

Comberbach Village News

Community updates and events - Sept 2021



Unusual red sunflowers in the school garden

Parish Council

An informal update from your parish council chairman

Notes from the Chair

Our first face to face meeting of the Parish Council was held on 20 July. Following the sad death of Rena Bradley all present stood for a minute's silence and Ward Councillor Norman Wright gave a moving tribute to the work Rena had done in the village and the building and running of the Memorial Hall.

Parish Council Vacancy

We have included a short advertisement in the issue asking for the co-option of a resident onto the Parish Council.

Pump Track and Recreation Area

It's so pleasing to see so many children using the facilities and it is surprising how many visitors are not necessarily from the surrounding area.

Speed Indicator Device

A device has been ordered between ourselves and Anderton with Marbury Parish Council. The device will be shared on a 50/50 basis with each Parish Council using the device for a calendar month. The initial plan is to locate at locations through the village to make drivers aware of their speed and to try and educate them to slow down.

Residents in Anderton have recently set up their own Community Speedwatch group using a speed gun to capture offending motorists. This is a volunteer group. Details can be found on the web site www.communityspeedwatch.org.

The coordinator of the group would be happy to explore a joint initiative between both Parishes if there were sufficient volunteers from Comberbach. If you are interested please email your details to our Parish Clerk.

StreetCare

They have confirmed that in late July they have sprayed the verges and gullies to kill off the growth

and I did notice a road sweeper in the village mid-august!!

Village Task Force

With the success of volunteers for the litter pick initiatives and the painting of the finger posts and Cheshire railings on the corner of Budworth Lane, a suggestion has been made to see if there are enough volunteers willing to
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Parish Council Vacancy

Are you interested in being co-opted to the Parish Council?

Your Village Needs You!

The Parish Council has one vacancy at the moment and we would like to co-opt a new member as soon as possible

Why join the Parish Council?

- Contribute to the working of the Parish Council.
 - Become a Councillor and have a say in where you live.
 - Suggest projects to improve village life
- Being a Parish Councillor is a voluntary position but is very worthwhile and rewarding.

Please consider this request to join. We need someone who is:

- Committed to maintaining and improving the quality of life in the village.
- Available to attend meetings - just 7 per year on a Tuesday evening.
- Willing to speak up for the residents of Comberbach.

The Parish Council meets 7 times a year on a Tuesday evening and meetings are generally no more than a couple of hours. The post does not take up large amounts of time, but the time you give will be invaluable to your community.

Please contact the Parish Clerk or speak to one of your Parish Councillors directly.

Anyone interested or wanting extra information should contact the Parish Clerk - Denise French 07759 212449
clerk@comberbach-pc.gov.uk

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spend a few hours one weekend in October or November to clear the weeds from the gullies and pavement as well as cutting back the overgrown grass from the footpath where CW&C mow the grass around the village greenery.

There are bound to be lots of other projects around the village in the coming months so even if you don't fancy the weeding weekend, please do get in touch

if you're happy to join the Village Task Force.

Please contact the Parish Clerk by email if you would be willing to volunteer.

Daffodil bulbs for Grass verges

The Parish Council have approved a small budget to purchase additional daffodil bulbs to plant around the village open spaces. If you are willing to plant the bulbs in

an area, please contact the Parish Clerk and we will arrange delivery of the bulbs to you.

John Ryder



Scam alert

Fake emails

Action Fraud has received over 700 reports from members of the public about fake emails purporting to be from the NHS. The emails claim to be able to provide people with a "digital passport" that "proves you have been vaccinated against COVID-19". These emails are fake, and the links within them lead to genuine-looking websites that steal your personal and financial information.

How to protect yourself:

In the UK, coronavirus vaccines will only be available via the National Health Services of England, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland. You can be contacted by the NHS, your employer, a GP surgery or pharmacy local to you, to receive your vaccine. Remember, the vaccine is free of charge. At no point will you be asked to pay.

- The NHS will never ask you for your bank account or card details.
- The NHS will never ask you for your PIN or banking passwords.
- The NHS will never arrive unannounced at your home to administer the vaccine.
- The NHS will never ask you to prove your identity by sending copies of personal documents such as your passport, driving licence, bills or pay slips.

- Your vaccination status can be obtained for free through the official NHS app, NHS website, or by calling the NHS on 119.

How to report scams:

If you receive a call you believe to be fraudulent, hang up. If you are suspicious about an email you have received, you can report it by forwarding the email to: report@phishing.gov.uk. Suspicious text messages can also be reported by forwarding them to the number: 7726 (*it's free of charge*).

If you believe you are the victim of a fraud, please report this to Action Fraud as soon as possible by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting www.action-fraud.police.uk.

Message Sent By Action Fraud
(Action Fraud, Administrator, National)



Cynthia Jones would like to thank everyone for their best wishes and offers of help since her recent spell in hospital. She is very grateful and is happy she lives in Comberbach with so many kind people.

Budworth Lane A559 junction



For some time the Budworth Parish Council has been concerned about the dangerous crossroads on the A559 where High Street meets Budworth Lane, highlighted in the Northwich Transport Strategy 2018.

In the past, property on the junction has been damaged and concerns have increased about the safety of pedestrians and other road users. Complaints have been received from local residents about speeding traffic, poor visibility, unsafe bus stops, and difficulties crossing the road, especially given the line of sight and breaking distance from the top bend. Visiting cyclists have raised awareness of dangerous incidents where life was at risk.

The Parish Council has repeatedly brought these matters to the attention of CWaC Highways, who have responsibility for such matters, but after meetings and discussions to address safety concerns, nothing was deemed feasible. They advise that to qualify as a Local Safety Scheme, 5 or more incidents / collisions involving injury have to be recorded. To date there are 2 such collisions based on available data.

Action is required to avoid any further incidents / accidents, but what action? Especially when residents feel there is a serious accident waiting to happen on the A559.

The Parish Council has recently been made aware of a relatively simple, low-cost initiative, initially proposed by Comberbach Parish Council, which is thought could address some of the issues associated with the junction.

Proposals

- To make Budworth Lane one-way to Cock Lane, after turning left off the A559 from Northwich, keeping the right-hand turn travelling to Northwich;

- To create a pedestrian and cycle route between Budworth Lane and Cock Lane.

This will provide local residents with safer and easier access between both villages; improve access for walkers into Marbury Park; and make cycling safer. It will mitigate the risk of either turning right to Northwich, or crossing the A559 to enter Great Budworth, where visibility is poor from the left as the line of site is not clear.

Other considerations to take into account

- Impact on Budworth Lane properties/ farmland and caravan park access;
- Impact on Cock Lane properties;
- Speed limits on both lanes - currently 50 mph.

This is the only option which looks feasible and worthy of discussion to date by any interested party.

Outline costs and further details on road markings and signage etc. have been requested to enable discussion and facilitate decisions. Marbury Ward Councillors will support the view taken by residents and Parish Councils. CWaC will take the final decision if it is decided to submit this proposal to them.

Therefore, it would be good to know residents' thoughts on the proposals (for and against) or any other ideas you may have, by emailing your comments to the Parish Clerk, Denise French, clerk@comberbach-pc.gov.uk.

[Newsletter comment: *the speed limit is currently 50mph on Budworth Lane which is far too fast for the visibility and road width. When walking or litter picking the pavement is absent or blocked by vegetation in some areas forcing pedestrians into the road so fast traffic is very near. Broken wing mirrors are regularly found showing that cars are also too near each other. The North Cheshire Way, a long distance footpath, has Budworth Lane from the A599 junction as its published route but has now issued a 'safe alternative route' on its website using Cock Lane, so they also recognise the danger to pedestrians.]*

Comberbach Methodist Chapel



A large congregation from the Northwich area gathered at the Chapel on 25 July for Reverend Tim's leaving service. He has now moved to Congleton to continue with his ministry. The week before he had been presented with several gifts, including an engraved planter from his Comberbach congregation. His successor will be Reverend Frances Ballantine who is coming to us from Lincolnshire. Her welcome service will take place at Barton Methodist Church on Saturday 4 September. Her first service at Comberbach Chapel will be at the Harvest Festival on 26 September at 11am.

On Saturday 31 July Alan and Anne welcomed twenty-nine Chapel friends to their garden at Avenue Farm for tea and cakes. It was lovely being able to catch up with everyone once again.

On Sunday 8 August, in the absence of a preacher, the morning service took the form of a Songs of Praise with many favourite hymns chosen by members of the congregation were sung. They were accompanied by readings, prayers and stories of how and why they were written.

Sunday School will be up and running from Sunday 5 September. It seems an age since we all met up but now, with a bit of extra care, it's possible! We've all got out of the routine of meeting up to renew friendships and learn about Jesus, the best friend of all, so I'm looking forward to seeing old members and any new ones who want to give us a try and join in the fun. Ian Woodcock

We're hoping to have some live choir singing again in September as singing via Zoom has been very difficult during the last eighteen months. To be able to sing "You Raise Me Up" making use of our wonderful Chapel acoustics is a wonderful experience! If you love singing why not come and sing with us. *Call Alan on 891248.*

We hope to restart the Lite Bite sometime in October. Please look out for the big blue board outside the Chapel.



Memorial Hall Report

This month's report starts with a note to celebrate the life of Rena Bradley who sadly passed away in July. Rena was our Treasurer and Booking Secretary for nearly 20 years, and before that, along with her husband Jim, she was part of the initial group of villagers who fundraiser and co-ordinated the building of the hall. Rena was hard-working, straight-talking and completely dedicated to the hall and the village she loved. She had a big personality and a big heart; her contribution to the Hall is immeasurable, and we will miss her.

Rena would very much approve of the hall's packed diary; with our growing number of regular hirers and at last a return of bookings for parties! And it was also lovely to welcome back the WI who met in person in August for the first time in 18 months.

Following our successful grant applications during lockdown, we have been able to start our list of projects to improve the hall and invest in its future: TB Electrics have just spent a week replacing every light in the hall with energy efficient LED lighting

which will mean a huge reduction in our electricity bills. We have also arranged for the outside area to be cleared and over hauled, and we're looking at possible replacement surfaces for the enclosed area. Our other major project is a replacement heating system, for which we are delighted to have secured National Lottery funding, so this should be underway before too long.

Finally, I am very happy to report we have welcomed Sian Chandler and Jen Lonsdale on to the Hall Management Committee; they are great additions to the team and we're grateful to the both of them.

Any queries or questions about bookings or anything to do with the hall, please either send an email, and any committee member can pick up messages, or call Liz Cook or myself.

Nikki Lord - 07721 501181

Liz Cook - 07771 638324 comberbachmemorialhall-bookings@gmail.com

Just a few words from your local PCSO Diana Wiggins

Dark nights

As the dark nights start to descend on us. Please be aware of some security measures that may help deter possible thieves.

Lock up tight

Keep any garages shed and outbuildings locked and secure whatever time of day / night.

Keep front and back doors locked at all times. It only takes a minute for someone to enter a property and then leave with possibly something of value.

Never leave car keys close to the front door- there are now devices which can activate your vehicle to start without any keys being used.

Always use a good quality pad-lock or other security device that will deter possible offenders. Keep any gardening equipment locked away. All opportunist thieves will use these to help break into your home.

Secure any large bulky items such as bike, ladder to the inside of the garage, shed or outbuilding. Also consider using ground mounted anchoring systems which lock items to the floor making it difficult to steal.

Trim your bushes

If you have bushes near to your front door - keep these at a low level or remove completely. By doing so people passing will then have a front view of your property.

Always consider a security light or CCTV this will help to deter possible thieves.

We want you all to stay safe.

Regards

Diana Wiggins 20322



Comberbach WI

Our WI members were all sorry to learn of the untimely passing of Rena Bradley, and many of our members turned out to pay our respects from the roadside as the funeral cortege passed by. Rena had been associated with our WI for a long time, had done a lot for us and had handled everything to do with the Hall. Comberbach WI has donated £50 towards the cost of a memorial bench in her name. She will be missed, but we look forward to having a good and productive partnership with Liz Cook. Thank you! We are also very grateful that we shall have Irene Robinson's grandson to help us with the furniture before and after our meetings.

We could scarcely believe that we were back in our "home", the Memorial Hall, having our first proper get together since the pandemic halted proceedings. We hadn't booked a speaker for the evening but decided instead to seat our WI members at informal small tables so we could all enjoy a chat, catch-up and could circulate, whilst still being well spread out and with all the windows open! 31 of us enjoyed a pleasant and relaxed evening, with a potential new member getting the opportunity to mix and make some new acquaintances. Our next meeting is the first Monday in September (6th) at the Hall and is open to anyone who thinks they might like to join us. We will be hearing about "the birds and the bees" from the visiting speaker, so we are wondering just what we might learn!

Lunch at the Spinner and Bergamot was arranged for Tuesday, 17 August. We felt

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that we would like to support a local business, and besides, we had heard some very good reports about the food! Our WI members love an opportunity to eat, shop or do both! Twenty of our WI members enjoyed a convivial lunch, chosen from an interesting and varied menu. We hope to return to a monthly pub lunch out, from now on. We have all missed being able to have meals out.

In September we shall be visiting the huge Marks and Spencer by Cheshire Oaks. The outing has become dubbed "The Knicker Run" as Lindsay Entwistle, who has kindly organized the trip, wanted to purchase some new underwear. I am quietly confident that many of us will be spending more than we intended, and not just on knickers! There is always a better selection of goods there, than in the smaller branches, and of course, there is the Food Hall.

Having spotted calendars for 2022 on sale locally and seeing that Asda has already released its Christmas range of food, we are not to be outdone, so a trip to Trentham has been arranged for us to do some Christmas shopping in early December. For those who do not know the place, it is a shopping village next to Trentham Gardens, where you can buy all sorts at

great prices, with outlets for well-known brands as well. The shops, cafes and restaurants are all in log cabins and it certainly looks the part at that time of year. The last time we visited, it snowed, too! This year, there is an illuminated walk, just like the one at Dunham Massey. We have already had to book for this, as the attraction becomes very over-subscribed. There is also a very large Garden Centre, with plenty more shopping opportunity too, run by the same group which owns Fryers Garden Centre at Knutsford. We had a job fitting all the shopping bags into the coach last time!

Closer to home, I was delighted to be invited to visit one of our member's gardens. Diana Jones has turned the area at the bottom of her lovely garden into a fabulous wildflower meadow. Much hard work has gone into her garden, of which she is justifiably proud. Many of our WI members are keen gardeners and our gardens been a source of great pleasure during lockdown.

*Janine Hampton
President, Comberbach WI.*



Comberbach Nursery and Primary School

Here at Comberbach Nursery and Primary School, we have a lot to be thankful for as we finish one academic year and move on to another.

School Gardens

With the help of parent volunteers, the local community and our wonderful children, the school gardens continue to flourish and we look forward to making full use of them at this year's harvest. Thank you to everyone who has been involved.

Mystery Painters

A huge thank you to our 'mystery painters' who have taken the time and paid attention to our gates and iron work - school has had a makeover!

Cancer Research Fundraising

We are extremely proud of



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'Clan Clegg' who are raising money for Cancer Research in memory of a family friend. As a family, they are hoping to cycle 100km and we are backing them all the way! The justgiving page is: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ClannClegg>

New Head of School

As we begin the new academic year, I would like to introduce myself as the new Head of School. My name is Cerri Jones and I have been a teacher in the local area for 12 years. I am very much looking forward to working in our wonderful school in partnership with this amazing community.

Great Budworth Cricket Club

Rain stopped play

The season has progressed well for the club but unfortunately there have been several cancellations due to rain. Here are some recent results.

GBCC 175 for 5, Manchester Racquets 148 for 6, GBCC won by 26 runs.

Lymm 114 for 4, GBCC 115 for 2. GBCC won with 3 overs to spare. Andrew Phillips scored 33, Darren Curryer 27 and Paul Lancaster 27.

Warrington over 40's 133 for 3, GBCC 102 all out. GBCC lost by 31 runs. Nick Winton scored

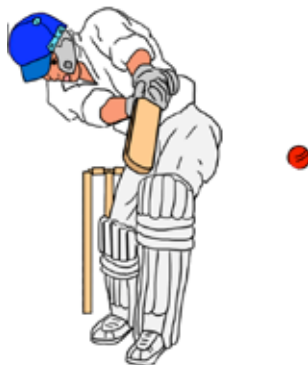
29, Steve Hankey 18 and Stuart Witlow 15.

GBCC 153 for 6, Warrington over 40's 143 for 8. GBCC won by 10 runs. Matt Hankey scored 31, Peter Taylor 27 and Tim Whalley 27. James Dutton took 2 wickets for 16 runs.

Playing away

There is an away match to be played against Kinsley and the last home match of the season is against Lord Ashbrook's X1 on Saturday 11 September 11am start. Why not come along and watch in beautiful surroundings. Home fixtures are played at the cricket ground at Arley Hall.

Anyone interested in becoming either a playing or social member please contact the club at GBCCnewplayers@outlook.com.



Scouts

Older boys and girls may remember AC DC telling the world they were 'Back in Black' in 1980. Well, Scouts are back in... wetsuits come in many colours these days. The easing of Covid precautions has allowed us back on Budworth Mere and, given all the sessions lost to Covid, we have kept going throughout the summer holidays.

Kayaking and rafting has kept us busy. The regulations for who can award badges has changed, meaning local Troop Leaders can assess Scouts for the Paddlesports badge. We hired Marbury pool for an evening, to practice capsizes and "Eskimo Rescues" in clean, clear water.

The following week, we tried it in the decidedly less clean and clear Budworth Mere - see photos. Everybody passed Paddlesports badge #1 and almost everyone passed badge #2. (The

murkiness of the Mere is a bit of a dis-incentive to go for the compulsory capsizes.) We have also been out on several rafting expeditions. The highlight of these is always a game of Wibble-Wobble: everybody stands up, with one side bending down on a shout of 'wibble' and up on 'wobble', whilst the crew on the other side do the opposite. If you get the timing right, the whole raft rolls from side to side very impressively. And then the laws of physics take over and everybody ends up in the water.

So, if you are aged between 10 and 14 and want to join in, contact either:

Paul Underwood (Scout Leader)

07792 306 603

Robert Doel (Assistant SL)

01606 89 17 89 or 07526 723 516

And "be prepared"...



Eskimo Rescues at Marbury pool. When it works, the capsized paddler grabs the front end of the rescuer's kayak, and pulls themselves up with a mighty heave!



It's a lot less easy doing for real, down at Marbury Mere.



A peaceful summer evening, rafting with Scouts...



...was never going to last long. A game of wibble-wobble ends as we lose an argument with the laws of physics.

Up the spiral staircase



Does this ring your bell?

The bell-ringers at St Matthew's Church, Stretton are looking for new recruits to join their band. We are a very friendly group and would welcome anyone who is interested in learning a new hobby.

If you are interested, or know of any friend, neighbour or colleague who may be interested then please pass this message onto them. If you are already a

bell-ringer then please come along and meet us. We meet for practice every Monday night from 8pm until 9pm. All instruction is free and friendly.

We are members of the wider community of ringers in Cheshire (and the whole of the UK) and take part in their competition and social events. We ring for Sunday services, weddings and other celebratory occasions.

Open Day

We are holding an open day on Saturday 18 September from 2pm until 4pm. So please come along and see what we get up to. Entry is via the door at the back of the church next to the toilets and up the spiral stairs.

If you want any further details or to give ringing a try please contact either

David Booth david_booth10@hotmail.com (01925 264881), or Sue Marten samarten@btinternet.com (01925 263457)

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Great Budworth Garden Club



21st birthday party

The Garden Club held a lovely party by kind permission of Anna Lee and Steven Jenkins in their beautiful garden at The Farthings. The sun shone and nearly 50 members enjoyed hospitality and friendship together. This was the first of its kind for two years. The club was celebrating 21 years since its formation, and a fabulous birthday cake was made, and our hosts provided us with glasses of champagne.

How it started

Jean Davies formed the club with husband Peter, and Sandra Parker, her then neighbour, who lived at the very house where the party was held. All three were there to enjoy the day. Jean described how they started the club with a leaflet drop to all houses, and offered a get together with a Garden speaker. She asked anyone who was interested to come and enjoy an evening with a



glass of wine. Over 40 people turned up and paid a subscription of £10 that night. The rest, as they say, is history! The club has never looked back and has a membership of a 130 and a waiting list, and the fee has only been increased once to £15 in all that time.

Constant

Jean has been Chair the whole time, and Peter has been treasurer. The only other remaining committee member is Jane Fairclough, who was thanked sincerely for her dedication to the club. Jean and Peter were presented with an RHS Banksonian medal for their hard work over 21 years.

After this pandemic, we are literally starting again, and this year the paid up members have received a free year. New committee members are welcome, with new ideas, to move on to the next 21 years! Please contact us.



Annual produce show

The first meeting of the new season is on Tuesday 14 September in the parish hall at 7.30pm. This is our annual produce show for members, the schedule is in the Garden Club newsletter to remind you. This will be followed by a talk by Melanie Latham on the making of Chutney.



Any information about any aspect of the club, please contact me
Jean Davies
 01606 892383
 0789 993 7683

Comberbach Art Group

I am pleased to say the Art Group have started weekly Monday morning meetings again. We are meeting in the Comberbach Memorial Hall at present to allow room for socially distancing and it has been good to all meet up again and share inspiration.

We are making preparations for our 20 year anniversary exhibition which will be held on 23 and 24 October as long as there are no further Covid restrictions and look forward to showing our



artwork to all our friends and neighbours.

Welcome all

We would be pleased to welcome anyone who would be interested in joining the group now we are back to regular meetings, come along between 10-12am to see us and the work we do, we all work independently without a tutor but support is readily available from group members.

Midge Broadhurst

midgebroadhurst@gmail.com



Comberbach residents Heather and Alan Bailey are closely involved in a charity supporting a community in Kenya. If you would like further information please contact them: ALAN OR HEATHER BAILEY 891149 BAILEYALAN4@GMAIL.COM

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Comberbach Guides and Senior Section

We haven't met over the summer so we really haven't much news.

It was with great sadness we heard that Gillian's Mum had passed away. Gillian and Nicola - we are thinking of you. Gillian's Mum was a great help to us, often helping us with our activities and generally being very supportive.

Eggy bread and cheese dreams

We ended last term with a cookout, making eggy bread and cheese dreams. Typical camp food. We also boiled water for tea and hot chocolate. Again we've had to forego camp this year; we do miss it.

Marbury Park

We look forward to meeting again in September, using Marbury Park as a venue for a while.

Our leaders have been meeting there every Wednesday over the summer for a walk and chat. Wonder what activities they've come up with!

Still not long to find out now. As always we would welcome new members.

Comberbach Guides and Senior Section.

Bestseller status

Our own art editor, Ron Stephens, has illustrated a book that has achieved best seller status in the UK and the USA via Amazon. Prior to the pandemic Ron had a meeting with Natasha Jones, the author; during the meeting Natasha asked Ron "would he be interested in illustrating a book that she had been working on?"

Natasha is a very successful employment lawyer, based in Altrincham, who had discovered that a lot of potential legal problems for both employers, and especially employees, could be solved for both parties if the employees changed their life styles. All were males between 30 and 50 suffering burn out.

The result of her findings, not least the approach she devised, is the book, 'Mandemic', 'A tale of a man who didn't like to be told what to do'. (I'm sure that a lot of our female readers can empathise with that statement). Ron agreed and the result of their work together is a small book with a big impact.

Reviews

The following are just some of the reviews:

"The angry, struggling forty-something man Natasha Jones describes in Mandemic is all the men I know (and me a few years ago) and her 32 steps to happiness are both wide-ranging and doable. It's also quite a short and concise self-help book which is the best kind of self-help book. A sensible, down-to-earth and important read".

Matt Rudd, Sunday Times

"As a 40 something male the first few chapters resonated with me and I loved the tone and the style. I then set about trying the suggested habits. Working my way through these is definitely helping to build my resilience and outlook on life"

John Knott

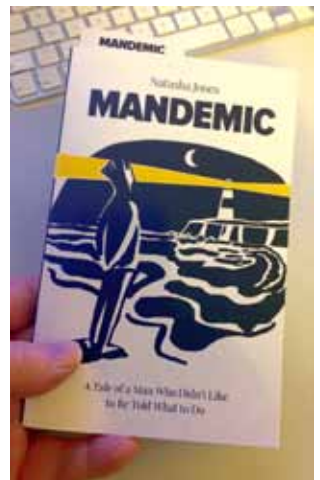
"It is in mind of the pressing need to nurture, protect and sustain in the wake of the Mandemic that the thirty-two habits detailed in this book have

come to life. Each one is able to contribute to the forging of a new pathway; one that can be the first step on a new journey and the catalyst for positive change, enthusiasm, and renewed hope."

Good Reads review

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Mandemic-Tale-Didn't-Like-Told/dp/1913206564>

(Well done Ron.)



A Bird's Eye View

Summer Skippers

The blast of furnace-like heat we experienced in July helped allay my fears that after a very cold spring there would be very few butterflies on the wing in summer. I would say though, that the variety of species on show was somewhat restricted with very few peacocks or red admirals seen, and only one late summer holly blue.



There were by contrast, great numbers of large whites, meadow browns and, in particular, gatekeepers seen over the field. It was also the first time I have found both small and large skippers in the garden. These are small and delicate butterflies whose brown wings have a dark-veined appearance. They are easily overlooked and are an unusual garden visitor. Like most butterflies they found the different types of buddleias on show irresistible.

Bee Bonanza

Unlike the butterflies those brilliant pollinators the bees and wasps have had a strong presence in the garden since spring. In early summer red mason bees showed a keen interest in our bug hotel.

They are a small solitary bee, very noticeable because of their fluffy orange bodies. They enter the cut bamboo pieces contained within the hotel laying an egg and adding pollen for food for the growing bee grub to consume when it hatches, and then seal the chamber with mud.

Each piece of bamboo can have many separate chambers in it. In late spring the following year the young bees chew their way out through the mud doors that block their escape. I would highly recommend getting a bee box/bug hotel as they

are great for insects and fascinating to watch.



Ours is about 5 feet off the ground, south facing and out of the worst of any weather as heavy rain could damage the mud chambers. In the past we have also attracted the closely related but even smaller blue mason bee, and the amazing Willughby's leaf cutter bee. This bee cuts semi-circular sections from leaves to line its egg chambers with, and often be seen flying around as they carry them away looking a bit like miniature windsurfers.

Hornet Hoaxers

Wasps get a terrible press (almost as bad as gulls) but serve a very useful purpose in a garden. Anybody who has ever found a nest will have seen an endless procession of wasps bringing back garden pests to provide the nest with food. Our bug hotel attracts tiny and beautiful ruby-tailed wasps, they have red abdomens and iridescent metallic-green heads. They are also called cuckoo wasps because of their habit of laying their eggs in the nests of other insects, like our mason bees.

The wasp's young eat both the bee grub and any stored food left for them. The wasps have hardened bodies to protect themselves from the adult bee's stings, in case they get caught as they attempt to raid their egg chambers. In 3 of the last 4 years, I have also seen a hover-fly in the garden called v. zonaria. It is a massive and very effective hornet mimic. Until recently it was a rarity in Cheshire, but this beautiful brute is fast gaining a foothold in our country and could already be visiting your garden.

JB

St Mary and All Saints Church, Great Budworth

Dates for the diary

September:

Wed 1st: 10.30am Holy Communion, followed by refreshments in Church

Thurs 2nd: 7.30pm Celtic Evening Prayer in the Quiet Garden (weather permitting) or Lady Chapel

Sun 5th: 10.30am All Age Service for Climate/Environment Sunday

Sat 11th: this would be the annual Heritage Day but will not be held as such this year because of a twice postponed wedding being held in the afternoon. The Church will of course be open to any Ride and Stride visitors, and it is hoped that a sponsored cycle ride around the Deanery will be held in the morning – this will be confirmed in due course.

Sun 26th: 10.30am Harvest Festival in Church
October

Sun 3rd: 10.30am Parish Communion Service – All Age Animal

Blessing Service transferred to Sun
17th Oct at 10.30am.

Plough Service in Chester Cathedral – **Sun 3rd October** at 3pm – all welcome!

Restoration and other works

The scaffolding around the Tower should have been removed by the beginning of September, by which time the works inside the Church should also have been completed. There have already been many favourable comments about the new entrance ramp which, at the time of writing, is awaiting rails for completion, and the newly created storage area in the South Chancel/Choir area has greatly improved the appearance of that part of the Church! Sincere thanks to both Restoration and Friends Committees who have funded the works. There is still more work to come.....watch this space! As a result of the entrance ramp work there are some pews looking for new homes – anyone interested please contact either the

Churchwardens or the Vicar.

Church Teas

Church Teas resumed in August and will be continuing each Sunday from 2-4.30pm until the last Sunday in September, 26th. Please come along to the Parish Hall in Great Budworth for a lovely Sunday afternoon tea, with delicious home-made cakes. We look forward to welcoming you over the coming weeks.

Church Picnic

Thanks to everyone who supported this wonderful event in Don and Karen Hammond's garden in July – it was a pleasure to see so many people just relaxing and enjoying themselves, and in total we raised £2,000 for Church funds! All round it was a great success after the long months of lockdown, and we may think of something similar for next year.

The Revd Alec Brown
Vicar.

Bread for the world

Between the ripening fields of wheat and maize
I walk, and marvel afresh as I gaze
at the goodness of God's creation and
the skill of human hands and minds;
but know, that as I do, this bounty spreading out before me
is a harvest that is denied to so many,
through drought and storm, and fire and flood
and mankind's cruelty and inhumanity to man,
which leaves its curse across the earth;
and so as I give thanks and
prepare for coming harvest celebrations,
I stop awhile, and bring to heart and mind
all those who in our world of such plenty
have been so badly and so shamefully left behind.

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Trees and hedges

There are still concerns in the village about overhanging branches and the heights of trees and the hedges whether in gardens or encroaching on footpaths.

Residents are again reminded to keep pavements clear of overgrown hedges which hinder the use of the pavements by pedestrians. Legislation does exist to restrict the height of evergreen hedges if the hedge consists of at least two

evergreen or semi-evergreen trees/shrubs, is over 2 metres in height and is a barrier to light in a neighbouring property.

There is also an act about sunlight that states:

If your property has been receiving daylight for 20 years but has since had that light blocked by growing trees, you may be protected by the Rights of Light act 1959.

If a tree damages your property,

either through falling branches or from roots, the tree owner is liable.

Your neighbours may be elderly or infirm and unable to deal with overhanging branches. If in doubt about the effect that your trees and hedges may be having go round and view them from the neighbour's side.

Be responsible, be kind, talk to your neighbour.

A concerned resident



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Report from Comberbach Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20 July 2021

Councillor Rena Bradley

The Parish Council remembered Rena, who had sadly passed away on 2 July, and stood for a minute's silence in her memory.

This leaves one vacancy on the council; if anyone is interested in being co-opted onto the council please get in touch with the Clerk.

Recreation Area and new Pump Track

The Pump Track was officially opened on Saturday 3 July and, despite the weather, it was great to see many of our young residents enjoying the track.

The path round the Recreation Area has now been resurfaced which has improved the drainage problems. The council has

agreed to replace all 4 legs on the swing to keep it in good condition. Some of the larger items of equipment will need replacing in a year or two and the council will seek grant funding towards the cost.

Dog waste

Councillor Val McDermott has obtained some additional bags for any resident who would like a free stock. Please contact the Clerk.

Queen's Jubilee

In 2022 HM the Queen will celebrate her Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years as Queen. If any residents have ideas as to how this should be commemorated or would like to form a Working Group with support from the Parish Council, please contact the clerk with your ideas!

Minutes

Parish Council Minutes are available on the noticeboard by the village store and on the Parish Council website:
www.comberbach-pc.gov.uk

The next meetings are:
Parish Council:
Tuesday 14 September
Tuesday 26 October
Meetings start at 7.15pm and take place in Comberbach Memorial Hall

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings of the Parish Council.

Any queries please contact the Clerk,

Denise French:
clerk@comberbach-pc.gov.uk

Please note that the deadline for next issue is 29 October



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Parish Councillor information and meeting dates

All Parish Council meetings are held on a Tuesday.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and can speak during the Open Forum at 7.15pm

Meeting dates:

2021: 9 March; 4 May; 13 July; 14 September;

26 October; 14 December;

2022: 18 January; 8 March.

Annual Parish Meeting – 4 May at 6.30pm

In view of the current situation with Coronavirus all meetings are currently held via Zoom. The ID will be published on the agenda or details can be obtained by contacting the Parish Clerk.

Agendas and minutes are published on the noticeboard by the Post Office and on the Parish Council website.

Contact the Parish Council as below:

Name	Address	Tel numbers	Contact point for
Cllr. John Ryder (Chairman)	26 Burgamot Lane, Comberbach CW9 6BU	01606 891 827	Barrymore Crescent, Burgamot Lane,
Cllr. Steven Hornby (Vice Chairman)	Sunny Bank, Marbury Road Comberbach CW9 6AU	01606 891075	Senna Lane (lower to Mather Drive), Marbury Road, The Moss
Jim Bradley	3 Bracken Way, Comberbach CW9 6QF	01606 891 005 07708 633458	Bracken Way, Kennelwood Road, Fox Lea, Freshfields, Broadacre
Richard Chandler	Crows Nest House Crownest Lane Comberbach CW9 6HY	01606 892 157	The Avenue (to the Spinner), Warrington Road (from the Spinner, Budworth Lane Crownest Lane
Bob Holt	8 Cogshall Lane Comberbach CW9 6BS	07739 046775	Mather Drive Meadow Lane Senna Lane (upper: from Mather Drive)
Jill Johnston	6 Barrymore Crescent Comberbach CW9 6PA	01606 892 121	Goosebrook Close, Brookfield Road, Spinner Crescent, Chapel Close, Reedsmere Walk
Val McDermott	14 Cogshall Lane Comberbach CW9 6BS	01606 891075 07739 046775	Cogshall Lane Outer Cogshall
Parish Clerk	Denise French clerk@comberbach-pc.gov.uk	07759 212449	

Please note the new email contact details for Denise French (as above) and the landline number for Val McDermott (correct in the above table)



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

Memorial Hall

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, Wed	4 - 8.45pm 4 - 7.30pm	Zoe Buckley smb.designs@hotmail.co.uk	
Well heeled puppies	Monday (small hall)	4.45 - 8.15pm	Mike Flannery	
well heeled dogs	Thursday	6.45 - 8.15pm	mike@thedogclub.co.uk	
Textiles in the Park	Monday (small room)	10.30am		
Northwich Fencing	Monday	7.30 - 9pm	northwichfencingclub@gmail.com	
Karate	Monday Sunday	6 - 7pm 4 - 6pm	Andrew Wilson cheshire.shitoryu@gmail.com	07388 869985
Yoga	Wednesday	8 - 9pm	Alison Rostron yogapilatesali@gmail.com	07460 805880
Tots gone Wild	Wednesday Friday	10.15 - 11am 10.15 - 11am		
Calligraphy	Thursday	1.30 - 3.30pm	Brian Sudlow	01606891722
Pilates	Thursday	9.15 - 10.15am	Carole Rowley cazrowley1@gmail.com	
Cheerleading	Friday Saturday	5 - 6pm 10 - 11am	Megan Berry	meganberry_@hotmail.co.uk

Chapel

Brownies (2nd)	Wednesday	6 - 7.20pm	Lynda Flynn	891571
Guides	Wednesday	7.30 - 9.00pm	Anne O'May	891156
Marbury Senior Section	Monday	8 - 9.30pm	Anne O'May	891156
Sunday School	Sunday	11am - 12 noon	Ian Woodcock	01606 891218
Art Group	Mondays	10 - 1pm	Midge Broadhurst	01925 266 798
French Language Lessons	Thursday	7 - 9pm	Nathalie Poutineau	892741

Comberbach Primary School Hall

Toddler Group	Wednesdays	9 - 11am	Comberbach School	01606 891336
Rainbows	Monday	6 - 7.15pm	Sue Greenwood	76408

Anderton Village Hall

Scouts	Friday	7.30 - 9pm	Paul Underwood Rob Doel	07725 150 928 891789 / 07526 723516
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Antrobus School Hall

Cubs	Tuesday	6.30 - 8pm	Rachel Cameron	01606 891023
Beavers	Wednesday	6.15 - 7.15pm	Janet Warburton	854014

Please send contributions to the newsletter to: newsletter@comberbach.com **Deadline for next newsletter is 27 August**

Articles for the newsletter can also be submitted to the Editor below either on paper or by e-mail
 Kath Wharfe 18 Burgamot Lane 891540 kathwharfe@hotmail.co.uk

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Great Budworth Parish Church	Rev A Brown	891324
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