanks to Rena Bradley and her husband Jim, who organised and co-ordinated the event and also sourced the 'There But Not There' perspex figures which were a moving presence, and after visiting the school are now stored at Chapel available for future Remembrance events. It was a lovely community occasion and another reason to make us proud of our lovely village.

*Nikki Lord, Hall Chair
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W.I.

New Year is upon us and with it new opportunities and experiences. We, in the W. I., are looking forward to sharing it with friends and neighbours.

Our year ended with a tree planting ceremony at the village recreation ground; Jean Harding the federation chairman was invited to do the deed. We all look forward to seeing it flower next year. Having digested our Christmas meals we look for-

ward to a Burn's Night meal followed by curling. Our varied programme of meetings for the year starts with a talk about anaesthesia (educational), followed by a Beetle Drive (fun).

There is something for everybody so do come to our meetings held on the first Monday of each month. You will be sure of a warm welcome. A Happy New year to you all.

Comberbach Toddler Group

Hi All

We hope everyone has had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to a great 2019.

Sending a big thank you to all that have started attending the group, without mums/ dads/ grandparents and of course the babies and toddlers, the group wouldn't happen so thank you for joining us and making it the lovely group it is today.

We have been loving the extra space that the school hall has

given us, we have ample space for toddlers to run and enjoy the toys and freedom of the hall as well as babies to lie safely out on the mats, it's just great!

A friendly welcome

We offer a very friendly welcome with lots of tea, coffee and toast. The group is a great way to make friends for life with children who may go to school together in the future. Come and join us at Comberbach Nursery and Primary School Hall, every Wednesday 9am-

11am. Everyone is welcome, we cater for all ages from babies to preschool age. £2 per family.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in the new year at the group and if you haven't already been, then please come and join us.

Please take a look at our Facebook page for any updates (Comberbach mums and tots group).

Lauren

Comberbach Open Golf Championship

I am writing this article just before New Year's Eve, however that didn't stop me thinking and planning ahead into 2019 and the world famous Comberbach Open Golf Championship.

Well coordinated dates

The date for our great golf championship is co-ordinated with the date of a smaller professional event, the so-called Open... we arrange our date to be on the Sunday morning of the smaller Open so that their players can see and learn from

us, to improve their game in the afternoon.

So, the next Comberbach Open will take place on the morning of Sunday 21 July 2019.

More lost balls

The 2018 event had introduced some new players, some older players had returned again, our youngest continued to impress, some players found new ways of getting injured, and of course more golf balls than ever were hit into the 8th hole's lake.

So much fun

Much fun was had by all, with people vowing to enter the 2019 contest. So, all you Comberbach golfers put the date - Sunday 21 July - into your diaries, and watch out for further updates on how to enter in the Village News in the coming months. You know you want to...

Ian Philps, Organising Committee, Chairperson

Fete

The Fete Committee AGM was held in the Spinner and Bergamot on Thursday 29 November commencing at 8pm. Steve Howard was re-elected as Fete Chairperson, Sara Smith as Vice Chairperson, Dan Newton as Treasurer, Jim Powlson as Secretary and Tracey Hargraves as Retinue Secretary.

Three new members

It was very pleasing that there were three new members to the committee (one returning), welcome to you all. This was especially important given that three other members were standing down from the committee due to other commitments. With committee member numbers remaining static overall from 2017-18 and remaining generally low, we continue to encourage villagers to step forward and join us in the fun and merriment of this village group.

The next meeting will be held on 17 January 2019 in the Spinner and Bergamot so if you couldn't make the AGM but hoped to come along, or you are reading this request for increased numbers for the first time, then please do come along and join us then.

Fete theme to be announced via Facebook

The Fete Theme for 2019 was discussed and we thank all those who put forward ideas for consideration. We will be announcing the final

decision on the Theme for 2019 via the facebook page following our next week, but there are some great options under consideration, so we are sure to have a great day.

Fun run to take a break

The other key news is that it was recognised that with the increasing number of weekend running options available, now seemed the right time for the Fete Committee to take a break from organising the annual Comberbach Village Fun Run and progress other options.

The village fun run has always been a fund raiser for the Rose Queens Nominated charity, so this year we have decided to focus our efforts on something new, fresh and different to support the nominated cause.

New dinner event

This year we will be focussing our efforts on delivering a Rose Queens evening dinner / Pop-up-restaurant if you will. Something new and a little bit different for the village to look forward to and attended. Think about who you could invite for what will be a fun filled evening and look out for more details coming soon.

If you want to contact the village Fete committee please speak with Steve who can be contacted at the Post Office or message us at www.facebook.com/comberbachfete.

A birds eye view

All You Survey

With the New Year rapidly approaching it is worthwhile making time in your diary for the RSPB 'Big Garden Bird Watch', which takes place over the weekend of the 26-28 January. This fantastic bit of citizen-science has been running for almost 40 years. It has proved invaluable in tracking the changing fortunes of the various bird species which visit our village gardens.

It only takes an hour to complete, all you have to do is note down the largest number of each bird species that are visible at any one time on your feeders, or in your garden. In recent years the 'Watch' has expanded to include other garden visitors, like frogs, hedgehogs and other animals.

Last year half a million people took part in this survey. I can believe that, because I always note a drop-off in our garden bird population during this event. I imagine it is because people put more bird food out than usual to attract birds to

their survey location. I still managed some good birds though, and after spending time getting the 'usual suspects' I focused on trying to find something a bit different to round things off nicely. Last year I managed a song thrush, 3 siskins, a wren and a goldcrest. The latter 2 are often heard but a lot less seen. It was a treat therefore to find them in the garden, and goes to show how much does go unobserved if we do not make the time to look.

Protect and Provide

You can take part in the survey through the RSPB website or lookout for it in various papers and magazines. It is fun to do and can become a bit competitive if you want it to be, but most importantly it is doing a lot of good.

By noting our bird and animal populations we can highlight any problems at the earliest opportunity. It there are decreases, sharp or steady, it allows further studies to be undertaken to find out why, and as a result, ways in which to

hopefully reverse them.

When all we often hear is bad news about animal populations it is important to bear in mind that there have also been successes, with birds like goldfinches increasing rapidly mainly due to more people putting Niger seeds out for them.

It is crucial therefore that we provide habitat, homes and food for our birds and animals to help them survive in a very challenging world. Our village, its gardens and green spaces are vital in this regard.

The more we can do as individuals and families the bigger and better the whole environment becomes. If you want to see this in action go to Marbury Park at dusk and look for the bittern in the Coward reed bed.

It is a testament to the dedicated work the Cheshire Wildlife Trust have undertaken over the years to bring them home.

JB

Friends of Anderton and Marbury

Saturday 26 January

Bird Walk in Big Wood,

Marbury Country Park

How many birds can you identify in the park? Full details and checklist on www.foam.merseyforest.org.uk

Meet: 2pm at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information contact: David Bullock 01606 781981

Sunday 17 February

Homes for Wildlife

Make and take away a nest box to put up in your garden or perhaps a bug hotel, as part of

National Nest Box Week

No charge, but donations welcome.

10am - 12noon at the Rangers' Cabin/Marbury Lodge

For information contact: Anna Cooper 01606 891683

Saturday 16 March

Photographic Exhibition

Come and see the Exhibition of Photographs entered for FoAM's Competition in 2018. At: Comberbach Memorial Hall 10am to 4pm

For information contact: Jim Jeeves 01606 77688

Monday 18 March

20th Anniversary Celebration Talk

At: Comberbach Memorial Hall 7.45 pm

More details later



Great Budworth Parish Church St Mary and All Saints

Wed 2 January

10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee

Thursday 3 January

7.30pm 'Back to work' short reflective service.

Sunday 6 January

8am Holy Communion

10.30am All Age Worship - The Epiphany

Sunday 13 January

10.30am Plough Service

4.00pm Holy Communion

Sunday 20 January

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong at Arley Chapel

Sunday 27 January

10.30am Parish Communion

Sunday 3 February

8am Holy Communion

10.30am All Age Worship – Candlemas

Great Budworth Garden Club



We had never had a speaker talking about bonsai in all the years of the garden club, but Simon Jones, a local man from Middlewich, brought many bonsai from his own collection, and told us how to grow them from seed to maturity.

He was very relaxed and members chatted to him all the way through, whilst he showed us British and worldwide trees in their miniature form. An excellent meeting, and whether you like bonsai or not, Simon educated and entertained us really well. He was thanked by June Wilkinson.

Fabulous buffet and festivities

The last meeting of the year was the members' Christmas party on 4 December in the parish hall. There was a fabulous buffet, entertainment organised by members, and lots of Christmas fun.

To create a festive atmosphere the dress code was Xmas jumpers, hats or sparkly costumes.

Spring bulb fun

There was an advanced notice of a spring bulb fun competition to be judged at our April meeting. Please use an 8in pot and plant any bulbs you wish, any size, number, types and colour, for display.

Also a date for your diaries Tuesday 26 March, when we are running a day coach trip to John Massey's Ashwood Nursery and spring garden in the West Midlands; names and payments to be taken at the February meeting, which is the AGM.

Annual General Meeting and subs

The annual general meeting is on Tuesday 12 February 2019 at the parish hall, when member's attendance or apology is required. Please contact the secretary, *Sylvia Godber* on 01606 892517 before this meeting for any information.

This is the date to renew your subscription and you will be given the Events card for the coming year. This will be followed by a presentation by Phil Smith, the head gardener of Wollerton Old Hall, and our gardening year starts again!

I hope you had a very happy Christmas and wish you a green fingered New Year, and thank you for all your support over the last 12 months of the Garden Club. Any other questions, please contact me any time.

*Jean Davies,
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Report from Comberbach Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18 December 2018

Car park safety and security

The Council has ordered a height barrier for the entrance to the car park for installation early in the New Year and is liaising with Cheshire West and Chester Council to ensure essential services can open the barrier to gain access when necessary. The Council has approved the purchase of replacement bulbs to 3 of the lighting columns.

Neighbourhood Plan

The initial questionnaire received a response rate of around 23%. The responses are being analysed by Cheshire Community Action. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will hold its next meeting in February to agree the next steps to progress the Plan. If anyone wishes to be involved with the Group please contact the Parish Clerk.

Village signage

The Parish Council is in the process of obtaining quotes for new village signs incorporating the new logo agreed at the meeting in October. The Parish Council will also pay for the installation and maintenance.

Parish Council Minutes are available on the noticeboard by the village store and on the Comberbach.com website.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Tuesday 22 January commencing at 7.15pm at Comberbach Memorial Hall.

All are welcome

Ivy Lodge Livery

A different kind of result in December 2018 at Ivy Lodge Livery. Ed Walker was delighted to receive an award from the Cheshire County Farms Competition Society in the Equine Establishment section. A fantastic result for a small business in the village. *Well done Ed.*



Message from PCSO Diana Wiggins

I would like to take this time to wish everyone in the village a happy New Year for 2019.

I will be holding surgeries at the Post Office in Comberbach on the dates listed below. If there are any issues or concerns then please come along to discuss between 9-10am:

Friday 11 January 2019

Friday 1 and 22 February 2019

Friday 15 March 2019

Regards, Diana Wiggins 20322



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Cllr. Rena Bradley	3 Bracken Way, Comberbach CW9 6QF	01606 891005	Bracken Way, Kennelwood Road, Fox Lea, Freshfields, Broadacre
Cllr. Daniel Clegg	28 Burgamot Lane Comberbach CW9 6BU	07740 366683	Mather Drive, Meadw Lane, Senna Lane (upper from Mather Drive)
Cllr. Kevin Goulding	9 Barrymore Crescent, Comberbach CW9 6PA	0845 660 7960	Barrymore Crescent, Burgamot Lane, The Avenue (up to the Spinner), Budworth Lane, Crownest Lane,
Cllr. Steven Hornby	Sunny Bank, Marbury Road Comberbach CW9 6AU	07970 499227	Cogshall Lane, Outer Cogshall
Cllr. Jill Johnston	6 Barrymore Crescent Comberbach CW9 6PA	01606 892 121	Goosebrook Close, Brookfield Road, Spinner Crescent, Chapel Close, Reedsmere Walk
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,
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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	Lauren Burke	07411 670663
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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

Please send contributions to the newsletter to: newsletter@comberbach.com

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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Useful contacts:

Village web site	www.comberbach.com
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Marbury Park Rangers	77741
Homewatch	892568
Village Memorial Hall - bookings	07511302081 Between 2pm & 6.30pm Mon - Fri
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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

Jan	10	Lite Bite, 12-1.30pm	Chapel
	11	PCSO Surgery, 9-10am	Post Office
	12	Messy Church, 4.30pm to 6pm	Chapel
	13	11Alive	Chapel
	17	Fete Meeting	Spinner & Bergamot
	19	Sunday School Party, 5pm-8.30pm	Chapel
	20	Covenant Service, 11am	Chapel
	20	6.30Live	Chapel
	22	Parish Council Meeting, 7.15pm	Memorial Hall
	24	Lite Bite, 12-1.30pm	Chapel
	26	FoAM Bird Walk in Big Wood, 2pm	Marbury Park
		Ladies Club Christmas Meal	
	26/28	Big Garden Bird Watch	Your Garden
Feb	1	PCSO Surgery, 9-10am	Post Office
	4	WI Beetle Drive	Memorial Hall
	7	Lite Bite, 12-1.30pm	Chapel
	9	Messy Church, 4.30pm-6pm	Chapel
	10	140th Chapel Anniversary, 11am	Chapel
	12	Gt Budworth Garden Club AGM	Gt Budwth Parish Hall
	17	Communion Service, 11am	Chapel
	17	FoAM Homes for Wildlife, 10am-4pm	Marbury Park
	21	Lite Bite, 12-1.30pm	Chapel
	22	PCSO Surgery, 9-10am	Post Office
Mar	1	Village Newsletter Deadline	
	4	W.I. Hairdressing through the Ages	Memorial Hall
	15	PCSO Surgery, 9-10am	Post Office
	16	FoAM Photographic Exhibition, 10am-4pm	Memorial Hall
	18	FoAM 20th Anniversary Celebration Talk, 7.45pm	Memorial Hall
	26	Gt Budworth Garden Club Trip to Ashwood Nurseries	
Apr	1	WI The Bee Man	Memorial Hall

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